

A dirt road winds through a forest with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange, red, and yellow. The trees are tall and thin, with their leaves creating a dense canopy overhead. The ground is covered in fallen leaves, and the overall atmosphere is warm and serene.

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This on-line magazine is created in an effort to encourage all women in all walks of life. We have gathered women in this edition from various stages of life who have a message in this season.

I hope you will enjoy the features and share with your friends.

Sharon Wilson



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THE WORD, MY VOICE, A TRUMPET!

During the Fall of each year is the Jewish New Year. As part of this calendar there are three very interesting festivals. One of them is the Feast of Trumpets. Some regard this as the sound of Christ's return. A Trumpet is an instrument that is used in a kingly court. If you think of all of the stories from our childhood, Cinderella, the Emperor with no clothes to name a few, the scenes when the royalities were introduced, they were always led by trumpets.

The spiritual meaning of the trumpet is given in Revelation chapter 1: 10. "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, 11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last:"

The voice (as of a trumpet) was Jesus Christ's. And Christ is the Word of God. Therefore the trumpet points to the Word of God.

When I think of a trumpet, I think of a LOUD sound that is very distinctive. I don't know much about blowing a trumpet, but what I do know is that you have to have control of your air flow. You have to be trained and you have to have a sense of rhythm and timing.

In this season, we have to know that the word that we have studied, is our voice and we need to share our voice as the sound of a trumpet. It is now that we need to declare salvation, we need to declare the eternal abundant life in Christ and we need to be trained and under Holy Spirit's control and in rhythm with God. During Covid, there are a lot of voices. I have heard, and I believe, that the voices that are in season and rhythm with God make one harmonious sound to God. They will not sound like noise, they will sound like a beautiful orchestra. These voices will not be timid and will not be fighting to be heard, but will be the clarion sound of the Lord. Everyone who has intimacy with God can participate. Speak what you hear, sound your Trumpet - the Word of the Lord!



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The Tabernacle: A Meeting Place ~ Is Your Life Marked by God's Presence?

From the very beginning of time, God has desired to dwell with man. However, God's desire to dwell with man was interrupted in the Garden of Eden by Adam's sin of disobedience. God's instructions to Moses regarding the construction of the Old Testament Tabernacle, was the beginning of God renewing His intent to dwell with His people. In Exodus 25:8, God told Moses: "Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them". This earthly Tabernacle was designed by God as a "meeting place"- a place where God would dwell and receive His people's worship. The Tabernacle was a model of the true Tabernacle in heaven and every component of the Tabernacle had a spiritual significance-a lesson to be learned about how to worship God, how to approach a holy God, and a picture of the coming Messiah. Mishkan ("tabernacle") is derived from the Hebrew root word "Shakhan" which means "to dwell; to reside permanently, to inhabit, to abide. Also known as "The Tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting", it was the place for man to meet with God and God with man-a physical and symbolic representation of the manifestation of God's Presence amongst His people.

In the New Testament, God through His Son Jesus Christ came in the flesh and "tabernacled" (dwelt) among His people (John 1:14). Only through Jesus' sacrifice of His life for the redemption of mankind from their sins was a nation of priest redeemed. Therefore, the Tabernacle is no longer contained within a building or tent, but within each of us who have received Jesus as Lord and Savior. How does God's desire to meet with us and His Presence to dwell within us apply to my life today? As children of God, our lives should be marked by the fullness of His Presence. In order for our lives to be marked by His Presence, we must accept His invitation to open our lives to become a "holy site"- a place where God can dwell/tabernacle with us, meet with us, and manifest His Presence to us and through us. This requires that our lives be marked by an open, honest, contrite heart without pride-just honest humility that honors and looks like Him in every aspect of life. Every Christian should be a dwelling place of God, a visible vehicle in which one communicates to the world who God is, what He is like, and what His will is. However, in order to be a visible vehicle, we must spend quality time in our meeting place with God so that we get to know Him and His character. In order for our lives to become a place of meeting for God or God's Dwelling Place, our lives must be totally surrendered to Him; we must walk daily knowing that His Presence resides within us, where sin is acknowledged and dealt with, forgiveness is experienced, and where the fullness of His Holy Spirit is evident within our lives.



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Ways to Relax and Reduce Stress

(excerpts from 101 Ways to Relax and Reduce Stress by Candi Paull)

1. *Cultivate a Childlike Heart - a child looks with wonder at the world.*
2. *Try some Hug Therapy! Loving God includes loving people.*
3. *Practice Positive Faith: Expect the Best!*
4. *Know when Enough is Enough - Godliness with contentment is great gain! 1 Tim 6:6*
5. *Celebrate the little things! Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy. Psalm 107:22*
6. *Commit to a daily quiet time.*
7. *Listen to your heart. Keep vigilant watch over your heart: that's where life starts. Proverbs 4:23*
8. *Be open to God's surprises. You can view life's surprises and detours as divine gifts.*
9. *Pray for someone who is struggling. Send a card or letter someone you are remembering in prayer.*
10. *Give something away. Whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? 1 John 3:17*

Atonement

When thinking about the word atonement I am filled with gratitude. In understanding, that I have been reconciled with God through an act that I could not do for myself immediately brings me to a place of praise and worship.

Jesus came to this earth and endured suffering for me! He endured separation from his father and his crucifixion for me! He did it all for me so that I am able to go freely to my Heavenly Father without any restrictions.

I encourage you today to realize the blessing that we have been given through atonement. Do not take the sacrifices that have been made JUST FOR YOU for granted.

It is a privilege and an honor to be able to directly communicate with the Father whenever you need or want to!

Take some time today to enjoy the privilege of communing with the Father which has been given to you through the blessing of atonement.

What's Happening?



Sistah's Corner

2 Chronicles 7:14

14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

God is bringing his children home, let us welcome them with OPEN ARMS!

GIRLS WHO LOVE GOD

We are a community of women that learn together, build together, and grow together in Christ

Proverbs 27:17
As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

LET'S GROW GIRL

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