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in Christ Magazine

Female entrepreneur, Semone Love has always loved sharing her own personal victories and inspirational stories with the world, helping and encouraging others in their time of need. Her compassion and genuine nature has drawn many people towards her. With her experience in graphic design and her excellent entrepreneur skills, God has blessed Semone with the amazing opportunity to be the publisher of Victorious Women in Christ

Magazine. Her magazine is filled with uplifting true stories, Biblical principles and acknowledgement of Christian women all around the world that are making differences in their community each day. Not only does it bring her heart great joy to do what she loves but it warms her heart to be able to help women all over the globe live their dreams and to extend a positive impact on women from all walks of life. Victorious Women in Christ Magazine is more than a magazine, it's a Kingdom lifestyle!

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Philippians 4:13

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Hello Friend,

Maybe this is your first time picking up this magazine, or you received it as a gift. Whatever the situation maybe, I want you to know that God loves you unconditionally. He wants you to be a member in His family and have a personal relationship with you through His begotten Son Jesus Christ. Your life matters to Him! Join God's family now & say the salvation prayer -> Dear Heavenly Father, I come to You in the name of Jesus. I admit that I am not right with You, and I desire to be right with You. I ask You to forgive me of all of my sins. The Bible says if I confess with my mouth that "Jesus is Lord," and believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead, I will be saved (Romans 10:9). I believe with my heart and confess with my mouth that Jesus is Lord and Savior of my life. Thank You for saving me! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen. (If you said the salvation prayer, I would like to welcome you to God's family and send you a gift. Email your contact info to vwmagprayerteam@gmail.com God bless you - Semone Love





"Chosen"

Minister Tanisha Burks Founder - Prophetic Word Ministries Author - Why am I Single? Milwaukee, WI

I didn't know it growing up, but looking back I can now say that the hand of God was always on my life. I never could quite fit in with other children, I was always different. Jeremiah 1:5 says: "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." I guess the important thing I never quite understood was that God knew me even before I was born, he formed me, he knew my destiny. He knew who I would be and what I would become. He knew what I had to go through to be strong and most of all he knew that what he would take me through would not break me but make me. I often would cry as an adult because I didn't understand why I struggled so much. Why did I have to deal with deal with depression? Why was I always behind in bills, why did my children always have to watch me struggle the past 15 years, and how come I could never keep a job beyond three years without being terminated or becoming so unhappy that I found other employment. Jeremiah 29:11 says "I know the thoughts I think towards you, saith the LORD,

thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." I soon found out that everything that I went through was a testimony of God's grace, his love and his protection. Everything I faced I conquered and I survived it but only because God's hand was on my life. One of the things God showed me is that my survival and my testimony is my alabaster box, and just like the woman who broke open her box and poured it on Jesus feet the purpose of my box is to break it open and share my oil

and testimony so that someone else can be healed.

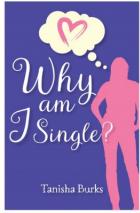
1 accepted my call to preach in 2004 and preached my first sermon in November of 2006 called "Spiritual Blackout". My life since then has been nothing but a series of attacks. I never quite understood the attacks that would always come against me.

There were many times I gave up and threw in the towel because I was tired of fighting. One time I walked away so long I suffered a stroke nothing was effected but my speech and my writing hand. I remember telling God that I needed my speech back because I was a preacher, I also asked him how come I couldn't live how I e wanted to live. He answered me loud and clear, "Many are called few are chosen,

and chosen people can't live how they want to live."

Within all the chaos of my life God birthed a women's empowerment ministry in me entitled, "Prophetic Word Ministries." The vision of this ministry is to see women healed from brokenness and depression and uprooted from the bondage of fear and oppression through the word of God. In May of 2016 I had my first annual deliverance conference entitled "Treat HER Like a Lady." It was an awesome out pouring of God's spirit and many women were ministered to and healed through the ministry. God also blessed me to publish my first book, "Why Am I Single?" This book is a self-help book for single women who wonder why they are single. My point that I stress is that men are not the only problem but we have to fix ourselves up on the inside and pursue first a relationship with God and ourselves and find our purpose, when we walk in our purpose our purpose will attract everything that is supposed to be in our life. I also suggest that married women who feel single read this book before seeking divorce or stepping out on their mate, try everything possible before giving up.

I have survived every storm that was designed to take me out. I can see now that God's hand is still on my life, I have learned to trust his process even when I don't understand because God knows my ending before he starts me at the beginning. My story is just beginning because I have just learned to let go and let God. Anytime you let God direct your paths even those rough paths I will be the first to tell you they always lead to victory so follow God and be victorious.



The book can be purchased at www.createspace.com/6061646 or www.propheticwordministriesllc.com

Daughters of Jacob - A support group for women 15 yrs old and up who have experienced sexual, physical, mental or verbal abuse anytime in their life. For more information contact Minister Tanisha Burks at -Tmburks81@gmail.com







Ontario, Canada Author & Speaker Healing Our Brokenness

Healing Emotional Wounds Grace Gayle Healing Our Brokenness Ministries

Have you ever been deeply wounded? Has someone betrayed your trust? Are you staggering beneath the burden of multiplied sorrow?

You can't live in a broken world without eventually being marred by brokenness on a personal level. All of us to a greater or lesser degree carry around emotional wounds in varying stages of healing. We all have our own WARRR story.

Old emotional wounds affect every area of our lives-

- · Our behaviour
- Our relationships
- Our choice in a marriage partner
 - And our relationship with God

Many of us struggle with questions like-

- Why do I feel the way I feel?
- Why do I do the things I do?
 - What's wrong with me?
 - Why can't I change?

My WARRR Story is unique to me as yours is to you.

They may have many common threads but each affects us in a deep personal way.

- The Wound (how we were hurt)
- The Affect (how the wound affected our self-image)
 - The Response (how we acted out our pain)
- The Recovery (how our healing journey is progressing)
- The Redemption (how God is changing us through our healing experience)



My WARRR Story The Wound

I was raised the youngest of seven children of a poor farmer where money was scarce and food was in short supply. News of my conception did not bring great joy but rather one of regret. When I was six years old I became the victim of a violent sexual assault.

Being extremely traumatized, I was hospitalized and eventually lost my year in school.



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When I was eight years old, my eldest sister moved in with us with her six children. Somehow I slipped between the cracks of the two generations as my needs for time and affection were neglected. The grandchildren now occupied my mother's attention.

The Affect

My ability to trust was destroyed. I didn't think God could love me as a unique person. I developed very low self-esteem. I did poorly in school and was labelled a "slow-learner". Fear and loneliness were my constant companions. Bouts of depression began to plague me in my teen years.

My Response

I craved affection from adults which set me up for more abuse. I pulled away from family relationships as I spent hours on my own in my room. Later in my teen years I hung out with people I should never have been with. I dated boys from dysfunctional homes. I lived dangerously, hitchhiking and spending time alone with young men I didn't know.

The Recovery

After burning out from nine years in a difficult ministry in a government housing community and the deaths of my father and brother I plummeted into severe depression. The only way for me to heal was to turn around and face the pain of my childhood memories with a good counsellor and my Heavenly Father.

As I poured out my emotions I cried out –
God, who are You?
God, if You love me show me.
God, why didn't you protect me?

I asked God to guide my healing process and give me the right books to help me heal. God answered my prayers. He led me through a five-year healing journey which drew me into an intimate relationship with my Heavenly Father. He gave me a craving for studying His Word and spending time in His presence. Each time I cried out to my Heavenly Father in agony, He answered me with a scripture or passage. By the end of the five years, God had given me over three hundred scriptures that helped me heal.

The Redemption

I now have a very intimate relationship with my Heavenly Father. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that He loves me more than words can express. He longs to have fellowship with me and wants to bless me in all I do.

My Heavenly Father has given me a calling. In 2014 "Healing Our Brokenness Ministries" was founded to help other wounded individuals. My book, "From Victim to Victor" was published in 2012 and I receive frequent emails thanking me for writing it. Its companion workbook was written this past year and is available through email. I am also the creator of WARRR Workshops which I facilitate at the request of recovery groups. I am a sought-after speaker for the healing journey, a gifted Bible teacher and writer of healing tracts which I

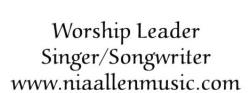




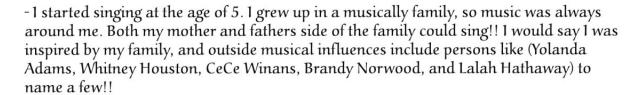




Nia Allen







2. How do you balance your music career, job, home, family life?

-Prayer, Discipline, and Accountability. I don't always get it right. But I pray and ask the Lord to help me stay balanced and focused. Always remembering to keep God first. Knowing that no one, or no career should ever replace or take priority over my family. Having a planner also helps. I'm old school. I have a phone and a calendar, but I still like to write things down so I can open it up and see what I have going on that entire month. It just helps me to balance life and schedule events appropriately.

3. Please share any current gospel music projects that you are working on. What inspired you to do this project?



My latest release is a single entitled, "Holy Spirit." I have recorded two prior albums entitled ("Here am 1" and "A New Thing") All three recording can be found online in all the digital outlets (Itunes, Amazon, Google Play, Etc)

My latest single "Holy Spirit" is actually a cover song that I decided to record after singing it multiple times on the road and in my local church. I saw how the song affected me personally whenever I would hear or sing the song, and how the atmosphere always shifted whenever it was played or sung. I thought, "Man, I would love to record a version of that song so I could minister it whenever I go out." So, that's what we did. I recorded "Holy Spirit" here in California at the LA Dream Center studios.



I recorded "Holy Spirit" knowing that a live worship album would soon follow. So, that is what we are working on right now as well! We are in the middle of pre-production and raising funds for my first live worship project!! I'm super excited about it!! For more info concerning the vision and heart behind the project, and the campaign itself please visit www.gofundme.com/niaallenlive

4. What encouragement would you like to share with aspiring gospel music artists? Tips?

-Be faithful right where you are. Serve in your local church, and allow that to be training ground for whatever is next. I learned a lot about discipline, and various aspects of ministry while first serving at my local church. So, be faithful right where you are! Don't be anxious about anything. We are living in a fast paced...social media/reality tv driven world where everyone wants to be "famous" and we want everything in a hurry. I am a firm believer that there is a time and season for everything, and often waiting and preparation is apart of the process. I would say...don't rush the process. Allow God to refine, perfect and prepare you for the role and responsibility of being an artist. With leadership comes responsibility!! And we need to be responsible with the gifts that God has given!!

5. What has been your most Memorable time in your music career this far? & why?

I would probably say...my most memorable time would have to be when I went to Africa (singing background for CeCe Winans) I traveled with her for 4 years, and in that time I learned so much. She's always been someone I looked up to from afar, so to be able to travel with her, and minister behind her in Nairobi, Kenya, Accra Ghana, and Johannesburg South Africa are memories that I will never forget!!!

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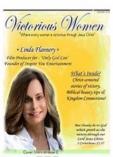
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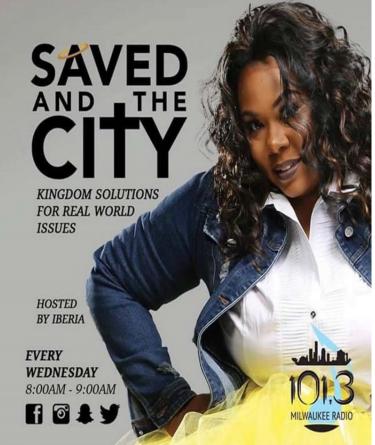














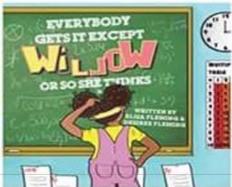
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Victorious Women in Christ Magazine's Publisher Founder of Strength & Honor,Inc.

Meet the Publisher



I have always enjoyed sharing my own personal stories of victory with other people to encourage them in their time of need. By the time I was in the seventh grade I was known by my teachers and peers as the optimistic student. I believed that no matter how difficult a situation presented itself in my life, I would look for the good and build on that. I began to notice that people from all walks of life were naturally drawn to me because of the compassion and genuine love I carried for people who desperately needed a hug through uplifting words.

In 2011 while living on a single parent income, I used my creativity, encouragement skills and entrepreneurial spirit to design business cards, brochures and flyers for family and friends. What started out as freelance jobs quickly turned into a nice part time job with a steady cash flow.

In 2013, I placed a promotional advertisement for my printing services in a local magazine. The publisher was impressed with my graphic design skills and offered me a position with his business. I accepted the offer and quickly learned the logistics of the media industry. In addition to providing graphic design services, I became proficient in marketing, creating ad templates, and customer relations. In 2014, while I was working at the North Chicago, IL publication company I began to realize that I could use my creativity, enthusiasm and entrepreneurial spirit about magazines to create and sustain a profitable business.

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In 2015, God gave me the idea to start my own magazine entitled-Victorious Women Magazine. Victorious Women Magazine is a quarterly, interactive, print and digital faith based publication filled with beautiful women from around the globe sharing their testimonials of God's Faithfulness. 1 Corinthians 15:57. I also conduct biblically themed women's empowerment events catered to the content of my magazine. Each issue features a victorious female teenager in the spotlight who's making a positive change in their community to restore hope. The publication also includes an advertising section for churches, businesses, organizations, inspirational authors and event planners to promote their products and services.

By the grace of God in less than a year my publication has grown from being only available in a print format, distributed at one location to three digital magazines, marketing on three social media platforms, interactive website access, magazine distribution to ten retail locations, forty two subscribers, (twenty paid subscribers), Victorious Women Magazine is available to patrons in the Southeastern Wisconsin Public Library system magazine device.

As a follower of Jesus, devoted mother and entrepenuer it is a blessing to be used by God through the tools of this magazine and empowerment events. What I enjoy most about my life and career is being able to help other women discover who they are in Christ, maximize their potential, be the woman God has created them to be and live the abundant life. Victorious Women in Christ Magazine is more than a magazine, it's a Kingdom lifestyle. What's next for Victorious Women magazine? Translating my publication into various languages and expanding the retail chain locations. Glory to God!







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Spotlight

Dorothy & Alea both age 15 CEO "God's Girl Magazine Lake Geneva, WI



The Faith of a Child

"And Jesus said: Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:3

Sometimes our greatest lessons in life, come not from our elder mentors and spiritual role models, but from our very own children! My daughter Alea's level of faith and unwavering obedience to God has challenged me, convicted me, encouraged me and inspired me. At 10 years old, she was a powerful role model to me in trusting God no matter how unlikely the circumstances seemed. Now at 15, she continues to model for me what it means to "let go and let God"; to say a prayer, surrender the situation to God, and trust Him to provide.

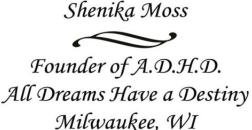
In Jan of 2008 our family started sponsoring 10 children in Uganda. In June of 2011, we flew across the ocean to finally meet our 10 African children (5 boys, 5 girls) that we had been writing letters back and forth with and praying for for 3 1/2 years. Suddenly those still frozen faces hanging on our refrigerator came to life as we talked, played, laughed, hugged, ate, sang and worshiped together! It was an inexpressible joy like I had never felt, aside from the births of my own two children. We got to see our sponsorship dollars at work, improving these children's lives, providing for their basic needs as well as giving them an education so they can have hopes of obtaining employment after they graduate. "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." Jeremiah 29:11 After 3 amazing weeks in Uganda, we flew "next door" to Kenya to serve at a different children's home in Nairobi, where we met and fell in love with another group of orphans. We came home with 8 more sponsored children in our bank account, but most importantly in our hearts.

Alea was 10 years old on that first trip (since then we have been back 3 more times). A couple months before we left for the trip, while driving to ballet, Alea out of the blue announced that God wanted her to get baptized in Africa. We said that was wonderful, but there was a shortage of water in Africa and they don't have baptismals like we do at our churches, so we would have to coordinate with the missionaries to see how they handle their baptisms over there. She informed us that God wanted it to be in Lake Victoria at the camp we would be visiting. Well we already knew from our missionary friends who live there, that the water in Lake Victoria is full of dangerous parasites that get under your skin and lay millions of eggs inside your body, reproducing at an alarming rate. One of the staff at the camp had gotten deathly ill from the parasites in the water and they had to fly him to Europe for special treatment. And he had not even gone IN the water, the parasites entered his skin from simply cleaning fish that had been caught in the lake. We contacted our missionary friends at the camp and they informed us they had never done any baptisms in that lake, but they were willing to let us, if Alea was fine taking the 8 day treatment to kill the parasites (large foul smelling/tasting "horse pills" that were hard to swallow and if you couldn't keep them down and skipped one day, you had to start the whole regime all over again). We were sure this would convince Alea not to get baptized in Lake Victoria! She is the world's biggest germaphobe whose hands are red and raw from washing them to frequently, even after the doctor has told her she needs to stop washing them so much! She won't even hold her brother's hand for prayer unless he goes and washes

And she is horrible at swallowing pills. With the supernatural filling of the Holy Spirit, and a spiritual maturity that put us parents' doubts to shame, she calmly responded that if God wanted her to get baptized in Lake Victoria, then He would protect her from the parasites. So in July 2011, Alea became Camp Musana's first baptism. And because of her unwavering trust at such a young age, she inspired 3 more people from our team (older than her) to get baptized in the lake as well. Since then many more have followed, so that baptisms are quite common at the camp now. And not one single person has gotten sick from the parasites!

A couple weeks after we got home from that first trip, Alea came to us and soberly said, "God is calling me to sponsor a girl in Africa." And we replied how sweet and kindhearted that was, and yes she may certainly pick out any of the girls we already sponsor and that can be "her" girl; she could be in charge of writing her all the letters herself, we'll hang her picture in her bedroom, etc. "No, I mean my OWN girl, with my OWN money." We matter-of-factly replied that that would be impossible because she doesn't have her own money; we don't give allowance, she's too young to have a job, there's no way she could possibly afford the \$30 a month that it costs to sponsor. Unphased by our dose of realism, she explained her plans to have lemonade stands, make earrings and scarves to sell, etc, etc. We once again tried to calmly explain how she might be able to raise \$30 for the first couple months, but this is a long term commitment and you can't just unsponsor a child when the money runs out. Finally she looked us square in the eye and firmly said, "If God wants me to sponsor a girl, He will provide the money!" How could a parent argue with that truth? So she signed up to start sponsoring a 10 year old girl her same age from the Kenyan orphanage we had visited, so they could grow up together. And God DID provide the money....but not without sacrifice.







Through it all I was one shattered person. It was a struggle learning who I was, but when God began to show me who He is, My eyes became open, My ears were listening. All the pain I was holding inside from my past, hurt me even more now in my present. Then I realized my flesh was dying off completely. The stronghold it had on me wouldn't let me go and a part of me was feeling like stay here, where it is comfortable. I have come so far and there I was stuck and ashame and Faith as big as a mustard seed. My spirit was fighting for a word to deliver me for good. One day a divine visitation came and changed my destiny. My God-given dream showed me that preparation is what I was going through. I placed my dream in my prayers. All I ever wanted was to be happy and to see my children not follow in my footsteps. My son, Shawn (21) I had at 15, is in his third year of college, majoring in Business Management and a part of Milwaukee FELLOWS. He did his internship at Greater Milwaukee Community where he gained a experience and met some amazing people that he will never forget. Shawn never gave up. I was in the shelter with his sisters and he couldn't come because of his age. He still graduated from high school. My daughter R'Reona (15) has accomplished so much to be her age. My prayer for her, was that we have a close relationship and that she can talk with me about anything. We truly have a bond that strife can not destroy. I was told so many times that she will rebel against me, because I rebel against my mother. God proved them wrong. I broke that generational curse when it came to my children. R'Reona was invited to the White House for Champions of Change in September of 2015 and this year in August 2016 she received \$500.00 with four others to start their own Business. And whom ever had the best business plan won an additional \$500.00. You already know! My baby won. She has her own money to start her own stage play "See Our Reality."

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She will show the stereotypes people have on one another, especially our youth. This stage play will change some lives of the youth and the adults who don't understand the pressure that our youth face today. I had her brother at her age and communication keeps us with a healthy relationship. She listens to me as I give her my wisdom and she has seen the struggle of teen pregnancy, addictions and more. It is hard being good, when your surrounding makes you feel like you should join the crowd just one time. R'Reona chooses to stay focus and humble. My baby girl Dream, I cried so many nights trying to understand her. Being 22 months old when her twin Treasure passed away, I didn't know the effects it will have on her. But God had a plan. Even though people didn't understand why I took her out of school, it was not meant for anyone to understand, because God gave her to me and I thank Him. Dream has been brave, even though she struggles with reading and the label ADHD. Now she is at a school where her challenges are respected. In the end ADHD means "All Dreams Have a Destiny!"

And we are the ADHD Family! We took the storm all the way through and learned how to let the sun shine. Shawn is my fire. R'Reona is my star. Treasure is Our sun and Dream is Our moon. We created our own world. That was God's plan. For where Our Treasure is, our hearts will be also! Love,

The A.D.H.D. Family









Laneice McGee

Milwaukee, WI Founder of F.E.M.A. www.Fema.online

What an honor and a privilege to be able to share my journey and story which includes both highs and lows but most importantly perseverance. I am the proud co-founder of Big, Beautiful & Blessed. Being trusted to be one of the leaders of this organization has taught me more in the last three years then I could ever image. There were so many times when I wanted to give up, so many times when I felt I was not the "right person" for the call. To be honest there were times when I just did not have the motivation to continue on. There are several reasons this occurred, and if my story can help you avoid any road bumps in your own path,

I am happy to be transparent. First, one person can't do what many can accomplish together. No matter how grand your ideas are, no matter if you have the capability to do everything; you will quickly burn yourself out, if you don't trust someone with your dream. Please hear me, I did not say give your dream away, but you must trust someone to help you fulfill that dream. You can oversee some things, and not do everything, There is a proverb that says " many hands together, make heavy lifting light" So let those who believe in your vision help that vision come to light, On that same hand, don't be afraid to let those go that don't fit or support where you are trying to go. Its ok, to say you are NOT a good fit, or we seem to be going in different directions, it does not mean that either of you are wrong, It just means, that they may not be a match for where you are going, So keep your mission and vision statement in focus, so that you will take the help when it's a good fit and decline those that don't push the vision in the direction you are headed. I have learned much more through this journey but those were lessons that I would pass down.

Due to all the changes, we made a decision to a stop, reevaluate and make the necessary changes to assure that Big, Beautiful & Blessed is meeting the goals and that our core values and structures are solid, to do that we took this year to just meet monthly with our board of directors. We hosted only one event verses several events, we had a narrow focus, because we want broad results. We have a billboard on 37th & North Ave in Milwaukee, and we are ready to start adding new members. We are stronger and better because we took the time to stop and change. Check out our new website @ www.bigbeautifulblessed.com. We will also will be hosting our 2017 model call at the end of the year.

This year has also open up a opportunity for me to launch my new business "F.E. M.A - Future Entrepreneurs Moving Ahead" which focus on youth ages 12-18 who have a desire to own their own business. They are mentored by adult Entrepreneurs and given a chance to market their business at "My City My Biz" which is a small business expo that is hosted annually at State Fair Park. I encourage you to come out and support these youth on Saturday October 15th, 2016 from 10am-3pm. There is no cost to attend, but your participation and support can be life impacting to these young adults. Visit the website @ Thefema.com.

Be on the look out for an up and coming opportunity for all those that ever thought about being a personal assistant, I am co-founder of a business call World Wide Assist, and we contact service and people together, that will be set and ready to go at the end of this year.

God has truly opened up many doors and I am blessed. There have been challenges, but nothing is too hard for God, and he fulfills all his promises. I am blessed to be able to minister the word at an upcoming Women's conference on September 10th at Temple of the holy spirit, Also I will be hosting the 3rd annual conference in Milwaukee for Wives & Waiting – Sister circle on October 1st. We all have destiny on our lives, my prayer is that we walk it out, and not fear the "What IF" because we know the "I AM".

As you are growing and learning remember Gods word – Galatians 6:9 " And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, of we faint not."

If you are planting, a harvest will soon come. Be blessed and live blessed.





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When the Season is not favorable

To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven. Every activity has an appointed time. We can accept God's timetable or be crushed by it. The God who ordains the routine events of our lives is a compassionate, gracious, faithful God. We must trust his will and rest in Him. According to Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8, the bible says, birth and death, sowing and reaping, weeping and laughing, mourning and dancing, speaking and keeping silent, war and peace are common occurrences in life. A time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to love and a time to hate. We must fit ourselves appropriately into God's plan for our lives.......

I have found that it is not fun to go through some of the seasons even as a Christian. Some seasons are hard to go through, especially when your back against the wall, or when God allows you to be reduced to number zero, a state of nothing you can hold on turn! But thank God then because for every season there is a purpose under heaven. I am pretty sure we all love the good seasons when everything is working on well: when we have friends and family we can count on, when money is flowing and all the bills have been paid and we got some surplus, when in perfect health and no sicknesses or diseases. We all love those seasons.

But what happens when things break apart? When good friends come and go? Or when loved ones depart to heaven to stay? When you lose faith in people who said they care, and in time of your crisis they were never there for you, in your season of pain and disappointment they never showed up? What about when some blessings slip away? When you lose focus and go astray? When you lose possessions that are so dear to you? When you lose some battles by walking in fear?

Believe it or not as Christians we are not immune to tough times and trying moments, it is all in the word of God, we see men and women of God, (children of God) of faith going through trying moments.

And we know that for those of us who have tried and failed know it is because of God we are still here. He is Jehovah and mighty God! I like the encouraging words of one of the greatest hymns about Jesus knowing all about our struggles. Remember Jesus lived in this world, and he knows there are difficult moments, and he says in John 16:33, "I have told you these things so that through me you may have peace. In the world you will have trouble, but be courageous I have overcome the world. The power of the world, the realm controlled by Satan, was defeated when Jesus accepted to go to the cross. He broke and defeated the power of sin and death. He brought life and immortality to light. He ensured that death will not have the final say. So in the middle of sorrows and trials, we take heart and have peace. Not because things are easy, but because the hard things of this life are temporary and are preparing for us an eternal glory. Our peace is not in the absence of strife or troubles, but in Jesus and what he has done to make our future sure. Jesus understands our struggles and knows all about them, there is not a friend like him, the song continues to say, there is not an hour that he is not near us and no night so dark but His love, and his love can cheer us. Let us encourage ourselves with what Jesus has done for us and what he continues to do. Friends and family will disappoint and get us frustrated, seasons of trials and hard times will come our way, but Jesus will never let us down, it does not matter how dark your world looks like now, there is future and a hope for those in Christ. The good news is Jesus does not forsake saints or reject sinners, He is a friend to them all. We only need to welcome him to our trials and let Him be in control. I want to thank God because with Jesus in my seasons of struggles and trials, I have never been able to lose my hope. I never lost my joy, neither did I lose my faith. But most of all I never lost my praise. It hurts and pains, but I have been able to maintain the worship and praise he deserves amidst all and through it all. Do not allow yourself to lose hope, keep it alive and know that it is not yet over until God says so. God knows how to make things beautiful at his own time, and your time is coming, for the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases and His mercies are new every morning and great is God's faithfulness (Lamentations 3:22-23). Your morning is coming and you will experience new mercies for God uses difficult seasons for His glory and for our good. Be blessed!

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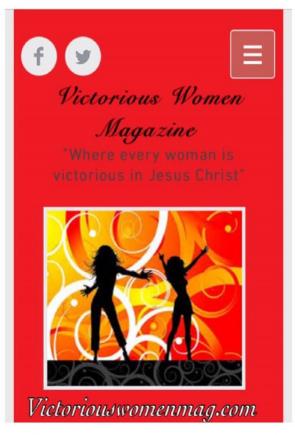
- Thank you Lord that you are always with me, defending me, and leading me to victory!
 DEUTERONOMY 20:4
- God I praise you for giving me strength to patiently endure every trial and temptation into victorious glory!
 [AMES 1:12]
- Lord I know I am strong in Your mighty power! As I put on the full armor of God you bring me victory over all powers of the enemy!

 EPHESIANS 6:10-12
- Father thank you for giving me victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ! 1 CORINTHIANS 15:57
- Glorious God give me spiritual wisdom and insight so that I might grow in your knowledge, which leads me to freedom and victory in every area of my life!

EPHESIANS 1:17-20

Lord I declare that I defeat the evil of the world and have victory through my faith!
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