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**COME TO ME!  
TAKE MY HAND.**

# THE LAMP NEWSLETTER

*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105 KJV).*

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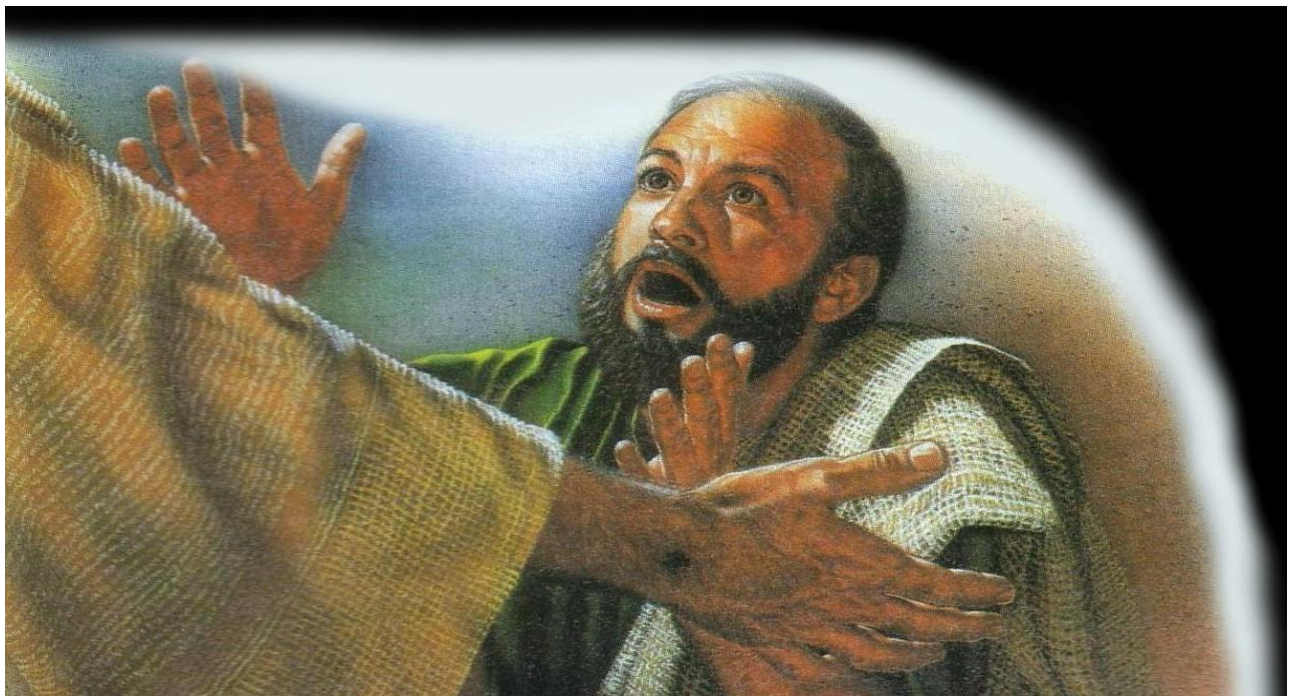
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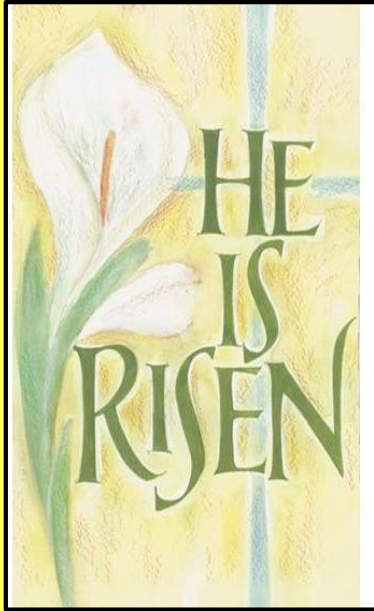
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My Baby Sister

Dear Readers,

Here we are and its EASTER! Oh, Lord! How did we get here? Everything is going on here, there and everywhere. Lord, help us! Help us, Lord!

THE CORONAVIRUS is pandemic! The more reports you listen to and read about in the media, fear and worries rise! People seem to want to talk about it more than anything. Is this where our focus is to be all day long? Ughh! Is every word that comes out of our mouth is to be about this virus...plague?

You know, Saints of old wouldn't let this Coronavirus or anything rule their lives. The things that we seem to be so consumed about such as crime, what's going on in Washington, the president, money, and everything else would not master them!

I know my parents, grandparents, former pastors, old preachers, aged missionaries, and those old-time Saints decades ago, wouldn't GIVE ALL THIS CRAZINESS that we are talking about all day long, none of their time!

You know, the Bible said, *"Let no unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building up the one in need and bringing grace to those who listen,"* (Eph. 4:29 Berean) . The old-time Saints would be ready to say, *"Neither give place to the devil,"* (Eph. 4:27 KJV). I remember Saints would say, *"Don't let the devil*

*in! If you give the devil a ride, he will want to drive!" Those Saints were "Faith-walkers" and "Faith-talkers."*

In this article, that photo next to me is my sweet baby sister, Regina Morna Palm. I miss her so much. She passed in 2017. I think about her every day.

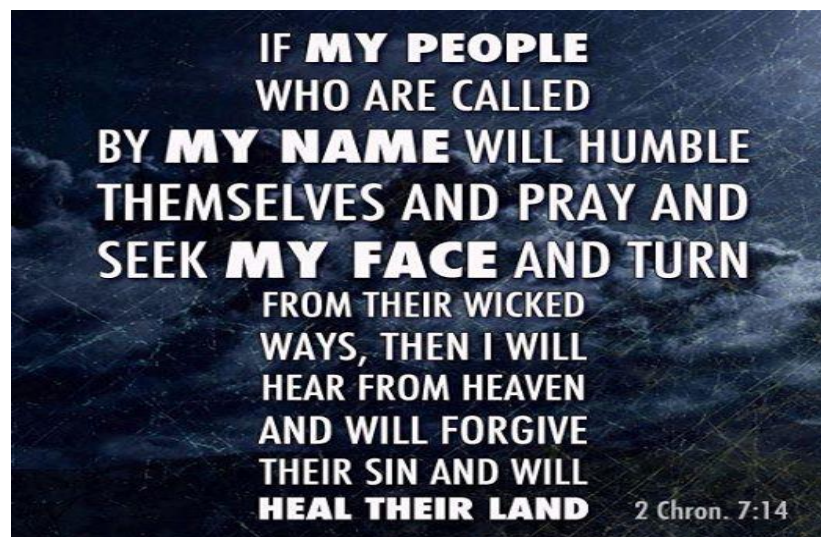
I have been thinking about how she always sang powerful hymns and gospel songs through her tests, trials and struggles. She had no fear to sing aloud to the top of her voice to the Lord in the midnights of her sicknesses, hurts, and great sorrow. Regina knew that God heard her cries and was with her.

She also sang songs to others who were hurting, sorrowful, depressed, brokenhearted, and in great despair. I was always blessed by her singing. One of her favorite songs was, *"Take My Hand, Precious Lord."* It was written by Thomas A. Dorsey.

**Thomas A. Dorsey is credited with publishing over 400 jazz and blues songs and composed hundreds more. Mr. Dorsey's most famous composition, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" was composed during the grief he suffered after his first wife, Nettie Harper, died during childbirth and his first son, Thomas Andrew Jr., died two weeks later. This horrific event coupled with several nervous breakdowns where he contemplated suicide led to Dorsey committing himself entirely to gospel music and the Lord's work.**

We must hold on to the Lord during these troubling and painful times. It's time to get serious about reading our Bibles, fervently praying, singing those songs of hope and crying out to the Lord. We have to run to the Lord and hide in His presence! Call on the Name of Jesus! Plead the Blood of Jesus!

God wants us to turn from our EVIL WAYS...whatever is not right, good, holy and not like Him...LET IT GO! Repent Now! Come to Jesus...All of us!



## Take My Hand, Precious Lord from [www.traditionalmusic.co.uk](http://www.traditionalmusic.co.uk)

1)

Precious Lord, take my hand.  
Lead me on, let me stand.  
I am tired, I am weak, and worn.  
Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord,  
Lead me home.

2)

When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, lead me near,  
When my life is almost gone.  
Hear my cry, hear my call.  
Hold my hand, lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord,  
Lead me home.

3)

When the darkness appears  
And the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone,  
At the river I stand.  
Guide my feet, hold my hand,  
Take my hand, precious Lord,  
Lead me home.



**CORONAVIRUS,  
GO IN THE  
MIGHTY NAME OF JESUS!**





An Easter Encouragement  
from  
Ms. Sandra Hickman  
Australian Ministry Leader and Staff writer

*“Easter and Coronavirus”....Mixed messages for sure! Covid-19 and Coronavirus are the most used words on everybody’s lips. It’s all we hear about. Each day brings another overload of new findings, new rules and ghastly new statistics.*

*There is a cloud of vagueness over the world, what should we believe? What is real? What is even true anymore? .....Then comes Easter! The season of resurrection. Suddenly, the topic changes. Praise God!*

*It may not be the Easter celebrations we are used to. No church meetings, families are separated by social distancing and required isolating. However, the hope of the Easter message was still loud and clear, “Jesus Christ rose from the grave.” Hallelujah and Amen!*

*Our hearts were joyfully filled with the irrepressible promise of life’s defeat over death! The shofars of heaven resounded over the earth.... “The Savior of the world lives on!” Jesus is the one Constant that will never change or cause us to doubt. Our unwavering belief in the Lord is our firm anchor and sure salvation. Just look out your window, go outside into your garden, stand on your balcony or porch..... look up! Look at the sky! My favourite thing is to look into the sky and see the majesty of The Creator reflecting back at me.*

*During my isolation, the only outing I've had was going to the beach late one afternoon, it was secluded and peaceful. Oh... the fresh air and the smell of the ocean. The sunset was gorgeous! It reminded me of this inspirational poem I wrote by the unction of the Holy Spirit. Every one of my senses is stirred to think of His exclusive, singular ability to create the most beautiful things in life. He created us and every amazing thing in the entirety of the world, the universe and the heavens. We can be 100% sure that our Creator knows the crosses each of us are bearing. We reflect on His sacrifice with love and gratitude in the knowledge that, this world is in His hands, not ours.*



## **He is Creator!**

**HE IS.....**

The rising sun entering like a soft melody stirring the senses.

Awakening your heart with a song.

HE IS the orchestral conductor of the morning  
heralding a brand-new iridescent light-filled day.

HE IS the One who opens your eyes to see another day.

HE IS the beating heart inside your chest...

You are His creation into whom He breathed life!



HE IS gently welcoming you into His daily-presence,  
like a fresh cool breeze welcomes relief against the  
swelter of the searing heat of a brown scorched summer.  
HE IS..... The sun setting boldly in loud profusion like a  
magnificent grand concerto! HE IS the Maestro taking a bow!

HE IS the sunset-splendour behind the ocean  
where dark waters meet vivid red-orange skies,  
beaming lights of dazzling yellow...

The purple and pink masterpiece of a spectacular night-sky  
HE IS the almighty Artist magnificently framing the seascape.  
Masterly painted perfection from a holy palette, displaying the  
Magisterial Lordship of creation!

HE IS..... The Creator!

From nothing He made everything!

All that ever was and ever will be was in Him,  
and accomplished by Him alone!

The cosmos, the galaxies, the Milky Way and planets.

The waters and the ocean tides, the sun and sky,  
the moon and the clouds ... owe their existence to HIM!

The billions of stars lighting up the darkness,  
like tiny diamonds twinkling as heavenly lights!  
Showcasing the most stupendous of visual delights.

All these things were created by His Word.

The One-and-only, who is GOD all on His own.

HE IS.....

The DNA of creativity which was inherited to us...

Gifted to us by the Creator and Father of all time.

This masterpiece of man, created in His image.

So let us shout with great Thanksgiving!

Let us sing loudly in songs of love and worship to this Jesus,  
the glorious Resurrected Christ who is our All-in-All.

HE IS... Creator!

The Rising & the Setting of our Salvation.

**We are praying for the sick, bereaved  
and  
the hurting here  
and around the world.  
We are living in critical times!**





**FOR POET YVETTE WILBURN:**

**Concerning our "Mother" from Shaundra, Randy and Aundra**

God is amazing! Even though the fight is not over, there is nothing stopping us from praising Him while we are still going through!

After 32 DAYS, 5 HOURS, and 3 MINUTES my mom, **Yvette Wilburn** was released from the hospital and transferred to the rehabilitation center, to finish her recovery. We met her outside with signs and screaming our love for her.

*"But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect,*

*stablish, strengthen, settle you," 1 Peter 5:10 KJV.*



Her suffering during this time

- ✓ covid-19
- ✓ pneumonia
- ✓ on ventilator for 3 weeks
- ✓ separation from her family for weeks (Since March 15, 2020 --)
- ✓ attacks on her mind

But the word of God is our foundation and will not return unto us void. But do what it set out to do. Continue to stand with us in prayer. Right now today, her testimony is amazing, but the best is yet to come.

Complete healing and restoration is in her future!

**WE LOVE YOU MOM!**

**Ms. Shaundra Board, Daughter**

**Randy and Michael, Sons**

**Grandchildren: Aundra, Brandy and more!**



*Pray for strength for her loving family!*

## **Your prayers are also needed for...**

*MS. LOLA DARLENE GARDNER, Sister of Michele Barnes*

*MR. DANIEL GARDNER, Brother of Michele Barnes*

*BISHOP WILLIE B. TOONE*

*BISHOP JAMES WHITEHEAD, JR.*

*BISHOP JOHN H. SHEARD, SR. and FAMILY*

*MRS. STACEY PALM*

*MRS. PATRICIA WILLIAMS*

*MRS. DONNA GOODRICH*

*MRS. GAIL MARTIN*

*MRS. MONIQUE DALE*

*MRS. CAROLYN BURNSIDE and FAMILY*

*And so many, many more!*

*"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."*

*Isaiah 41:10*



**OUR FAMILY...**

**MRS. RITA JUNE BOWERS**  
**September 21, 1958 - April 17, 2020**

**Mrs. Bowers was the mother of our niece,  
Dr. Kai Bowers Palm (Julian Palm).  
Mrs. Bowers was a businesswoman, business owner, community helper,  
loving wife, precious mother of three children (2 sons and 1 daughter),  
dear grandmother and friend to many.**





With Heavy Hearts the Church of God in  
Christ announces the passing of...

*Bishop*  
PHILLIP AQUILLA  
**BROOKS, II**

FIRST ASSISTANT PRESIDING BISHOP  
PRELATE, HISTORIC NORTHEAST MICHIGAN JURISDICTION  
DECEMBER 21, 1931 - APRIL 9, 2020

"I have fought the good fight, I have  
finished the race, I have kept the faith.  
Henceforth there is laid up for me the  
crown of righteousness."

**- 2 Timothy 4:7-8**



*Entered Life: December 9, 1935*  
*Entered Eternity: April 19, 2020*

MOTHER  
*Willie Mae*  
**SHEARD**

*It is with tremendous sorrow that we announce the promotion from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant of our, the beloved Mother Willie Mae Sheard. Fervent prayer is asked for her husband of sixty-four years, Bishop John H. Sheard, sons Bishop J. Drew (Karen) & Superintendent Ethan (Gwenda) Sheard, the family, as well as the Greater Mitchell Temple & Michigan Southwest First Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ families. Out of respect to the immediate family, please await additional information and directives regarding the final arrangements, memorials and the method to remit condolences and expressions of kindness.*

*The Sheard Family*



### **Gary McSpadden**

**January 26, 1943 - April 15, 2020**

Pastor Gary McSpadden was an American pastor, singer, songwriter, producer, television host and motivational speaker. He had musical roots in quartet music and Southern gospel with The Statesmen, The Oak Ridge Boys, The Imperials, The Bill Gaither Trio, and The Gaither Vocal Band. McSpadden's songs include "Jesus Lord To Me", "Hallelujah Praise

The Lamb", and "No Other Name But Jesus". He has produced albums for numerous groups.

In 1987, he co-hosted PTL Today after Jim Bakker resigned. McSpadden went on to produce television programs, including the "Jubilee" concert series filmed at Silver Dollar City in Branson, Missouri. He also produced and starred in several live music shows in the Branson area during the 1990s and 2000s.

He was married for many years to his wife Carole. They have children and grandchildren.



### **Walter Clayton Mills Jr.**

**JULY 14, 1936 – MARCH 2, 2020**

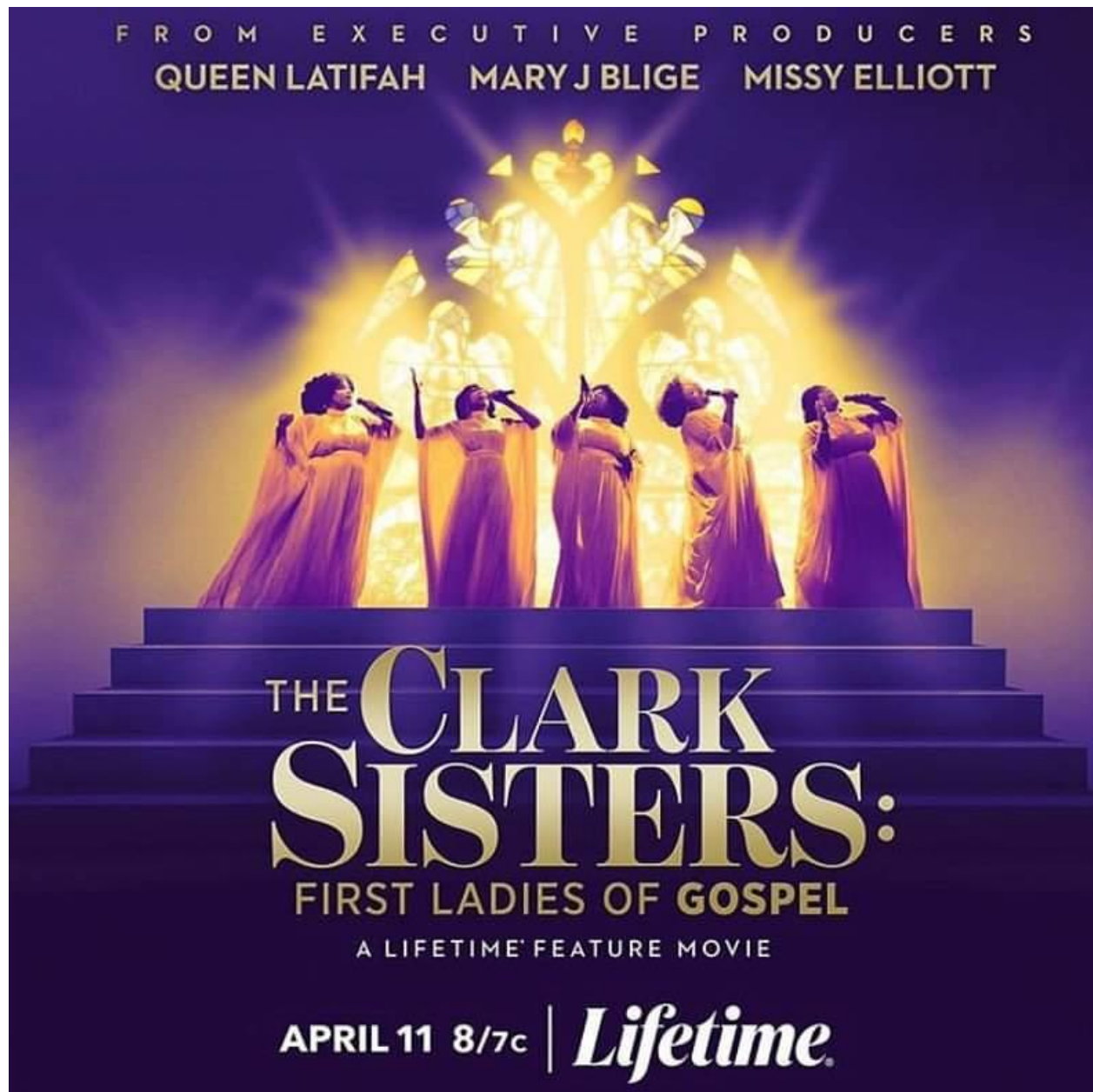
Walt was born July 14, 1936 in Dallas, Texas to Clayton and Pauline Mills. He married the love of his life, Betty Feemster, on October 18, 1952 and they had 67 happy years together. He went to Bible College in Waxahachie and began a long career as an evangelistic minister and gospel singer. Walt and Betty had their own television programs, "Revivals in the Land" on TBN and "Behold the Glory" on

TCT, both of which aired for over 20 years.

Walt had a passion for music and played both the guitar and banjo. He also recorded with three major music companies and made approximately 20 recordings. His accomplishments include being a published author, writing the song "I'm on My Way to Heaven" which was made popular by Jimmy Swaggart, also "Holy Spirit Flow Through Me" made popular by Benny Hinn, being named artist of the decade in 1993 by ICGMA, and being inducted into the ICGMA Hall of Fame, as well as the Texas Southern Gospel Music Hall of Fame.

Walt touched many lives with his ministry and music. His dedication to his faith and family will be remembered for generations to come. He will be missed by all who knew him.





Report from: PRAISEHOUSE TV

[Hallelujah!](#) The Lifetime Original Movie *The Clark Sisters: First Ladies of Gospel* hit a high note on Saturday night, delivering 2.7 million Total Viewers in L+SD, according to Nielsen Media Research, making it Lifetime's highest-rated movie since 2016 and the strongest original movie on all of television for 2020 across key demos, including both broadcast and cable. Additionally, *The Clark Sisters* were the best ad-supported cable original movie since 2018 in key demos, with 1.1 million Adults 25-54, 905,000 Adults 18-49 and 813,000 Women 25-54. With the success of *The Clark Sisters*, Lifetime now claims the top three original movies on ad-supported cable in 2020 in key demos, along with *Stolen By My Mother: The Kamiyah Mobley Story* and *Chris Watts: Confessions of a Killer*.

On social media, #TheClarkSisters ranked #1 across all TV on April 11 with over 700,000 interactions, according to Nielsen Social. #TheClarkSisters was the top social Lifetime movie over the last year.

**A NEW REPORT is in for this record-breaking movie...Please stay posted!**

# Congratulations!

Announcement from... Karew Entertainment



in conjunction with Motown Records will be releasing the newest album from the Grammy Award-winning group, **The Clark Sisters'**, entitled, ***The Return***, on all digital platforms Friday, March 13, 2020. This is the seventeenth complete album of the legendary group with producer credits to include **Rodney Jerkins, Warryn Campbell, Jermaine Dupri, Mano Haines**, and more!

The album's leading single, "**Victory**" (produced by Karew Records president, J. Drew Sheard II), is currently in gospel radio's top 10 list and was nominated for a 2020 NAACP Image Award for "Outstanding Gospel/Christian Song". Also included on the album is a special feature from hip-hop icon, **Snoop Dogg** on the song, "His Love".

## Doris Homan's Pita Bread



6 cups flour (can use bread flour or regular)  
1 tsp salt  
2 tbsp yeast  
2 tsp sugar  
1/2 cup warm water  
2 cups warm water (but add as needed)

In a large bowl, mix the salt into the flour. Put the yeast and sugar in a 1/2 cup warm water, stir well to dissolve then let sit till it bubbles (keep eye on it because it will bubble over). Then add it to the flour and mix.

Keep adding more warm water to the flour as you mix it (till dough is no longer sticky). Knead it a few times, cover with a towel and let it sit in the bowl for about 1 hour, preferably in a warm place (it should almost double in size). Knead it again and let it sit another 20 minutes or so.

Make into dough balls then roll them on a floured surface (big or small depending on the size of loaves you desire) Rub bottom of cookie sheet with olive oil.

Bake at 450 degrees for 6-8 minutes.







## TWO STRONG WORDS FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

BY DORIS HOMAN

So we're still in the thick of it. We've never experienced this type of world-wide crisis before. Across the globe, people are watching and waiting for this pandemic to end so we can get back to our lives. This holding pattern is hard on all of us. What will you choose to do during this quarantine?

We have a couple of choices in this present time we're in... We can be fearful, angry, and bitter OR we can make the most of the time at home, look for the good, keep the faith and come out stronger for the experience. One of the hardest things to do when going through difficulty is to stop and ask, "God, what do You want me to learn from this?" God has a purpose and does not waste anything. He has things for us to learn; He desires for us to grow and hard as it may be, we grow the most during hard times.

### **The scriptures are full of promises for those who know and love God.**

*He promises to never leave us or forsake us. (Hebrews 13:5).*

*He promises to strength us and give us peace in spite of circumstances. (Psalm 29:11). He promises to protect us and fight our battles. (Joshua 10:25)*

*He promises those who wait on Him will be renewed and strengthened. (Isaiah 40:31) He promises to give us rest for our souls. (Psalm 23)*

*He promises us a home in heaven which can never be taken away;*

*He promises to return and take us to be with Him forever. (John 14:1-3)*

None of us like difficulties. We usually go through them kicking and screaming (at least I do). We know there are benefits that come out of hard times but when we're in the midst of trials, we really don't want to hear about them. James 1 teaches us that difficulties bring about the quality of endurance "knowing that the testing of your faith

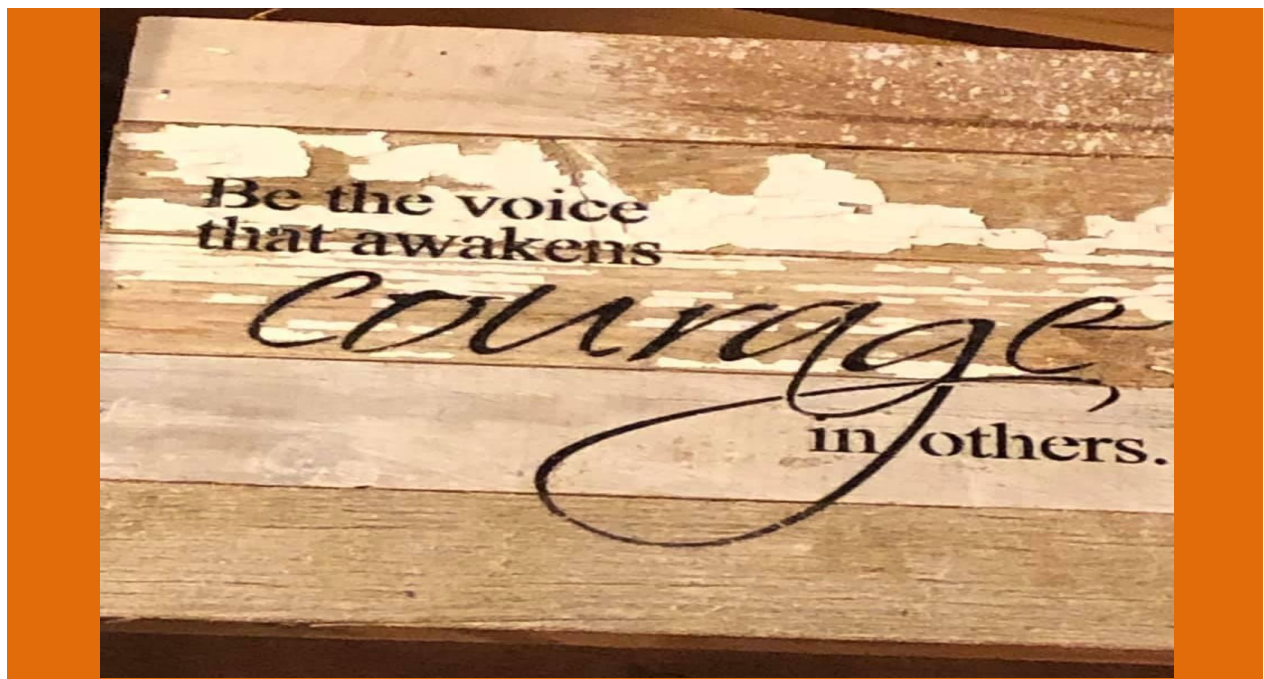


produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete lacking in nothing." Difficulties also bring about perseverance. "Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him."

***Two really strong words here: Endurance and Perseverance. To endure is to hang on/bear under a heavy load and to persevere is to push through and not give up; these are the benefits to going through difficulties and coming out of them STRONG. Notice it brings about God's approval and resulting in heavenly rewards.***

Here we find ourselves quarantined from family and friends; the danger of contracting this deadly virus is very real, stats talk about those who are sick, many have lost jobs, many are home alone. Will we choose to believe in His promises and lean into Him more or will we give in to our emotions and allow the circumstances to bury our hope? What will you choose today?

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# **An Important Message from...**

**Donna Ralynn Brooks**



**These scriptures pertain to SALVATION.**

**I feel like with all this is going on in the United States and the world,  
God wants to SAVE our SOULS before it's too late!**

- 1. 2 Timothy 1:9**
- 2. Romans 10:10**
- 3. 2 Peter 3:9**

**Have a Great Day! ❤️**

# Not by Sight! But by Faith!



By Michele Barnes

Eyes that see the blessings of what God has already provided. For, everything we have is because of God's grace and mercy! However, our tomorrows are based upon our faith.

We must trust God's word: 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."* "Faith, the sustance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen," (Hebrews 11:1)



We must awaken each day with a praise and an heart that's full of love and thankfulness! I'm excited to be alive and thank God for each new day!

Our open eyes are still in search for the answers to “why and when.” But only God know’s! I talk to God every day! I thank Him, ask for forgiveness, pray for others, and sometimes cry! I want God to know my name!

Yes, I even ask God, during this quarantine, to help me make limited visits to my refrigerator door. For my food and your food should be eaten for the nourishment of the body. Therefore, since there is less activity, less food is being burned off. Eating too much food will become another attack on your body! Together, let’s eat to live! Exercise and know that this too...shall pass! We now have time to cook and eat healthy!

Remember, if you are the cook, wash and santize your hands!

Like many of my friends, I find myself unable to sleep at night. There is sleeplessness that leads to doubts, fears, and challenges that make me fight to go back to sleep! No, I don’t count sheep, but I do pray. I pray concerning the names posted on my wall. It’s a collage of names, people standing in the need of prayer.

My YouTube of old church songs can make you get up and shout! I make a joyful noise and praise! I tell the devil that he is a liar! After singing a few songs, I can sleep! I awake from sleep feeling rested! Often over-sleeping! But my body needs good rest. Are you sleeping like this too?

If you can’t...I understand. Nothing is the same, but Jesus! Therefore, we have to be patient with ourselves and God. The scripture tells us to “*Wait on the Lord.*” Psalm 27:14 KJV: “*Wait on the Lord: be of good courage. Be of good courage!*”

One of my sleepy-time songs suggested for my (praise+worship) list on my phone is “*Because He Lives*” sung by Vicki Winans. Yes, because He lives I can face tomorrow. Oh, thank you Jesus!

Get your music ready! For day or night attacks when you got to prove to the devil that he has to move on! Get out! We must rebuke any and all attacks....in the name of Jesus!

A miracle to seeing the end of all other pandemic’s that happened twenty times before this covid-19 attack. One severe pandemic in 1918, the influenza pandemic is often referred to as the “Spanish Flu”. It was flu that infected almost 500 million people from Spain to the United States and spreaded to other countries. It killed nearly 50 million people this is because of divided nations and media block-outs. No wonder it took three years to get it under control.

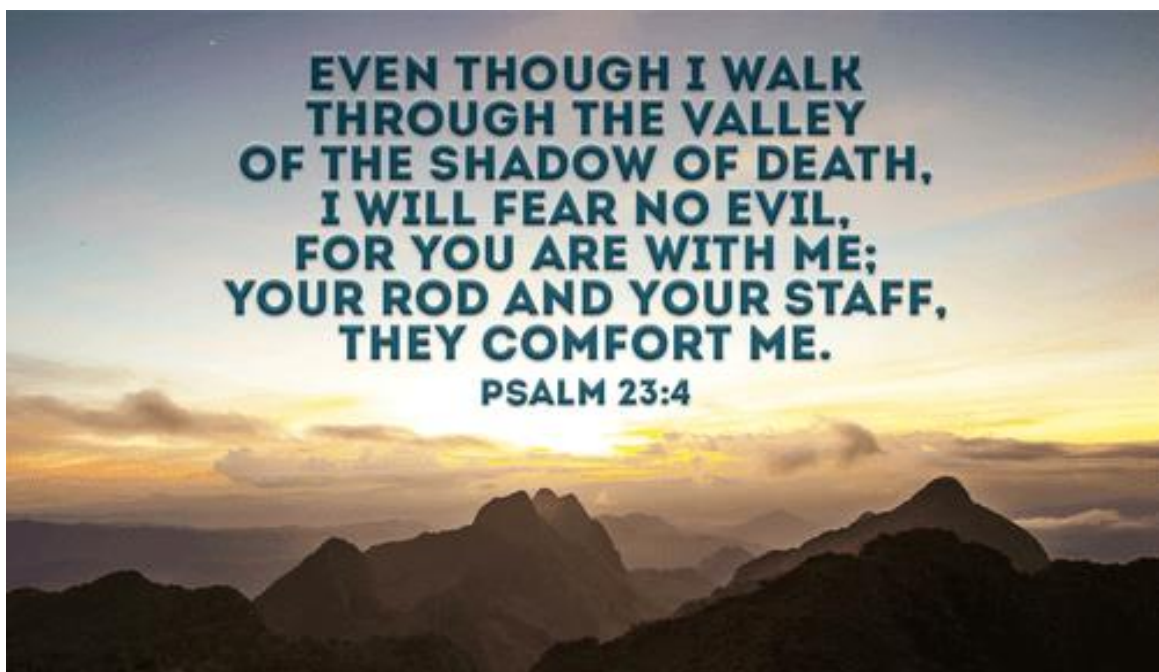


However, my grandfather and grandmother survived not only the “Spanish Flu” but other people did too! My grandparents grew in age to meet each other, marry, pray and worship together, raise four children together, and live to grow old..... together. Yes, God can and will provide!

- Pray to God, our Heavenly Father, and plead the blood of Jesus over your home and the land. Philippians 2:10 states, *“that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow.”*
- Be among the many people who are praying for healing for the world! Let’s pray daily for forgiveness. We must pray for God’s mercy for ourself and country.
- Invite God into your life! Allow the amazing powers of the Lord Jesus Christ to restore your life and heal your body! There is nothing easy about these times.....but believe that if you know Jesus, help is on the way.

Jesus is waiting for each of us to come to Him...just as we are! For there is, nobody... but God is perfect. Pray, repent, and wait on the Lord!

All of us at The LampNewsletter pray a special blessing for the many people working to help keep our lifes healthy and whole.





## REFLECTION TIME

by Ramelle T. Lee

*Life is too precious.*

*Stop complaining about everything.*

*Reflect on the positive qualities of life.*

*You don't have time to be negative.*

*You don't have time to be  
angry and envious of others.*

*You are **SOMEBODY**.*

*God has made you to be unique.*

*You have special gifts and talents to share.*

*Expand your vision of who God has made you to be.*

*Experience the peace that the world can't give you.*

*Shut yourself off from the madness of everything  
that is distracting you.*

*Block out the voices that are constantly clouding your thoughts.*

*Take the time to reflect on the positive blessings in your life.*

**Do you have eyes to see?**

**Do you have ears to hear?**

**Do you have legs to walk?**

**Do you have a voice to talk?**

**Do you have strength to move?**

**You are blessed!**

*Hold your head up high!*

*Be grateful for all that God has done for you.*

*Without Him you are sinking sand,*

*Your life would have no meaning.*

*God is your never-ending lifeline.*

*He is your hope and stability.*

*Now, give God praise for keeping you from tragedy.*

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# **Welcome Back Home!**

## **Godson, MR. ERIC MOORE!**



*You mean so much  
to us.*

*With our love,  
Dad and Mom  
Dexter and Wanda Burnside  
GOD BLESS YOU!*



# LISA BRADLEY!

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**AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT:**  
**LISA BRADLEY**

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*Be blessed by her poetry CD collection and music ... "GREAT EXPRESSIONS"*

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*Lisa will be featured and ministering on my radio program, **RESTORE! RESTORE!** Sunday, May 17, 2020, 8:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. on The Tribe Family Channel.*

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**PLEASE....STAY SAFE...**  
**IN THE NAME OF JESUS!**