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Not having been raised in church, helping people realize God's great love for them to begin their own faith journey is always on her lips. Encouraging men and women alike to pursue their God-given dreams while seeking the heart of the Father to be empowered, equipped, and enlightened to their purpose has led her on many rewarding adventures of faith.



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COMMUNITY

Niccie Kliegl, Author, Coach and Speaker with **Fulfill Your Legacy**, a 4-part Discipleship program that elevates others into their sweetspot, declares that one of the best ways for all of us to continue to grow is to stay in community of like-minded individuals.

This article breaks down the benefits of a strong Christian community and invites all the readers to join our Legacy Leader Community if you are in need of support, encouragement, and accountability.

Niccie has recently combined three of the Fulfill Your Legacy Communities into one so she can serve them all more personally and in one place. A strand of three is better and stronger.

WORDS FROM THE PUBLISHER

NICCIE KIEGL, FULFILL YOUR LEGACY

April has arrived, and with it Easter, which always inspires me to reflect on the ultimate gift of love and sacrifice: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It's so lovely to be in the Midwest where we see signs of new life all around us each spring. Something we all get, regardless of where we live, is the promise of renewal, redemption, and eternal life through Christ.

John 11:25-26 declares this powerful truth: "Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.'" What a beautiful promise! Because of Christ's victory over the grave, we are not only given a fresh start—we are given new life in Him. ***Just as the earth wakes from winter, we can walk in the fullness of God's grace, leaving behind old burdens and stepping into the freedom He has given us.***

For those of you joining *As for Me and My House* for the first time, welcome! This magazine is a faith-filled resource designed to inspire and equip you to live a God-partnered life and build a lasting legacy. Our contributors—parents, Christian entrepreneurs, mentors, and leaders—share their wisdom and experiences to help you grow in faith and steward well the life God has given you.

This magazine is inspired by my second book in the Legacy Series, *Embracing the Loving Legacy*. In the same way the book teaches us to extend our God-partnered life into our homes, *As for Me and My House* focuses on six vital areas: house, marriage, health, finances, parenting, and community. Each area reflects how God's work in us impacts those around us.

As we celebrate Easter this month, let's take time to reflect on Christ's love, the power of His resurrection, and the calling He has placed on our lives. Let this season renew your faith, refresh your spirit, and remind you that because He lives, we too can face tomorrow with confidence and joy. May this month's issue encourage you to LIVE | LOVE | LEARN | LEAD with hearts full of resurrection hope.

Wishing you a blessed and joy-filled Easter season! *Niccie Kiegl*



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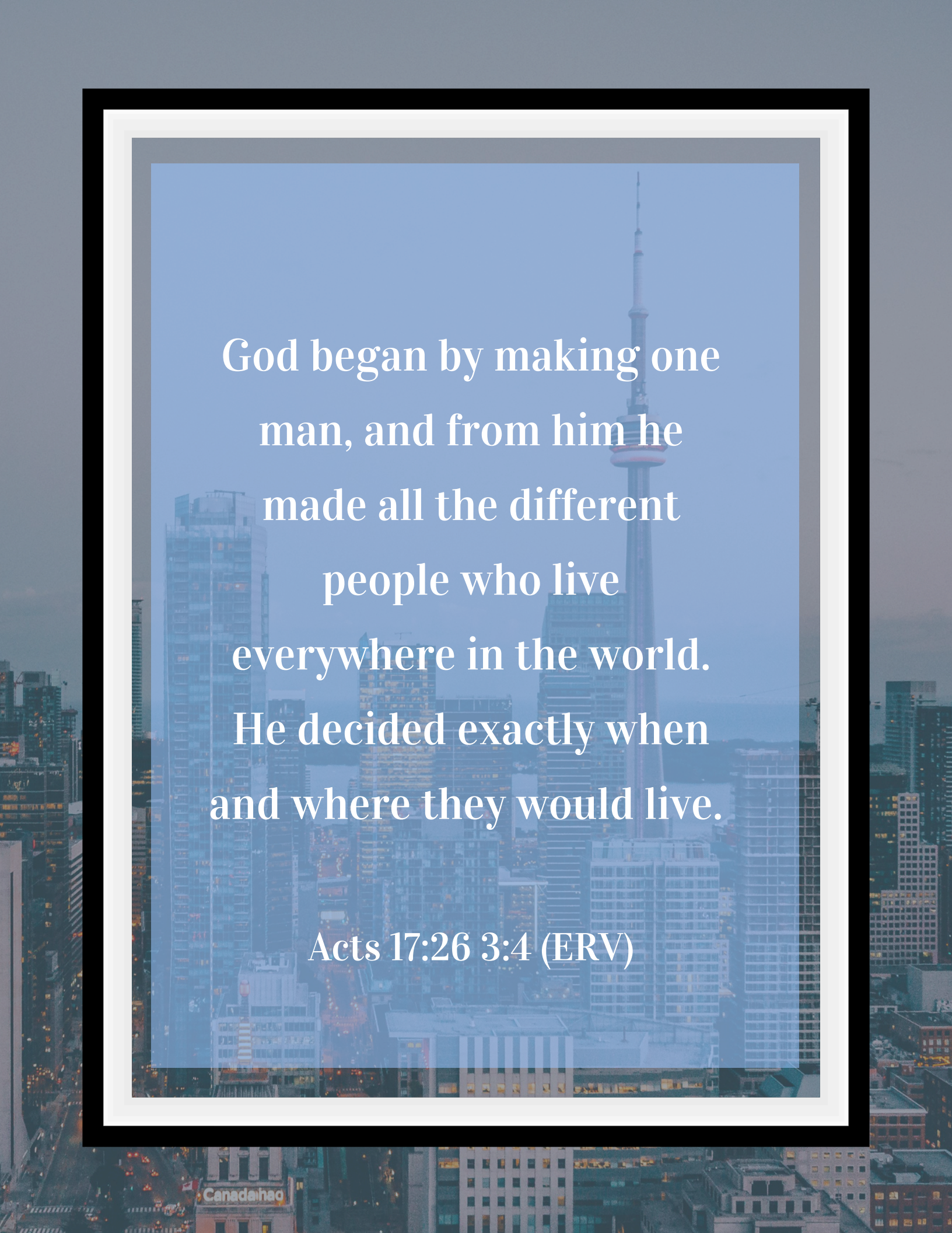
WHEN GOD MOVES YOU BACK HOME: THE START OF A NEW CHAPTER

There comes a time when some people find themselves in a situation where moving back home with their parents is unavoidable. Financial difficulties, job loss, illness, breakups, needing a reset, or starting a business are some of the common reasons why someone would need to move. Having to live with parents again can make some people feel like they have taken a step backwards in life. But regardless of the reason, moving back in with parents can have its benefits, like having time to refocus, regroup, and have a roof over your head!

For me, the decision to move back home came without a choice. The stress of my situation made it difficult to function properly, and I could not continue living on my

own. I was physically ill and could not work. I was burnt out, exhausted, and felt absolutely defeated. With tears shed, I surrendered to the process of having to move and started to pack my things.

Was my parents' home where I wanted to be? No. I had everything my Chihuahuas and I needed in the city for both my health and theirs. I had an amazing care team for my dogs, and moving home meant losing access to those wonderful people and resources. Home also did not offer the artistic and creative stimulation my soul needed, which was why I had left my hometown in the first place. After living in the city for 20 years, I desperately needed change but going back home was not on my list of things to do.



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Acts 17:26 3:4 (ERV)



Waking up in my parents' house at the start of August, which is the eighth month, symbolized a fresh start, as the number 8 in the bible is linked to new beginnings. This transition of mine marked the end of one season and the beginning of another, starting at home.

While not much changed with my life when I moved back in with my parents, something unexpected did happen: I discovered the Warrior Writers through an online writing workshop hosted by Missy Maxwell Worton. By joining this incredible group of women, I rediscovered my love of writing and wrote my first published story this year. Surprisingly, it took me moving back home to discover what God wanted to do with me in this chapter and season of new beginnings.

Moving home was by no means easy but there were a few things that have helped me get through my move and time at home. Hopefully these three things can help you too if you are moving back home as well.

Then a friend shared a verse with me from Acts 17:26 (ERV), which says, "God began by making one man, and from him he made all the different people who live everywhere in the world. He decided exactly when and where they would live." She explained that moving back home was still very much a part of God's plan for me. It was where He wanted me to be for an appointed time because, ultimately, God is who decides where we live.

"GOD BEGAN BY MAKING ONE MAN, AND FROM HIM HE MADE ALL THE DIFFERENT PEOPLE WHO LIVE EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD. HE DECIDED EXACTLY WHEN AND WHERE THEY WOULD LIVE." ACTS 17:26

Interestingly, God confirmed what my friend shared with me by highlighting the significance of the dates around my move. I left the city at the end of July and woke up in my parents' house the next day, at the start of August. July, being the seventh month of the Gregorian calendar, symbolized completion as the number 7 in the bible is often associated with completeness. Therefore, leaving in July stood for the completion of my 20 years living there in the city.



PRACTICE GRATITUDE

We know that an attitude of gratitude can shift our perspectives when we are in a situation we would rather not be in. For me, living at home with my parents, I am grateful for the house I live in. I am also extremely grateful my parents have accepted not just one Chihuahua, but three into their home. That alone gives me plenty to be thankful for. Plus, my parents and I get to make up for lost time together.

I have come to appreciate that God has His reasons for me being here at home—even if I do not understand them now, I know that one day, I will. Also, I have learned that moving back home is a season of life that some of us must go through. Seasons do not last forever, even though winter seems to linger longer than most! Going home can turn into a positive experience, as it did for me in rediscovering my love for writing.

So, if you find yourself in a similar situation of having to move back home or perhaps you're living with your parents now, know that with God's help, your time at home can help you heal, prepare, equip, and train you for the next chapter in your life as well! And who knows, your next chapter may only be a page away!

BREATHE

Taking time to breathe deeply can help calm your nerves and regulate your stress response. Once calm, read Acts 17:26 in as many versions as you can. This verse has been a great reminder to me that God knows what He is doing with where He places us geographically.

DECIDE TO TRUST THAT GOD HAS GOOD PLANS FOR YOU

This is easier said than done, I know, especially when everything around you is falling apart. But verbally declaring Jeremiah 29:11, no matter how many times you have heard and or spoken this verse, can still fill your heart with hope and help you trust in God's plan for your life.

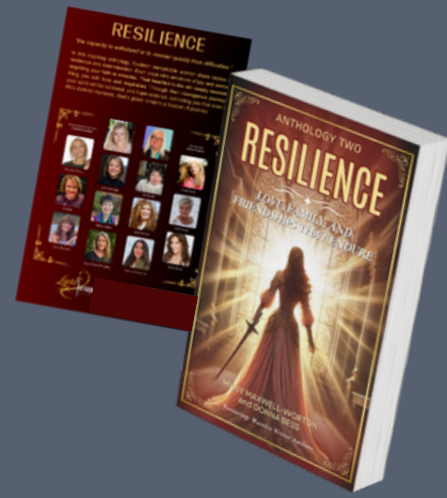
“I SAY THIS BECAUSE I KNOW THE PLANS THAT I HAVE FOR YOU.” THIS MESSAGE IS FROM THE LORD. ‘I HAVE GOOD PLANS FOR YOU. I DON’T PLAN TO HURT YOU. I PLAN TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A GOOD FUTURE.’” JEREMIAH 29:11





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LEVELING UP YOUR MARRIAGE

In one of my favorite movies, *The Princess Bride*, there is a scene where an impressive clergyman with an exaggerated accent pronounces “marriage” as “mawwiage.” His famous speech still rings through my mind as I sit down to write this article: “Mawwiage is what bwings us togethah today.”

My husband, Mark and I are coming upon thirty-four years of wedded bliss with a lot of hot mess hard times thrown in between. What can you expect with four fabulous kids thrown into the mix? There has never been a dull moment. Which, looking back, I have to say is part of our success in making our marriage work through the best and toughest times.

Marriage is one of life’s greatest adventures—a journey filled with love, laughter, and, inevitably, challenges. The true test of a relationship comes when life throws unexpected hardships your way. Whether it’s financial strain, career setbacks, family conflicts, or personal health struggles, every couple faces difficult seasons. The key to a strong and thriving marriage isn’t avoiding hard times—it’s learning how to walk through them together.

Struggles don’t have to weaken your marriage. In fact, they can be the very thing that strengthens your bond and deepens your love. Here are three essential principles to help you keep going despite hardships and level up your marriage in the process.



1 COMMIT TO FACING CHALLENGES AS ONE

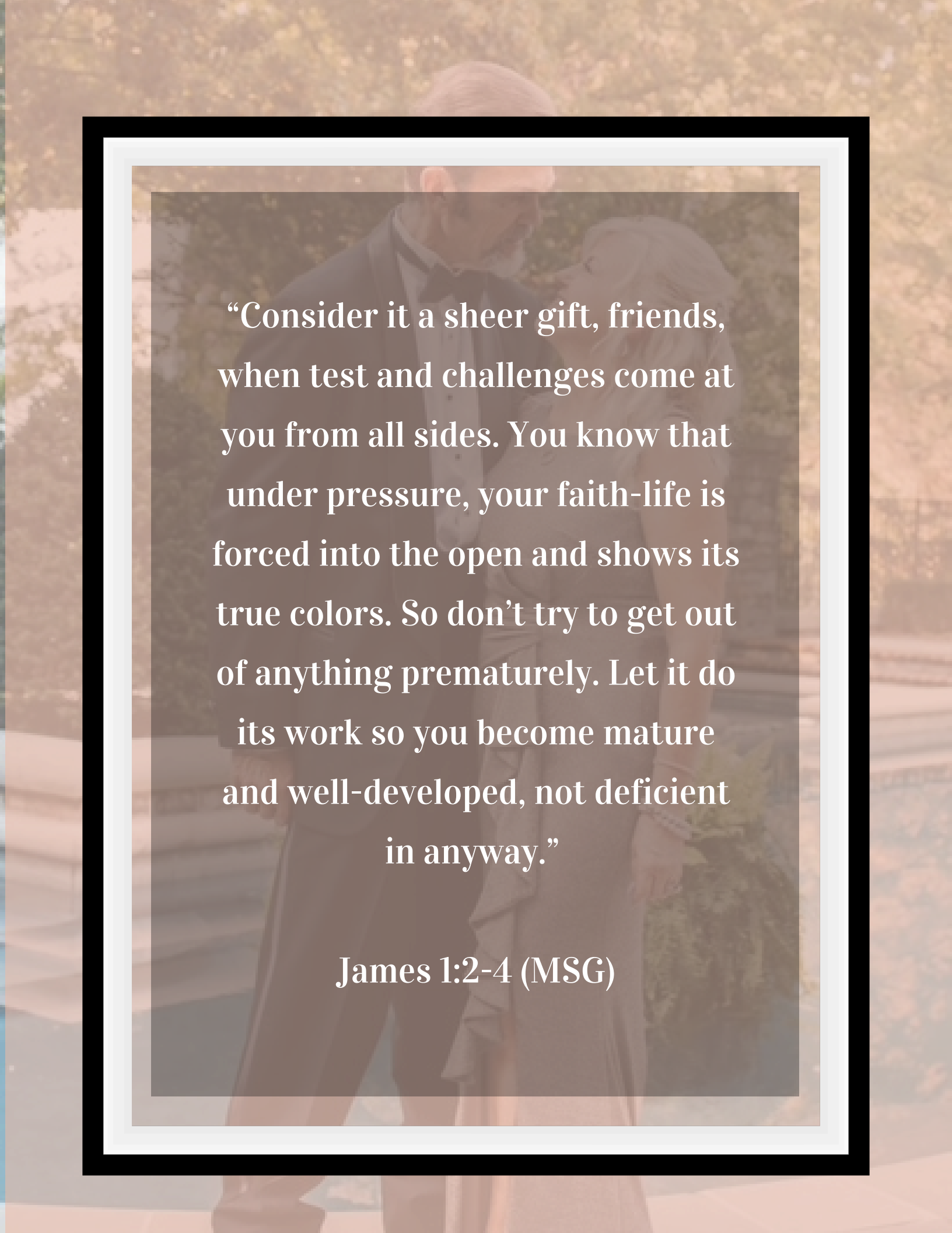
Hard times have a way of pulling couples apart if they're not careful. Stress, fear, and frustration can make it tempting to blame each other, shut down emotionally, or withdraw. But the most successful couples understand that marriage is a partnership, and when you see your partner as an extension of yourself you can go through difficulties together.

When adversity strikes, shift your mindset from "*me versus you*" to "*us versus the problem*." Instead of pointing fingers, take time to listen to each other's concerns. Acknowledge the stress you're both experiencing and commit to finding solutions together. This might mean setting aside time to talk about financial struggles without distractions, working through emotional wounds with counseling, or tackling parenting challenges with a united front.

A great way to reinforce teamwork in your marriage is through intentional communication. During tough times, make it a habit to ask each other, "What do you need from me right now?" or "How can we tackle this together?" Simple questions like these remind you that you're on the same side and help create a sense of security, even in uncertainty.

2 KEEP THE CONNECTION ALIVE, EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD

When life is overwhelming, romance and connection are often the first things to take a hit. Between work, financial stress, or health struggles, it's easy to drift into survival mode—focusing only on what has to get done rather than nurturing your relationship. However, maintaining your emotional and physical connection is crucial for weathering storms together.

A man in a tuxedo and a woman in a light-colored dress are walking outdoors, possibly on a path or stairs. The man is looking down at the woman, and she is looking up at him. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with trees and a fence. The entire image is framed by a thick black border.

“Consider it a sheer gift, friends,
when test and challenges come at
you from all sides. You know that
under pressure, your faith-life is
forced into the open and shows its
true colors. So don’t try to get out
of anything prematurely. Let it do
its work so you become mature
and well-developed, not deficient
in anyway.”

James 1:2-4 (MSG)

Connection doesn't have to mean grand gestures. Small consistent acts of love can make a big difference. Mark and I find ourselves holding hands during stressful conversations, sending an encouraging text during the day, or my favorite, going out to have dinner every Friday night after a long week. Even if life feels chaotic, we don't say

goodbye without coming together in a short prayer every morning and sending each other off with a kiss. Taking time to look each other in the eyes and genuinely ask, "How are you really doing?" All of these can be powerful ways to stay emotionally close.

Laughter is another secret weapon for staying connected. When everything feels heavy, finding moments of joy together can be a powerful stress reliever. Watch a funny movie, reminisce about your favorite memories, or even play a silly game together. Shared laughter has a way of reminding you why you fell in love in the first place.

3 HOLD ON TO FAITH AND A BIGGER PERSPECTIVE

In the middle of a difficult season, it can feel like the hardship will never end. But one of the most powerful things you can do for your marriage is to hold onto hope and a long-term perspective.

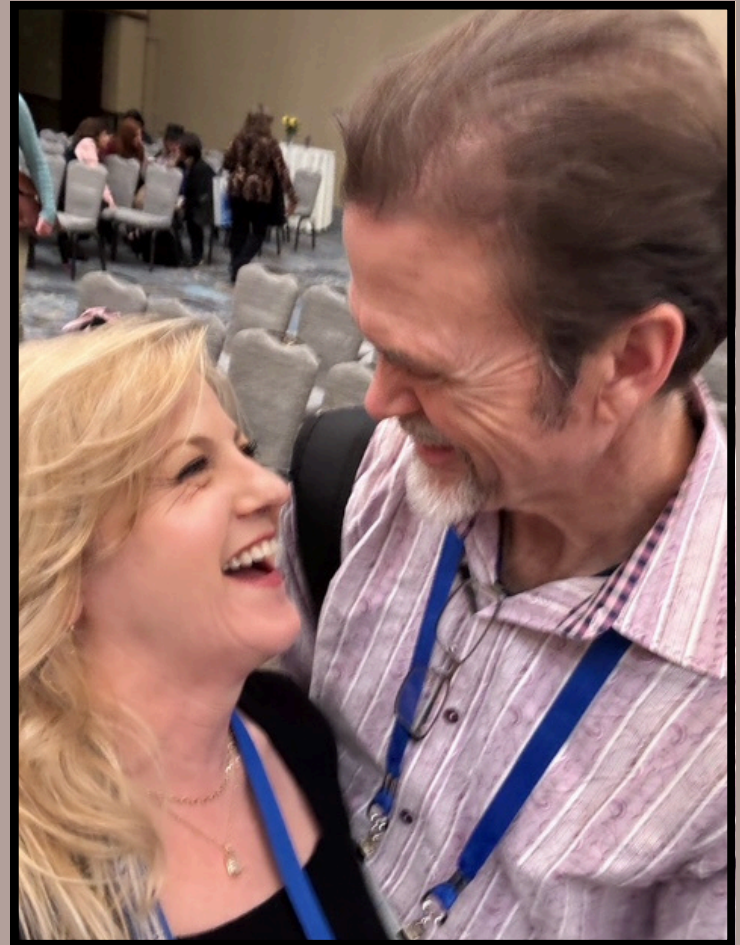
No matter what you're facing, remind yourselves that tough seasons are just that—seasons. They don't last forever. Many couples who have gone through financial crisis, serious illnesses, or deep conflicts have come out stronger on the other side because they refused to give up on each other. Instead of letting the hard times define your marriage, let them refine it.

One way to cultivate hope is by reflecting on past victories. Think back to previous struggles you've overcome together. What helped you get through them? Remembering that you've faced challenges before—and survived—can give you confidence that you'll make it through this one, too.

Faith and gratitude can also play a powerful role in keeping hope alive. Whether through prayer, meditation, or simply taking time to appreciate what's still good in your life, finding ways to focus on hope rather than despair can make all the difference.

Even in difficult times, take a moment each day to express gratitude for your spouse. A simple, "I appreciate you" can go a long way in reminding you both that your love is worth fighting for.

Your marriage isn't only about enduring the storms; it's about growing through them. And as you navigate life's challenges together, you'll find that the love you share isn't just surviving—it's thriving.



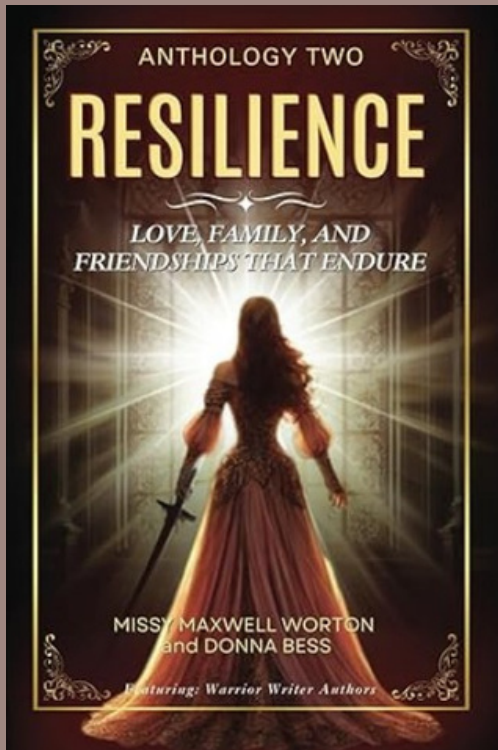
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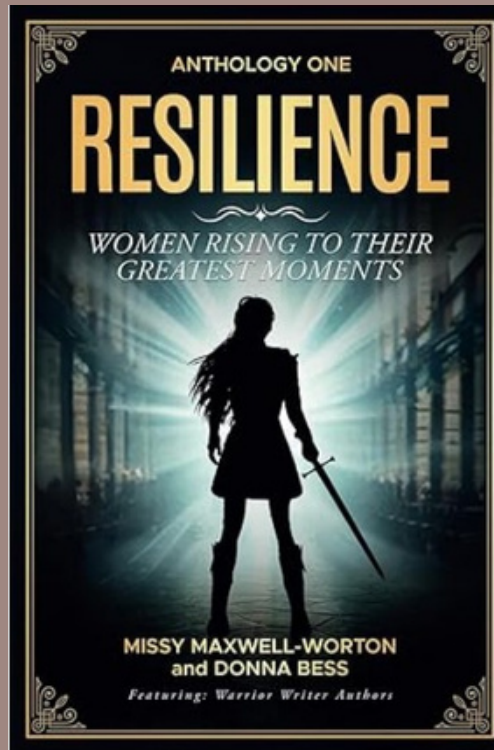
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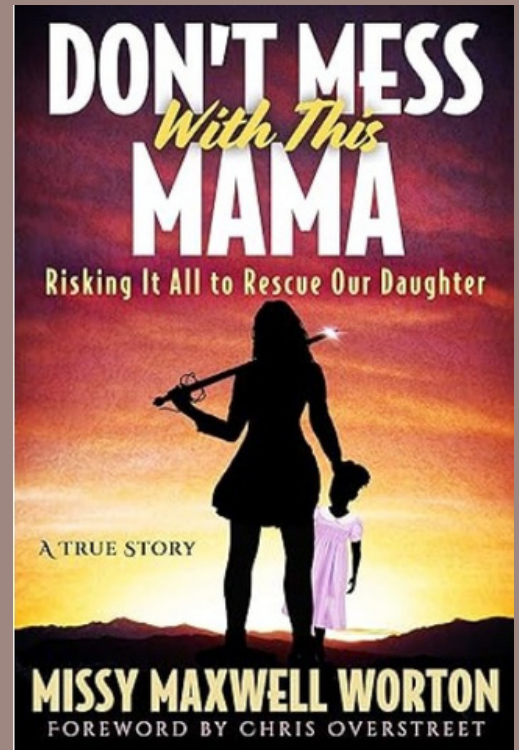
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THE BEST LIFE

If only we could have the body every woman dreams of—buff, a perfect little nose, gorgeous eyes, long spindly legs, curves in all the right places, and impervious to sickness, pain, and grief.

I used to wonder why God made me the way He did. I was unhappy with almost everything about myself—freckles, porcelain skin that wouldn't tan, a nose like my dad's—and there was nothing I could do to change it.

But as I grew out of those initial years of puberty when everyone is either all arms-and-legs or they're

encumbered with residual baby fat, I became more conscious of the world around me.

As a somewhat isolated farm girl, the world came to me through the magical land of books. There I met others who were not as fortunate as me: Helen Keller and her childhood of isolation, fear, and abuse because she was both blind and deaf; and Corrie Ten Boom who helped Jews escape persecution from the Nazis and spent time in a concentration camp during World War II. The travesties of mankind became known to me and suddenly what my skin looked like or whose facial features I inherited seemed petty.

**“ASK, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU;
SEEK, AND YOU WILL FIND; KNOCK,
AND IT WILL BE OPENED TO YOU,”
(MATTHEW 7:7 NKJV).**

From early on in my life, I have been a “ponderer,” one who thinks a lot and internalizes pretty much everything. From the time I was a teenager, I began to experience the effects of stress: digestive issues and TMJ (disorders that affect the jaw muscles and joints), to name a couple.

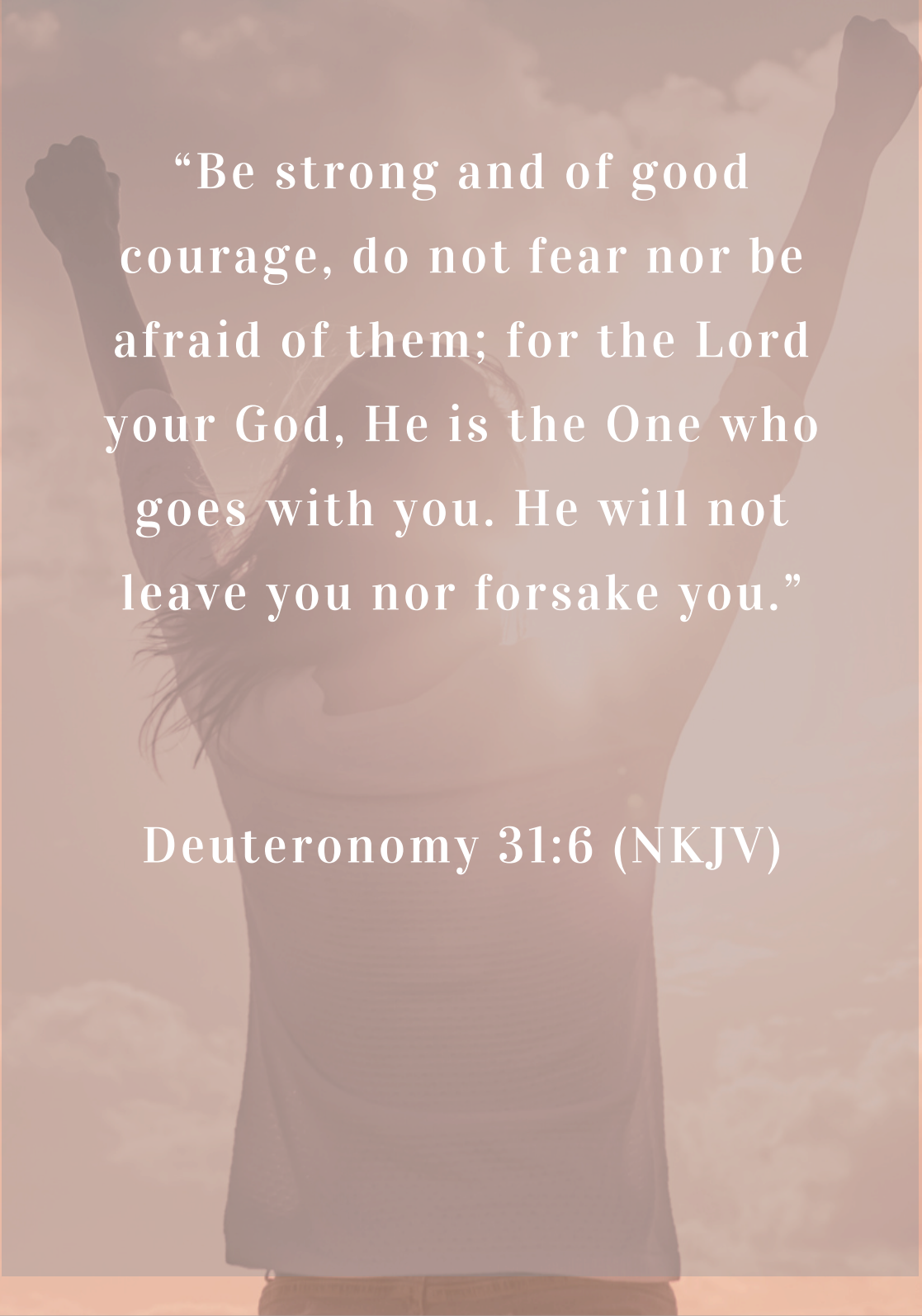
As time passed, stress seemed to be my constant companion. My body was always in a fight, flight, or freeze state and it was taking a toll. I constantly struggled with pain in my neck, shoulders, and back. As the years rolled by, autoimmune disorders became evident along with May Thurner syndrome (a condition where the left iliac vein is compressed by the right iliac artery), and Hashimoto’s disease (a condition that affects the thyroid).



HEALTH

And when I thought I could not handle anything else, I got rear-ended in a car accident resulting in a concussion and severe whiplash, which made all the other effects of previous stress in my body so much worse. At the time I was working a full time job, going to school full time, commuting 2½ hours a day round trip, being a mom, wife, and pastor’s wife attending church for every event and every time the doors were open for service. It seems I was a glutton for punishment and my body became a time bomb on a short fuse, ready to explode!

From the moment I was rear-ended, I lived with constant pain that brought about feelings of hopelessness and depression. I felt completely lifeless—my emotions numb, my brain in a perpetual fog—walking through life without consciousness. There were days I literally gave up and asked God to take me home to be with Him. I just wanted the pain to cease.

A person is shown from the waist up, facing away from the camera with their arms raised in a gesture of triumph or praise. They are wearing a dark-colored t-shirt. The background is a soft-focus image of a sunset or sunrise sky with warm orange and pink tones and scattered white clouds. The entire image is framed by a thick black border.

“Be strong and of good
courage, do not fear nor be
afraid of them; for the Lord
your God, He is the One who
goes with you. He will not
leave you nor forsake you.”

Deuteronomy 31:6 (NKJV)

Today, outside of the sore muscles I get from going to the gym, I am pain-free from any and all of the previous ailments I have shared with you, and I am living my absolute best life!

Let me explain. That doesn't mean the conditions are not still there, though I continue to pray for complete healing.

“MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE AS YOU TRUST IN HIM, SO THAT YOU MAY OVERFLOW WITH HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,” (ROMANS 15:13 NIV).

It means that I have done the research, have had some functional tests to narrow down the causes and understand the source of my symptoms, and have put in the effort to pursue healing—physically, mentally, and spiritually. For one does not exist without the other two.

There may be many of you in a desperate place right now dealing with health issues, dysfunctional relationships, trauma, or grief. If that's the case, or if you are simply discouraged about any aspect of your life, I hope I can encourage you.

GET HUNGRY

First, GET HUNGRY. I learned that if I want my circumstances to change, I have to put forth some effort. Pursue God like there is no tomorrow. Ask. Seek. Knock. And keep on asking, seeking, and knocking! You will receive, you will find, and the door will be opened. Be persistent.

I find scripture that pertains to the circumstance and keep it in front of me to read and reflect on at all times. Use a concordance and look up keywords to find scripture relevant to the situation.

Pray it over yourself, your circumstance, and your family, and see how it begins to change everything. God's word is the bread of life. It is alive, and when we feed upon it, it lives in us. It brings LIFE!

PRAY GOD'S WORD

Secondly, PRAY GOD'S WORD. Get into agreement with like-minded believers, be vulnerable, let go of pride, and allow others to pray with you and for you. This was a particularly difficult one for me. I had been a loner the majority of my life, but let me tell you, isolation and withdrawing from others is like entering a battle alone against a well-trained, well-armed troop of soldiers. I learned along the way that I don't have to have it all together—nobody does. We don't have to fight our battles alone. We need others. Their prayers are so valuable, especially when we are too weak, and too distracted by pain and suffering to pray for ourselves.

“BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE, DO NOT FEAR NOT BE AFRAID OF THEM; FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD, HE IS THE ONE WHO GOES WITH YOU. HE WILL NOT LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU,” (DEUTERONOMY 31:6 NKJV).

NEVER GIVE UP

And finally, NEVER GIVE UP. Jesus is available at all times and in Him there is hope. He will never leave you nor forsake you. Take a deep breath, take courage, and take the next step.

I sometimes think of that gangly little girl I used to be and realize we all preserve a bit of that little girl (or boy, as the case may be) inside of us, no matter how old we become. I still have the freckles, though some resemble age spots, getting darker as the years go by. I still have my daddy's nose, and I'm thankful to see it when I look in the mirror because he's been gone now for many years. I never really developed the curves; mine has been more of a straight, athletic build. And I've definitely not been impervious to sickness, pain, or grief.

But I realize more each day how extremely blessed that little girl was, has been, and currently is. May the child in each of us stay at the feet of Jesus, activating our faith to believe for all the love, mercy, grace, and healing that is available through Him, leading us to our best life.

“BUT THEY THAT WAIT UPON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH; THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS AS EAGLES; THEY SHALL RUN, AND NOT BE WEARY; AND THEY SHALL WALK, AND NOT FAINT,” (ISAIAH 40:31 KJV).



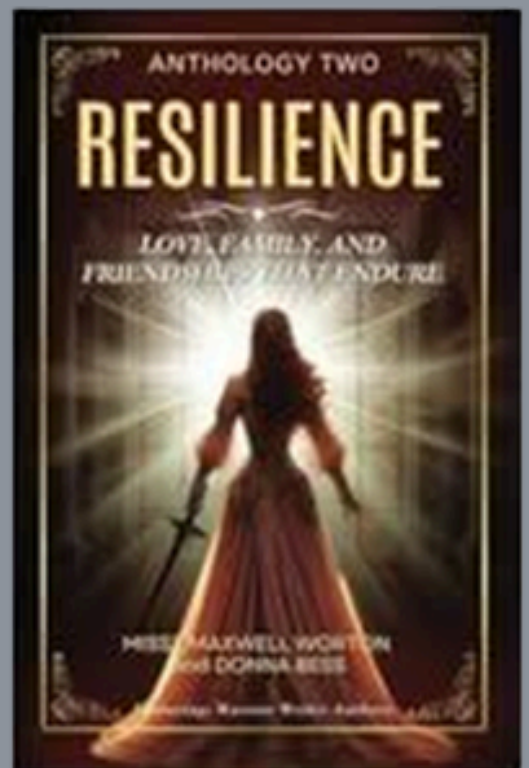


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Joyce Meek Wheatley - Author

And don't forget to pick up a copy of the new Resilience Anthology Two book on Amazon! My story, *Legacy of a Steadfast and Sacrificial Love*, can be found in Chapter 12. I hope you find inspiration there!



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HAVE FAITH IN GOD

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be "Chased by the Favor of God?" I did and He showed up big time!

God presents us with opportunities to grow our faith. I didn't always have this kind of faith; after seeing God provide for decades, I believe for the impossible now. We must remember what God has done for us, remind God of His word, and trust He has our back.

**"THEN SAID THE LORD TO ME, YOU
HAVE SEEN WELL, FOR I AM ALERT
AND ACTIVE, WATCHING OVER MY
WORD TO PERFORM IT,"
(JEREMIAH 1:12 AMPC).**

When things are not happening how you think they should, focus on Jesus, ask Him for help, and trust Him completely. When you are in God's perfect will and timing, you witness His supernatural favor. As spoken of in Isaiah 58:11, where God guides, He provides.

God called me to write my first book, *Resurrection Power*, about the miraculous resurrection of my son who died from Covid. Me—a single momma who is an accountant and was terrible at grammar in school. God sent me Missy Maxwell Worton, founder of the Warrior Writers. By the leading of the Holy Spirit, she taught me how to write for Kingdom Impact.

Next, God sent me Donna Bess, who is an anointed editor. I was honored to have my chapter published in the book *Resilience: Love, Family, and Friendships that Endure*. It was scheduled to be released at the National Religious Broadcasting (NRB) global conference in Dallas, Texas, in February 2025. NRB is the largest gathering of Christian Communicators in the world (Movies, TV, Radio, Podcasts) and God told me He was sending us to the conference to testify what He had done. I said, "OK God, but you need to make the way."

Flying to Texas and staying at the luxury Gaylord Hotel seemed like a dream. This was our first trip. I didn't have the option to charge the expenses on a credit card; God's provision was my only way. Three days before we were to leave, I still needed thousands of dollars.


I prayed, "God, you said to go, I still need you to make the way." I woke up the next morning to a request from a bookkeeping client who ordered extra work. The amount paid covered what we needed just in time, or so I thought.

We arrived at the airport to check my bag, and the baggage clerk told me, "Your bag is overweight; it will cost \$150." And then he said, "Never mind, I changed it and added preboard so you will be first to board instead of last." With great excitement I thanked him and God.

When we arrived at the hotel, my bank card wasn't working. I had no idea my deposit had not gone into my account and wouldn't be deposited until the day we were leaving. I said, "God, you didn't bring us this far for us to stop now. Help! We were approved to stay for five days without a credit card!"

THE LORD WILL ALWAYS LEAD YOU AND SATISFY YOUR NEEDS IN DRY LANDS. HE WILL GIVE STRENGTH TO YOUR BONES. YOU WILL BE LIKE A GARDEN THAT HAS PLENTY OF WATER, LIKE A SPRING THAT NEVER GOES DRY. (ISAIAH 58:11 ERV)





“With men this is
impossible, but
with God all
things are
possible.”

Matthew 19:26 (NKJV)





We were hungry and our groceries had not arrived yet, so I ordered chicken fingers and fries from a restaurant. When the waiter asked for my room number, I gave him a strange look, thinking, who do you think you are asking that? Then he said, "Oh no ma'ma, I need it to charge the food to your room."

I was embarrassed and wanted to hide, but had to stay for our food. The next day, I returned for a copy of our receipt. I was stunned; it was double what I was used to paying. Then I heard the person say, "Bring your son tonight, anything you want to eat is free." I said, "Thank you, Jesus!"

At NRB, people handed us cash saying, "Here, this is from God."

That night we sat under a huge atrium at the beautiful Italian restaurant. Matthew said, "Momma, this food is making me emotional." When I saw his eyes full of tears, my eyes teared too.

"What do you mean?" I asked.

"This is the best food I've ever eaten," he said. "God
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reminded me that I was raised in the projects in Georgia. I'm overwhelmed with gratitude from where God has brought us."

My momma's heart was so proud of my son. Then I saw a little bird eating crumbs near our table. God reminded me:

**"LOOK AT THE BIRDS OF THE AIR,
FOR THEY NEITHER SOW NOR REAP
NOR GATHER INTO BARNES; YET
YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER FEEDS
THEM," (MATTHEW 6:26 NKJV).**

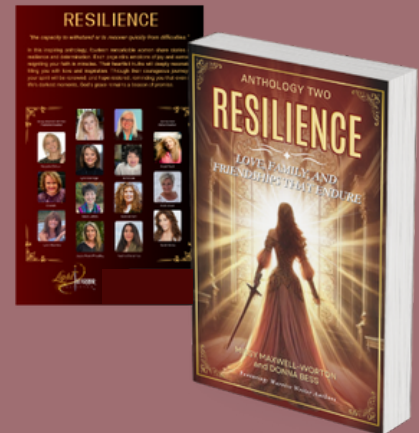
God continued to chase us with His favor at every meal. I felt like the widow in 2 Kings 4:7, except this time, the oil was supernaturally upon us.

What are you waiting for? Start your supernatural financial adventure with God's favor today!

I thank God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit!

"With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible," (Matthew 19:26 NKJV).

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UNCOMMON PARENTING

As a nurse practitioner, I constantly see the silent struggles of young people—kids who live in homes with a mom and dad but lack the guidance of true parenting. These are the moments when my heart feels the heartbeat of Jesus for His lost children.

So many of today's parents are surrounded by distractions, caught up in work, screens, or their own worries, often suffering from anxiety as well, that they are left with little time and energy to pour life and love into their children's hearts. This gap has become a fracture in our culture, leaving an overwhelming number of young people battling anxiety, loneliness, and fear.

Recently, a 20-year-old young man came into my clinic. He was coughing and worried he might have pneumonia. It wasn't an unreasonable fear—so many kids this flu season have been struggling with respiratory issues, leading to pneumonia. But what struck me wasn't his physical concern—it was the weight of his anxiety. Even after his exam and a normal chest X-ray showed he was perfectly fine, he was back in my clinic within 30 minutes, sweating with fear, desperate for reassurance.

For the next 45 minutes, I talked with him—not only as a provider but as someone who cared deeply for his soul. I assured him of his health, but we went deeper.



And because you belong to
Christ Jesus, God's peace
will stand guard over all
your thoughts and
feelings. His peace can do
this far better than our
human minds.

Philippians 4:7 (ERV)



I learned that he had recently started reading his Bible despite growing up in a home where God was never mentioned. I could see it clearly—he was being drawn by the Father in heaven, the One who never forgets His children.

Our conversation became rich and meaningful. I shared with him what it means to trust in the Lord. I explained how the mind is a battlefield and how taking every thought captive can bring freedom. I reminded him that God is good and wants good things for him. I warned him that fear will try to steal those truths every chance it gets.

At one point, I told him, “Here’s what I want you to do. Take a 3x5 card and write this: ‘Satan wants to fill my mind with negative thoughts. Am I going to let him? Today, I have a choice.’ Put it on your bathroom mirror, where you’ll see it every day. This is your battle, and it’s a battle you can win.”

I also encouraged him to write down Philippians 4:6-9 (NIV):

“DON’T WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING; INSTEAD, PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING. TELL GOD WHAT YOU NEED AND THANK HIM FOR ALL HE HAS DONE. THEN YOU WILL EXPERIENCE GOD’S PEACE, WHICH EXCEEDS ANYTHING WE CAN UNDERSTAND. HIS PEACE WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS AS YOU LIVE IN CHRIST JESUS. AND NOW, DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, ONE FINAL THING. FIX YOUR THOUGHTS ON WHAT IS TRUE, AND HONORABLE, AND RIGHT, AND PURE, AND LOVELY, AND ADMIRABLE. THINK ABOUT THINGS THAT ARE EXCELLENT AND WORTHY OF PRAISE. KEEP PUTTING INTO PRACTICE ALL YOU LEARNED AND RECEIVED FROM ME —EVERYTHING YOU HEARD FROM ME AND SAW ME DOING. THEN THE GOD OF PEACE WILL BE WITH YOU.”

When we finished, he hugged me. He said, “No one has ever talked to me like this before. My mom is as anxious as I am.”

My heart broke for him and for so many like him. I prayed silently that the seeds of truth planted in our conversation would grow into strength and freedom for him—freedom that only the peace of Christ can bring.

So, why am I sharing this story? Because parenting is not limited to biology or adoption. Parenting is about offering hope, love, and wisdom to those who need it—whether they’re your own children or someone you meet in passing. Each of us has the opportunity to be a parent figure to someone younger, someone looking for guidance and truth. Titus 2 calls the older to train the younger. I believe this is not only talking about physical age. I believe it’s the spiritually mature training those who are less spiritually mature.

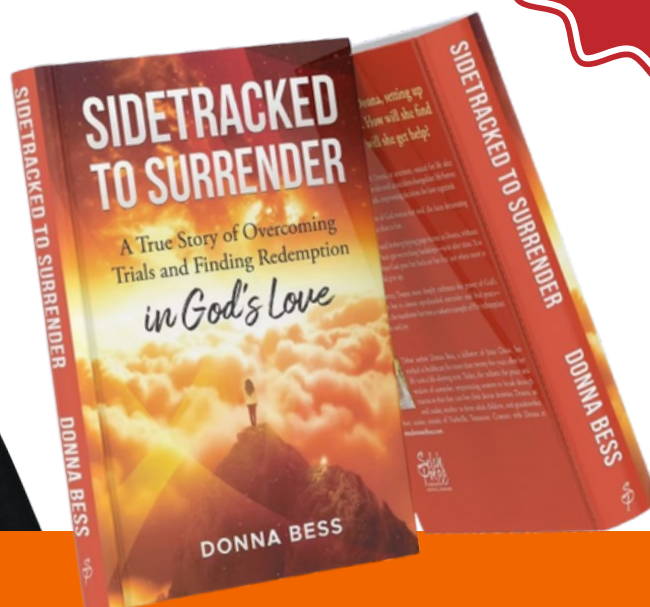


I don’t know if that young man went home and wrote on a 3x5 card or put Philippians 4:6-9 on his mirror. But I know this: for those 45 minutes, he got a glimpse of the Father’s heart for him. And I know that God longs to set him free from the anxiety that tries to rob him of his destiny.

You and I have the chance to be that voice of truth for someone. Maybe it’s your own child, a neighbor, a student, or a stranger. You never know how one moment, one conversation, could be the spark that changes everything.

Will you say yes?

Start today; speak life, offer hope, and be the voice that reminds someone of God’s truth because *one moment can ignite a lifetime of transformation.*



SIDETRACKED TO SURRENDER: A TRUE STORY OF OVERCOMING TRIALS AND FINDING REDEMPTION IN GOD'S LOVE

A tragedy sidetracks Donna, setting up a series of difficulties. How will she find her way, and how will she get help?

This powerful true story begins with Donna, at seventeen, excited for life after graduation with her best friend at her side until an accident changed her life forever. The resulting hopelessness led to rash, imprisoning decisions she later regretted.

Although encountering the love of God rescues her soul, she faces devastating circumstances involving those close to her. You will find yourself engrossed in this gripping page-turner as Donna, without sugar-coating platitudes, faces gut-wrenching hardships—time after time. You will also cheer her on when God puts her back on her feet just when most in her circumstances would give up. Throughout her journey, Donna more deeply embraces the power of God's love, which enables her to choose openhanded surrender and find peace— despite the storms. He transforms her into a radiant example of His redemption, exuding resilience and joy.





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WE ALL NEED COMMUNITY HERE'S WHY

Spring and the Easter season are here. With them come new growth and fresh beginnings. ***As the world around us is blossoming into new life, this is the perfect time to do something new for yourself***—something that will bring renewal to your heart, mind, and spirit. ***What if this season of fresh starts could also be the moment you step into a life-giving community that strengthens, encourages, and uplifts you?***

Looking at Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, we see the undeniable truth of our need for community:

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up."

God designed us for relationships. From the very beginning, He created Adam and immediately knew that it was not good for Adam to be alone (Genesis 2:18). Our need for connection, support, and fellowship is woven into the fabric of our being. Yet, in today's world, it is easy to slip into isolation. We get caught up in work, responsibilities, and distractions, unintentionally pulling away from the very thing that strengthens us: community.



BIBLICAL TRUTHS ABOUT COMMUNITY

Throughout Scripture, we see the power and necessity of community. The early church was built on fellowship, meeting together daily to pray, break bread, and encourage one another (Acts 2:42-47). ***They thrived in faith, not as individuals working in silos but as a unified body of believers supporting one another in their spiritual walk.***



Community Helps Us Carry Our Burdens

Galatians 6:2 instructs us to "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." We all go through seasons of struggle—be it financial hardship, illness, grief, or spiritual dryness. Having a God-centered community allows us to receive strength when we are weak and, in turn, be a source of strength to others.

Think of the hardest thing you've been dealing with lately. Do you have someone praying for you? Do you have someone to talk out your thoughts with, who you know will give you loving grace and good counsel?



Community Provides Accountability

Proverbs 27:17 says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." We are not meant to walk our faith alone. When we surround ourselves with other believers, we are sharpened, refined, and encouraged to grow deeper in our relationship with Christ. Community holds us accountable in love, helping us to stay on the path God has set before us.


We are adaptive creatures. Take a look at those you spend most of your time with . . . do you WANT to be like them? Do they challenge you to be better?



Community Strengthens Our Faith

Romans 1:12 reminds us of the mutual encouragement that comes from being around other believers: "That is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith." When we hear testimonies, share victories, and intercede for one another, our faith is strengthened. We are reminded that we serve a faithful God who works in and through His people.

Are you the spiritual leader in your space? Who is leading you?



**MY COMMAND IS THIS: LOVE
EACH OTHER AS I HAVE
LOVED YOU. GREATER LOVE
HAS NO ONE THAN THIS: TO
LAY DOWN ONE'S LIFE FOR
ONE'S FRIENDS.**

JOHN 15:12-13



AN INVITATION TO JOIN OUR LEGACY LEADER COMMUNITY

Friend, if you have felt isolated, needing good Christ-centered friends, I invite you to become part of our Legacy Leader Community. This is more than just a group—it is a family of believers committed to growing in faith, supporting one another, and walking in our God-given purpose. I know life can feel overwhelming at times. Maybe you feel like no one truly understands your struggles, or you've been searching for a place where you can grow, be encouraged, and stand firm in your faith. You don't have to do this alone! God designed you to thrive in community, and I believe with all my heart that this is a divine appointment for you.

WHAT OUR COMMUNITY OFFERS:

- A Like-Minded Christian Community: A space where you are surrounded by believers who encourage, uplift, and pray for you.
- Daily Support: You don't have to walk this journey alone. There is always someone here to lift you up and remind you of God's promises.
- Weekly Goal Setting: Align your life and business with biblical principles, setting goals that honor God and advance His kingdom.
- Weekly Intercessory Prayers: Prayer is powerful, and together we intercede for one another, believing for breakthroughs and miracles.
- Daily LIVE Zoom Bible Study: Join me each morning as we dive into God's Word, reading the Bible in a year and growing deeper in our faith.

TOGETHER, WE ARE STRONGER

Hebrews 10:24-25 encourages us to "*consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another.*"

This is my heart's desire for you—to experience the fullness of God's love through a thriving community of faith-filled believers.

So, I ask you, will you take that step today? Will you choose to walk this journey with others who will lift you up, stand beside you, and help you step into all God has planned for you? You were never meant to do life alone. Let's walk this journey together. Join the Legacy Leader Community today and step into the abundant fellowship God intended for you. ❤️ Niccie



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