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## Message from the First Lady

Sis. Ellen P. Barney

Ahh, again, Spring with its budding trees, birds chirping, and witnessing the morning sun with its blinding brightness! Spring also comes with longer daylights due to the Earth's axial tilt to the Sun. Wow! My mind is too finite to fully comprehend that our God, *Elohim*, created this exciting, refreshing season, like all seasons, as well as the solar system, Earth, and the entire universe. And when I see the rebirth of His creative beauty during the Spring season, I am in absolute awe!

And shall I forget that Summer is right behind Spring? With its long lazy days of relaxing and vacationing, it is easy to become careless with Bible reading, worshipping, and praying. But isn't Summer supposed to be a time of relaxing in the Sun? Yes, but it is also a time to maintain intimacy with the Lord by keeping Him foremost during Spring and Summer seasons, enjoying His spectacular creative works!

God's omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence are beyond comprehension! Job (38: 4-5) was speechless when the Lord posed the question, "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the Earth? Tell me if you have an understanding. Who determined its measurements?"

God asked Job these probing and profound questions to determine Job's whereabouts when He created the Earth. Of course, there are many supporting Scriptures (Genesis 1:1; Ps. 102:25; ls: 40:21; John 1:1; Heb 1:10; Rom 1:20) that reassures us that the God of all creation brought forth heaven and Earth and everything within including Spring, a time for rebirths, and Summer, a time for fruitfulness.

Being said, let both be times of our rededication and fruitfulness to the One who births His Holy Spirit within the inner fibers of our being. Let us surrender our entire lives to the Lord for His glory and others' edifications. Let us do it today while it is still time so that when we stand before Him, we shall hear Him resoundingly say, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of the Lord" (Matthew 25:23, NKJV).

I also want to encourage you to take the time to read this Spring/Summer edition of the Becoming Whole Women in Christ (BWWC) Newsletter. Please contact the BWWC ministry leader listed on this edition's last page if you are interested in submitting articles. Enjoy our Spring/Summer edition.

### Wondering Where Do We Go from Here

#### Sis Carla Tucker



On June 2, 2020, I saw young people in Baltimore City leading the country with peaceful protests. I also witnessed on CNN a peaceful protest ending in prayer in DC at the Lincoln Memorial.

It was around 8 p.m. when I got up from the chair, wondering where are we going from here? I looked out my window, and I witnessed God separating darkness with light as the peaceful protests were coming to a day's end. Both the sun and the moon were visible in the sky. I had to take a picture as I was reminded:

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that; Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."-- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (January 15, 1929-April 4,1968). Preacher, Spokesperson, Civil Rights Leader.

# Psalm 91 (NASB)

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!" For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark.

You will not be afraid of the terror by night, or of the arrow that flies by day; of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or of the destruction that lays waste at noon. A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, but it shall not approach you. You will only look on with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked. For you have made the LORD, my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place. No evil will befall you, nor will any plague come near your tent. For He will give His angels charge concerning you, To guard you in all your ways. They will bear you up in their hands, that you do not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread upon the lion and cobra, the young lion and the serpent you will trample down. Because he has loved Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him securely on high, because he has known My name. He will call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With a long life I will satisfy him and let him see My salvation.

# Mama, My Inspiration

Sis Ellouise Griffin



Child, you can do anything you put your mind to. Nothing is impossible, only difficult.

Mama would often say. There's no such thing as can't—because you can do all things through the power of God. Where there's a will, God will make a way.

Mama, an only child, was raised by her father and a host of aunts and uncles. She was a mother of eleven children and the wife of a sharecropper and an auto mechanic. She lived a life of hardtimes raising her children practically alone, but she was a woman of strong will, determination, and wisdom who was also as stubborn as a mule.

Once she made up her mind about something, such as teaching me the alphabet,

there was no stopping until I had accomplished the task. As a child, I saw the hardships my mother faced raising us. Often there were times we barely had food to eat. Sometimes, there was only pan-fried flour bread with brown onion gravy. Mama made sure we never went hungry, even if she had to humble herself to borrow a piece of meat from Mr. Tucker, the owner of our house. It was also on his farmland that we cultivated and harvested the crops. Even though she only had a sixth-grade education, she was brilliant in wisdom, morals, and a solid Christian belief.

Mama taught us to treat people the way we wanted to be treated. She would often say, Be careful of how you treat people as you succeed in life because these are the same people who you'll need to help you up if you fail. Failure is only a learning experience that will help you succeed in life. Never, ever give up, child! Her strong words of wisdom, love, and hope made an impact that will last my entire lifetime. As far back as when I was five years old, I can remember her constantly imparting strength, courage, and love to everyone she met.

Even though Mama suffered severely from pain and health problems that crippled her body, she never allowed it to break her loving and kind spirit. She always impacted everyone who knew her by uplifting them with positive words of encouragement. During her many weeks, sometimes months of hospitalization, I saw hospital staffflock to her bedside in thirst for her uplifting, positive words of encouragement, strength, and heartfelt love. She always gave a ray of hope to all who cared to listen.

Whenever I entered Mama's presence, the smile upon her face would light up as though I were her ray of sunshine. Even though she is now deceased, the memory of her loving, kind spirit forever surrounds me. My heart and soul will always hold Mama's inspiration as I live with the lessons taught by her sweet voice whispering powerful teachings of wisdom and obedience to God's Word. Righteousness to all and obedience to God was always Mama's motto. She would say, *Trust in God, child, and He will move mountains!* Her spirit encompassed Godly love, joy, and peace. I am a personal product of my mother's teachings. I try to instill these same values in the lives of my children, grandchildren, and all who care to listen. It was Mama who I credit for encouraging my inspiration. But most importantly, she modeled God'sincredible creation. I give thanks unto God from whom all blessings flow!

## My, My, My JESUS!

### Sis Rosalind Dyson

Jesus is my Creator, my Maker; He designed and formed my every feature. My Physician, my Healer, my Counselor, and my Divine Teacher.

> Jesus is my Savior, my God, my Glory and my King. My Meat, my Drink, my Sustenance, my Everything.

Jesus is my Redeemer, my Messiah and my Eternal Salvation. My Rock, my Anchor, my Strong Tower and my Sure Foundation.

Jesus is my Redemption, my Recompense and my Vicarious Sin Substitute. My righteousness, My Just Judge; The sins of the Law He did not impute.

> Jesus is my Sanctifier, my Justifier and Passover Lamb. My All Sufficiency, Complete in Himself; the Great I AM.

Jesus is my Lord and Master, my Advocate and my High Priest. My Intercessor, my Mediator, my Rest, and my Peace.

Jesus is my Guide, my Shepherd, my Lamp and my Light. My Amen, my Hope, my Song, my Joy and my Delight.

Jesus is my Wisdom; The Author and Finisher of my faith. On the cross, He bore my sins, suffered and died in my place.

Jesus is my Shelter, my Safety, my Surety and my Stay. My Refuge, my Fortress, my Bulwark and my Hiding Place.

Jesus is my Mercy, Rescuer, my Helper and my Friend. My Constant Companion; On Him I can always depend.

Jesus is my Protection, my Rear Guard and my Strength. My Guardian, my Shield, my Buckler and my Defense.

Jesus is my Restorer, my Sustainer, my Preserver, and my Provider. My Security, my Keeper, my Source, my Portion and my Supplier.

Jesus is my Burden Bearer, my Deliverer, my Defender, and my Avenger. My Escape, my Resting Place, my Comforter, and my Heart Mender.

Jesus is my Example, my Life, my Being and my Very Breath. My Warrior, my Victor; Conquered Satan and overcame the sting of death.

My, My, My Jesus!!

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New Antioch Baptist Church of Randallstown's Women's Ministry is designed to boost the spiritual, emotional, and physical awakening of women of all ages and life stages. We are especially committed to the salvation and progress of our youth, relationship seekers, and women who have lost their way.

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