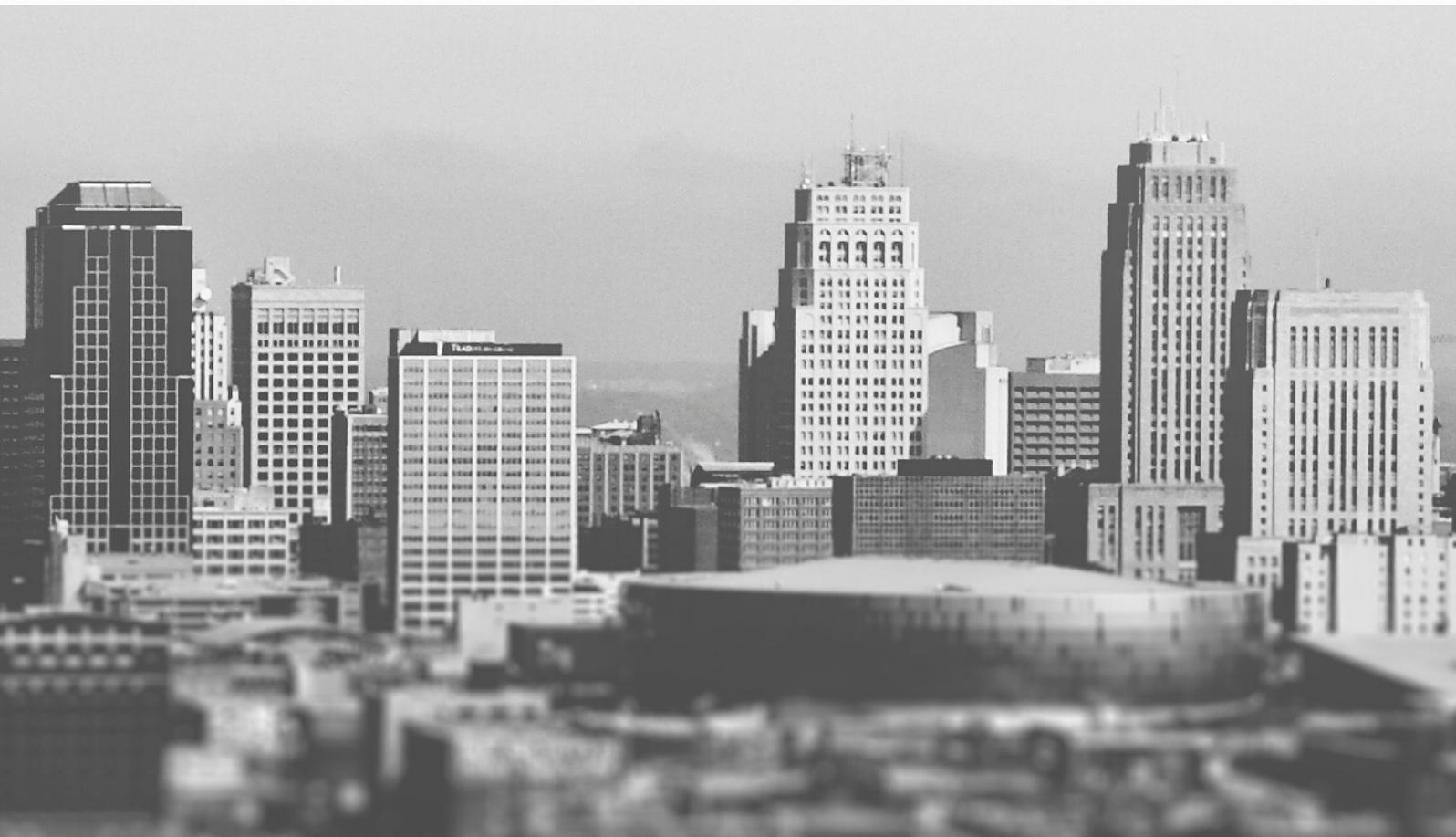


WOMAN OF
POWER
DEVOTIONAL



ONE

'Yet who knows whether you have come to
the kingdom for such a time as this?'
Esther 4:14b (NKJV)

We cannot exhaust the topic of purpose or destiny enough because purpose speaks of the whole point why you and I are doing this thing called Life. Your purpose is so important that when you came to the knowledge of Jesus Christ and accepted Him into your heart, God did not snap you straight up to Heaven but took the risk of leaving you here on the Earth, because what He put in you is so necessary for the Earth to experience.

No matter who you are and where you live, there is something God has put inside you that is vital to this world. You are here for a reason; there is a point to your life here on the earth and you must go on a search for it. I hear someone saying, "I have been searching for so long and I am getting tired because I have not yet discovered it."

Well let me ask you a question how long will you go on a search if you knew someone had hidden £100 million for you? The issue here is not the length of the search but the fact that you are unaware of how valuable your purpose is. The truth is that your purpose is far more than £100 million because it carries a value that transcends into eternity. Remember Jesus teaching about the parable of the lost coin in Luke 15:8; you must keep searching until you find it.

You must also recognise that God is guiding your daily life towards that purpose, so when you arrive there, pray that you will recognise it. Esther in the Bible didn't hear a great voice announcing her life's purpose to her but she was able to recognise that her positioning as the Queen was for a particular reason, it was for 'such a time as this'. Are you able to recognise whether your positioning at your job, with that business or even at that location is for a purpose? You may never hear an audible voice telling you so but God will definitely guide you on your search to live out what He has put within you. You have immense power within you, be determined today to let it out for the world to experience.

TWO

"There we saw the giants...and we were like
grasshoppers in our own sight"
Number 13:33 (NJKV)

The amazing thing about life is that most of us find it easier to believe in others and see the greatness in others than we do in ourselves because we spend most of our lives staring at others than we do searching the treasures that God has put inside us.

Mirror, Mirror, who do you see? This must be a call to take a moment to search out the treasures that God placed deep within. Every great thing about you is a hidden treasure designed to be searched out. There are many who will die thinking that they are not talented because they cannot sing, act or draw but they have not looked at themselves deep enough to see that even that argumentative tongue is actually a gift that is being used in the wrong way!

Look at it this way; what erupts inside of you that always causes you to feel compelled to speak up? Have you ever thought that it is the same spirit that was in David that couldn't let him sit back and allow the Philistines to continually harass the people of God? David's power was in his mouth. His mouth was sharp before the people of Israel, it was sharp before his brothers; that same mouth was sharp before Goliath but with that sharp mouth he defeated that giant.

You see, the devil will keep you staring at other people, admiring their strengths so much so that it paralyzes you by what you see. The more you keep looking at how great another person is, the less you see yourself to be. Look at Caleb and the children Israel in Numbers 13:31-33; the spies of Israel had gazed so hard at what the giants had they had no time to see what they also possessed. The final result was that they became small in their own eyes.

Until you spend enough time in God's word to see yourself like God sees you and discover the possibilities He has installed in you, you will always see yourself as inadequate. Whenever you view yourself as less able it is an indication that you have been staring at others more than you have been gazing at the more powerful God inside you.

THREE

"But by the grace of God, I am what I am"
1 Corinthians 15:10 (NKJV)

How many times have we stood to admire the faith of certain ministers and stand in awe of their walk with God? We have no details of their past failures and shortcomings but we still applaud them. I want to ask you a question if you will permit me. Do you think that these pastors that you admire are without shortcomings and are perfect? You are correct! The answer is NO. Yet despite their shortcomings we see them walking with confidence in the call that God has by His grace given to them.

What therefore is the difference between you and them? It is simply that they have accepted the trust that God has bestowed on them. Stop rejecting the call over your life, stop refusing to put yourself forward and my goodness, stop thinking everyone else deserves it more because they are more righteous than you. No one is righteous because of our works. The Bible lets us know that even at the peak of our righteousness according to our efforts, it is still filthy rags before God (Isaiah 64:6). Jesus Christ put all His disciples on a level playing field when it came to deserving anything because it is His righteousness that we must stand on before God.

You have to start accepting that you can do the things that God is telling you. You have to start believing God about who He says you will be and you have to start running with what He has told you to run with. Why? Because if God felt it best that you were the one for the task, then surely the Almighty God knows what He is doing!

FOUR

'A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.'

Proverbs 31:10-31 (NIV)

Hair, nails, make-up, shopping and men! These are the topics that engulf the conversations of women from a young age. From as long as you can probably recollect you having conversations with your lady friends, you may struggle to find a season when those topics did not arise. But surely, one must ask, there has to be more to me than my hair, clothes, nails, make-up and the man you wish would acknowledge you. In fact, if many of the married sisters would be honest and real, the title of 'Mrs' isn't any kind of an accomplishment, it doesn't prove your worth and it doesn't suddenly make you special.

So what's the deal? Why does it seem like society, even the communities within the wall of the church want to keep women on the shallow end of life? Because God always orchestrates every major shift through the hands of a woman. You may have been sold a lie that women don't have a role in kingdom agenda and that Christianity is about suppressing the woman but nothing could be further from the truth. Take a look through scriptures and you will see that whenever God wants to do something unique, He always finds a woman who is sensitive enough to connect to what He has in mind. For example, God knew that He needed to save the children of Israel from slavery but it took Moses' mother and sister to preserve his life; God wanted to save the entire human race and found Mary the young virgin. Now why don't we settle for a moment at the story of a young girl named Esther because at heart, most of us can relate to her.

There was nothing extra ordinary about Esther in fact her introduction to us began with details that discount her from ever amounting to much in life. An orphan let in the care of her uncle; what great could come from her? Just like the thought of many of us who were not raised with a silver spoon in our mouths or even if we had, our life experiences caused that silver spoon to look like rotten brass. Esther, living her life one day at a time suddenly catches a break and becomes the Queen of one of the most powerful empires. However, her mind is immediately set to focus on beauty, clothes and a man. Sounds familiar?

FOUR CONTINUED.

Esther was conditioned like many women are still being conditioned today. Nevertheless, there comes a day of choice where as women we must open our eyes to see that there are capabilities put within us by God to orchestrate a shift for the Kingdom of God, the ability to be used by God as a deliverer, a warrior and a conqueror. That day of choice came for Esther and she decided to move from simply enjoying the comfort of beauty, clothes and men as a daily mindset to become a woman with purpose for the people of God. She moved from the shallow end of life and dived into the deep. That gutsy disobedience to the mundane opened a door of a heroic legacy that would inspire many for generations to come.

Imagine what you could accomplish in Christ and for Christ if you decided that I am more than my hair and the clothes on my back, rolled up your sleeves and became strategically committed to the crisis you are here to solve and the people you are here to deliver. History is made when women choose to go deeper.

FIVE

"Be strong in the Lord...put on the whole
armour of God"
Ephesians 6:10-11 (NIV)

Ask any woman about her life's journey and you will find that the majority of women spend their lives dodging the attacks of the devil. It seems like women typically go from one struggle to another trying to survive this thing called life instead of thriving. But when you don't know the reason for a fight or that there even is a fight, you will quickly find that you struggle to keep your head above the waters.

Remember we spoke earlier about the purpose inside you? Well even if you fail to recognise that God has placed something great within you, the devil has spotted your threat to his camp and his strategy is to keep you occupied in so many battles that you never get to draw close to your purpose; and if somehow you discover your mission on this earth, that he bruises you with all the negative life experience that you wouldn't have it in you to stand up and carry out your divine mission. But understand this truth, God speaking of the devil when he stole Eve's inheritance in the garden of Eden said, "he (the devil) will bruise your heel but He (Christ) will crush (the devil's) head" Genesis 3:15 (NIV paraphrased)

So, no matter where the devil has attacked you, no matter what you are going through, that same issue will be turned into a testimony that will crush the devil and his camp. However, we must ensure that these trials and tribulations, battles and struggles do not wound us in our spirit because a wounded spirit, who can bear? Proverbs 18:14 (KJV) Following the instructions in Ephesians 6 will avoid the enemy wounding you and taking you off your feet, and how do you do that? You stand firm with confidence in the right standing that Jesus Christ has given us with God to cause us to approach Him with boldness, especially in the moments of our weakness. Know that nothing should bring you to a place of fear and anxiety. No matter what you are going through, let the peace of God that surpasses all understanding overwhelm you. Have faith in God and be assured that He knows what He is doing. He is not a liar or a wicked Father, so this too must past.

FIVE CONTINUED.

Finally fill yourself with the word of God in season and out of season. Trials naturally get us to fall on our knees however we must fall on our knees, bringing to God His word. Never pray from a place of anxiety but pray from a place of the word of God because it is that Word that takes you from a defensive position to the position of attack where you can actually crush the head of the devil that is coming against you and your glorious destiny.

SIX

"If I perish, I perish"
Esther 4:16 (NIV)

Growing up watching Disney as young girls, we are sold this ideology of a damsel in distress that needs someone else to come and rescue her. This mindset settles in us and we work through life with pretty faces but zero inner strength. However, it is the strength of your heart that determines the lion's share. This life is your battle field and what is at stake is your legacy and the inheritance that Christ died for you to live in, not just in heaven but right here on this earth.

The visions and passions that God keeps whispering in your spirit is the vehicle that will take you to the place where your glory is however that journey is so rough that it takes a brave heart to stay inside the vehicle when all you want to do is jump out because of the very real presence of fear. But I love the women in the Bible from Deborah to Ruth to Esther and how can we forget Mary the mother of Jesus. All these women rejected the notion that it was ok to be weak in their hearts, they understood that inner strength was a necessity if they would ever handle the things they had imagined.

Think about it, the level of fear that would have ravaged the mind of Mary at the fact that she was pregnant yet had never slept with her fiancé? How do you get anyone to buy into that story? Just like many of you have what appears to be a far-fetched vision or idea that even when you think about it you quietly tell yourself; this is impossible. You cannot deny the fear Mary faced within herself and neither can it be denied the fears you struggle with at time. But I challenge you to respond like Mary did despite her fears and say "Lord because you have spoken it, I accept" Take a gulp, step out and proceed in life regardless of your fears. The truth is that you might lose something in the process but what you are walking towards is invaluable.

SEVEN

"Thanks be to God who always leads
us in triumph in Christ."
2 Corinthians 2:14 (NIV)

I remember hearing a statement many years ago; "the shadows of dogs cannot bite". It was so effective in delivering the truth of the powerlessness of the devil. That statement has been instrumental in keeping my peace in moments of the storm. The fact is that no matter who you are, as long as you pass through the earth, you will face some challenging times but you must know that the aim of every obstacle or challenge the devil throws your way is to kill your faith and destroy the great purpose that is within you. You cannot, knowing this, allow the devil to laugh at you because you chose to crumble in the storm. Switch your mindset and encounter the truth of God's word that says, 'what one planned for evil, God will use it for good' Genesis 50:20 (NIV paraphrased).

You see God will never allow any challenge, rejection or trouble to come your way if He couldn't use it for your benefit and advantage. So rather than having a sorrowful mindset switch to a mindset that is excited about the possibilities that God is setting you up for through the storm.

The devil wants you to believe that that storm is the end or destruction of you but look back at everything you have survived so far and remember that, though it may be difficult you will always win because greater is He on the inside of you than he that is in the world, 1 John 4:4 (NIV).



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