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Women of Victory Newsletter

1 Cor 15:57 - Thanks be to God, who gives us the Victory!!

The Women of Victory e-Magazine is a new thing the Lord is doing. It's a way for us as Women of Victory to CONNECT! We look forward to hearing from you and would like you to send in your questions, poems, stories and testimonies of God's Greatness with the hope they will be published.

It is our intent to cover as many areas that relate to women as is possible in each edition. With your help we will accomplish that very thing. Send this e-Magazine to all your friends and have them pass it to their friends. With your help we can make this Women of Victory newsletter go viral!! When we have good news we ought to share it! Amen!

~ Dr. Hazel Hill



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Keep the Joy!

Nehemiah 8:10 says, "Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Things are heating up toward the Second Coming of the Lord! We see many signs of the times right in our own backyard. Therefore, we must be vigilant Ladies!!

Matthew 24:6 says, "And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet."

This does not mean that we can sit back and sing "Que Sara Sara, whatever will be, will be". (Remember that old Doris Day song?)

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We are strong in the Lord as women and will not let this wave of evil, trouble, and the philosophy of this age enter into our hearts and homes.

This is a time of war, not of peace!

We DO need to stand up against the public school's Sex Education Program presently trying to infiltrate our schools and the minds of our precious children. Sex Education that goes against every moral teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ! Christian Schools and Home Schooling are viable options and one that can insulate, not isolate, your child.

Things in this world will not get better ladies! But in the midst of it all we must keep our JOY and PEACE and take a stand for righteousness.

I am joyful and at peace even in my War Room.

Let not your heart be troubled... The Joy of the Lord is your strength.

If I could exhort you today it would be with the following thoughts:

1. Stay close to the Lord

"In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [draw your strength from Him and be empowered through your union with Him] and in the power of His [boundless] might." Eph 6:10 (AMP)

The fact is, we cannot bring up our families in this perverse culture on our own. We need the strength of the Lord!

2. Be involved in your local church, along with your family.

There is safety in the church. In many ways, the church is like the Ark was to Noah. No church is perfect. The Ark was smelly too! But it was the stink or the storm ladies.

"Not forsaking our meeting together [as believers for worship and instruction], as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more [faithfully] as you see the day [of Christ's return] approaching." Heb 10:25 (AMP)

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3. Before you take care of anything or anyone else, take care of your own children.

"For what would it profit a man or woman if they gained the whole world and lost their own soul." (Mark 8: 36) Or children.

We can pray in the children who have gone astray, because we believe in household salvation. But, for the mothers with young children, do your best to keep them in the faith. Nothing is more powerful than the prayers of a mother or grandmother.

Women are God's secret weapon. We are strong in the Lord! We CAN do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

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It's time that we make a serious difference for God in our world and it all starts with prayer and Intercession!



A Month In Kenya, Years Of Wisdom Gained

by Pauline Sears, Nurse
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It's the rainy season and I sit out the storm in the older girls' dorm surrounded by giggly teenage girls. The power is out as is usual during the rain, and the inky darkness is only cut by the light from my cell phone screen. I feel God nudge me so I begin to tell the girls my testimony, and the giggles quieted while things get serious.



The story I share is one of falling to worldly temptations and turning my back on God, of losing my dignity and self-worth, of terrible loss and pain. And then I share how God's love is so great that He took me from this situation, lifted me back onto the right path, healed me and cleansed me when I confessed my need for Him and asked Jesus back into my heart.

The girls can see that we are not so different after all, that we all are in need of God's love and direction, and that we all have something to offer in His kingdom. They begin to share their own struggles and the hope that God has given them.

I have come to this busy city for a month to help with my hands and my heart wherever God needed me. I have taught the cook how to make bread, sewed many buttons, learned how to lay tiles, repaired 3 guitars in order to teach lessons, and pulled weeds in the garden. Officially I came to assist as a nurse, and have been the protégé of the knowledgeable Kathy Meade, a volunteer nurse from the UK, in learning about tropical

disease and how to manage things like malaria and typhoid, as well as taking care of typical childhood scrapes and splinters.

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The 200 kids that live or attend school here provide a constant stream of new challenges and joys to anyone who comes to serve. Take Mercy, a lovely young woman who has struggled with a painful degenerative hip condition that has required many different treatments. Yet God is always faithful, and

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Mercy is joyfully facing a surgery that her orthopedic specialist is confident will correct her condition and enable her to walk normally. She comes into the office often for a hug and reassurance, and to share her dreams of becoming a doctor herself. Although she is an orphan, she knows the love of her Heavenly Father better than most.



Then there is Bradley, a boy who never stops smiling and whose dreams are as high as the sky. His diagnosis of HIV does not fill him with despair, for he is confident that a cure will be found in the near future. I encourage him in his dream of being the one to discover that cure, for with faith we are told we can move mountains.



God has used this place to teach me wisdom, vulnerability, and over all a dependence on His strength and not my own. I cannot solve the problems that plague this country, but God can, and we can be a light in the darkness for Him. I hope through my experiences others will have the courage to answer God's call in their lives.

*"For we are God's workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do"*
Ephesians 2:8-9.

We Need You!

The Victory Family Home of Champions, Kisumu is currently in need of a nurse.

If you or someone you know has nursing experience, whether retired or just looking for a new experience, we have the perfect place for you!

Whether you are able to volunteer for a short time or long term, we welcome you to come and be a part of our VFHC family.



Guarding Our Hearts

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Have you ever scrolled through Facebook, seeing all your friends' perfectly decorated homes and their happy families? Then for some unknown reason you become irritated. You eat a pint of ice cream and go on a cleaning frenzy or a spending spree. You start pointless arguments with your husband or yell at your children, and complete disorder breaks out.

The Bible talks about this when it says, "For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and every kind of evil." (James 3:16). We need to guard our hearts from jealousy creeping in. Ecc. 4:4 says, "Then I observed that most people are motivated to success by their envy of their neighbors. But this, too, is meaningless, like chasing the wind." Chasing the wind is a great term for what is happening when I am striving to make my child behave to impress someone instead of rearing them in the fear of the Lord so their soul will be saved.



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—of grace

We can guard our hearts by recognizing that the Bible teaches it is foolishness to compare ourselves to one another (2 Cor. 10:12). It either puffs us up in pride or brings us down in defeat, when the truth is; God is saying you are enough. You are enough for Him to leave heaven and come to earth to rescue your soul and your performance and possessions have nothing to do with it. You are enough in Him because He is enough in you.

Now here it is ladies, the answer is found in Galatians 6:4, "Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourselves to anyone else". The Bible makes it clear if we give attention to our own work we will not have time to be keeping up with the "Jones". As we mature in the Lord we put away childish things and grow into an understanding that God has made each of us unique and that we need each other's sparkle to help reflect the glory of God to a lost world all around us. I encourage you to no longer view other ladies as your competition but as your greatest companions and comrades. After all, we aren't here to one-up one another but to help one another up.

Championing The Call Of Your Child

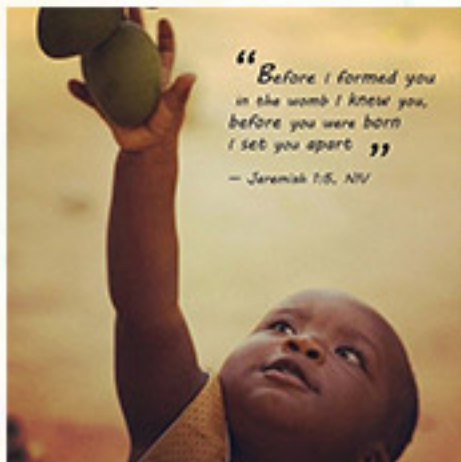
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I think Gretchen Rubin portrayed the early years of childrearing perfectly when she said *"the days are long, and the years are short."* If you've been a mother for any period of time you are well aware that parenting is much more like a marathon than it is a

sprint. There are days we may feel like we're not going to make it to the finish line at all, but by God's grace we do. Mothering is not for the faint of heart; it is a high calling that God appoints to the strength of women. As Christian mothers our parenting goal is not just to raise great kids. We are commissioned by God to champion and faithfully steward the call of God upon our children's lives.

In Jeremiah 1:5 we are given an intimate glimpse into the moment where God chooses to place a unique call on a child's life. Jeremiah is not yet born, and God's hand is already upon him. *"I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you."* This is just one of many examples in scripture, where God has divinely placed a destiny upon an unborn infant. Samuel's mother Hannah, prayed the calling of God over her son before he had even been conceived! She spoke life over her barrenness, and God responded to her faithfulness.

Hannah's example of *choosing* to speak life in seasons of disappointment, is a great illustration of the powerful influence a praying mother can have. Hannah didn't just change the destiny of her child, she prayed in a *child of destiny!* We can champion our own children in this very way! In every season of their lives we can choose to speak life and believe by faith that God is moving on our behalf. Women are inherently designed to be life-givers, both literally and figuratively. If we want to encourage our children we need to remember that our words have power to bring life or bring death.



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Another way that we can champion our children in their God-given destiny, is to excavate the treasures hidden within their hearts. Proverbs 22:6 (AMP) instructs parents to *"Train up a child in the way he should go [teaching him] to seek God's wisdom and will for his [abilities and talents]."* God intends for parents to be careful observers of the gifts He has deposited within each child. When we help our children develop their unique talents, we open a door for these giftings to make room in God's Sovereign design for their life.

Lastly, if we want to aid our children in reaching their full God-given potential, we must refuse the temptation to sideline or limit them. It's not always easy to include children as we fulfill the work of the ministry. Even though it may feel much more convenient to leave them at home, when we hold our children at a distance from God, we walk in disobedience from Him.

"Your greatest contribution to the kingdom of God may not be something you do but someone you raise." Andy Stanley

Jesus speaks to His disciples in Matthew 19:14, saying, *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."* Did we catch that? God is telling us that our children do not require direction into the Kingdom as much as they *desire permission* to enter. We give them permission when we allow them the freedom to just be themselves.

This means:

When our daughter exuberantly shares her faith to a stranger - we don't hinder her.

When our son gives away his favourite toy to a friend - we don't hinder him.

When our children worship freely in the aisles of church - we don't hinder them.

'For the Kingdom of God belong to such as these.' It is children who Jesus calls our teachers in areas of humility, forgiveness and faith. Sometimes the best way to champion our child is to get behind them, and let them lead us to the very heart of God.



Regardless where you may find yourself in this mothering journey, you must know, you have been chosen! Part of your God-given destiny is to champion your child's. God gave you everything you need to be the mother that your child needs. Your role is irreplaceable and significant beyond measure. When you embrace your call to purposeful parenting, you partner with God to change the world one child at a time!

A Son Returns: A Mother's Story

*By Pastor Terri Murphy
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Joshua was a child of promise, conceived after I was told I'd have no more children. His, then four year old sister laid her little hand upon my weeping shoulder and asked God to "Give Mommie another baby".

Joshua was prophesied and prayed over from the womb. He grew up sweet sensitive and obedient. We always felt he had a strong sense of destiny on him.

As a teenager we felt Joshua pull away from faith. He chose non-Christian friends and became more sullen in demeanor. He studied atheistic and evolutionary thought. My heart sunk when he announced that he no longer believed in God. His naturalist approach attributed every spiritual experience to a creation of the mind.

In the midst of this, the Holy Spirit instructed me to unconditionally accept and love my son. He needed to know that our love, acceptance and respect for him did not depend on his faith position. This test can be especially important to Pastor's kids who may grow up under heavy expectation and fear a loss of favor.

The next six years were painful as we watched our beautiful son search out his manhood outside of God's plan. We knew that God had so much better for him. In January 2015 we felt acceleration in our hearts as we prayed and fasted. My husband did extended fasting. As spring approached my prayer for him became fiercer than ever. I felt to strongly declare that, our covenant keeping God remembered Joshua's covenant with Him. He is faithful even when we are unfaithful. A shift had begun.

Joshua had temporarily moved back home but we rarely saw him. Joshua is extremely intelligent and has a very inquisitive mind. He had begun to investigate lucid dreaming as an intellectual experiment.

Joshua still rejected Christianity and began to search out New Age teachings. He started to have many encounters with spirit guides and beings, some seemingly benevolent and some malevolent.

Never stop praying.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:17 -

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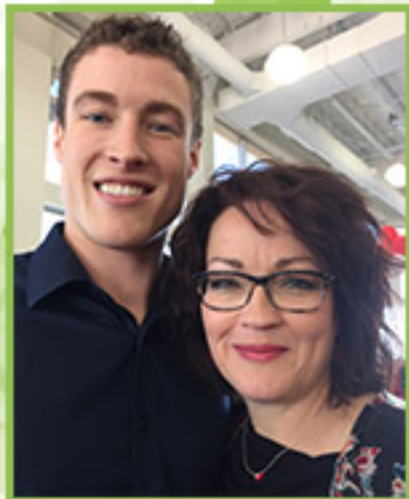
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They were teaching him "secret" things and convincing him that he was in control.

One day, the devil overplayed his hand and Joshua began to "test" the spirits, as in 1 John 4:1-6. This spirit guide who claimed to be Jesus revealed his true identity. It was a lying demon! This shook Joshua to repentance and a search to be restored to God through the true Jesus!

Joshua is now totally on fire for the Truth and leading others to the true Jesus. He meets weekly with about 30 young adults and fire is growing among them. Truth is only spiritually discerned. Keep on praying and don't ever give up!!

*view YouTube video by searching, "Joshua Murphy Testimony"
WARNING, this video contains graphic occult descriptions*



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Church Bloopers



- 1) The preacher will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth With Joy."
- 2) Ushers will eat latecomers.
- 3) Thursday night-Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- 4) The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the church basement Saturday.
- 5) Don't let worry kill you--let the church help.
- 6) Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- 7) Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to church secretary.

Single And Contented Until...

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Matthew 6:33 says *"But SEEK FIRST the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and ALL THESE THINGS shall be added to you."* It is incredibly simple but so easy to forget when you are a single women and it seems like you are the only one left. You look around and see all your friends in relationships, married and having children. You get comments from your family and friends like "Are you EVER going to get married?" or "Are you planning on staying single FOREVER?"



It's easy to get impatient and simply want to give up, lower your standards and just meet someone! But God always has the best in store for us. When you read on in Matthew it says *"Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!" (Matt 7:9-10).*

A woman's heart
should be so hidden
in God that a man
has to seek Him
just to find her.

Finding a spouse, someone that you can share your life with is definitely a good thing, but not something that should be taken lightly. Marriage is the

most important decision you will make in life, aside from giving your life to Christ, and the best thing you can do is to give it to the Lord and trust him to find your right partner.

In the meantime, here are a few things to remember:

1. Find You & Be You! – Live life, find your destiny and be the strong, independent and capable women that you are. If you can't be whole without a man, you will never be whole with one. Single life has some great advantages and you should take full advantage of them at this time!

I have *amazing* potential
I CAN MAKE GOOD CHOICES

I am never alone

I can do hard things

I am beautiful
inside and out

I am of great worth

HE HAS A PLAN FOR ME

I know who I am

a daughter of God

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2. Make A List & Check It Twice – Be specific, think it through, and make a list of what you want in your future spouse. Don't be afraid to ask the Lord for the things you want. Phil 4:6 says "but in EVERYTHING by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN TO GOD..." This will make it clear in your own mind what you want in a man. If you don't know what kind of man you want, then you won't be able to distinguish between the right man and the wrong man when one comes along!

3. Make God #1 – Most importantly, before you do anything else, put Him

first. Ultimately, the reason we exist is to serve Him and this should always be our #1 priority. When we seek Him first, THEN all these things, including a spouse, will be added unto you. When you take care of what God places before you, then He will take care of what you place before Him.



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Ask the Doctor? by Dr. Hazel Hill

Q. Are sleep overs a good idea for children?

A. Sleep overs are ok if you know the family having the sleep over very well and you know who is invited. Do they hold the same standards and values as you do? You want your children in a safe environment at all times. Don't compromise. I always said that if there is to be a sleep over it would be in my house so I can keep an eye on things.

Q. I am divorced and my kids go with their Dad half the time and with me half the time. He doesn't serve that Lord or go to church, so the kids don't want to either because Daddy doesn't. I feel like I am loosing my kids.

A. Prayer is your greatest weapon. Pray for your ex and for your children. Love those children and spend quality time with them. Let them see your godly example and teach them godly principles to live by. Lead them to Christ, pray with and for them. Do fun devotionals with them. Believe in household salvation.

No More Excuses

To make it possible for everyone to attend church this Sunday, we are going to have a special "No Excuse Sunday"

Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in." There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel that our pews are too hard.

We will have steel helmets for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I ever came to church." Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold, and fans for those who say it is too hot. Scorecards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present. Relatives and friends will be in attendance for those who can't go to church and cook dinner, too.

One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to seek God in nature. Doctors and nurses will be in attendance for those who plan to be sick on Sunday. The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who never have seen the church without them. We will provide hearing aids for those who can't hear the preacher and cotton wool for those who think he's too loud!

Choose Your Attitude



We were young and beautiful.

Now we are just beautiful. ♥