



He Reigns

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Volume I

He Said

She Said

Greetings in the name of the Lord. I hope all is well with you and your families.

He said, "yes I will." She had said," can you move some furniture around for me up stairs?" Now for all those who don't know, when I ask a question it's for the present time. I did not say "in the future will you move some furniture for me"? He said, "as long as what I requested got done what's the problem"? How do we as couples communicate so both have the same understanding? Let's try this again! She said, "Honey, can you help move some furniture upstairs now?" He said, "Yes, I'll be right there." Or He said, "I'll do it after I finish"

Remember when you stood before God and said, "I Do." What you both were actually saying was "God, I'll protect your covenant of marriage". He said, "I'll do whatever it takes to make her happy". She said, "I'll do whatever it takes to make him happy". Let's make this year the year of perfection, remember the words we said before God and make it happen. If you look around the first covenant God made with man is being stripped down and put together any kind of way. My bible says in **Proverbs 18:22**: Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord. **Genesis 2:22**: and the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Have a blessed day in the Lord! Give a smile away they're free and you just might get one back. Until we meet again always put the Kingdom of God first in all that you do.

Love you with the love of the Lord
Sister Tracie Hill

President's Message



Greetings

After a much needed semi-sabbatical, as Founder and President of Christian Friends Ministries it is truly my pleasure and honour to again be publishing the newsletter for this ministry. While we were not publishing the newsletter or conducting seminars and retreats, we continued to host our fundraisers. These fundraisers allowed us the opportunity to continue to support those less fortunate than ourselves. As always, there are individuals who elect to be used by God as they continue to bless this ministry to raise funds to support families or children that we receive request to assist.

Our newsletter, formerly "Building Christian Unity" has been renamed to "He Reigns". We are blessed to have anointed men and women of God who desire to see everyone grow and live according to Kingdom principles which allows us to experience everything in life that God has purposed and ordained for us.

In addition, Christian Friends, although a viable non-profit ministry is now submitted and accountable to New Life Christian Ministries International under the leadership of Apostle Dennis B. and Prophet Stacie V. Houston, Senior Pastors and Founder. The ministry presently has two outreach ministries, as well as, two other churches that are also covered by them.

As always, our main focus is to assist local needy families thereby allowing them to experience the love of our Heavenly Father. In addition Christian Friends will continue to conduct fundraisers, seminars, conferences, and retreats, and travel to various events as ordained of the Lord that help to strengthen, empower, teach and build up the body of Christ, thereby tearing down the denominational barriers, religious doctrine and traditions of man in order to "Build Christian Unity" based on the "Word of God". The foundational scripture for this ministry is Proverbs 3:5-6:

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, lean not to thy own understanding; in all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path."

We pray that you will continue to be blessed, challenged, and enlightened by what God has purposed for us to do and we look forward to hearing from you. As always, we love and appreciate you and the support that you have shown over the years. We do not take your love, kindness, and generosity for granted, and we are grateful for your support.

Yours in His Service

Deaconess Veronica M. Terry

Prayer for Salvation

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). I am calling on You. I pray and ask Jesus to come into my heart as the Savior and Lord of my life according to Romans 10:9-10. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." I do that now. I confess that Jesus is Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead.

Amen, Amen, Amen

If you haven't already, find yourself a church that preaches and teaches the unadulterated word of God and become part of a church family who will love and care for you as you grow in Christ Jesus.

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From The Desk of the Apostle

Friends

There's a song that I heard in the late 80's called Friends, one of the lines in the song was "friends are friends forever if the Lord's the Lord of them". That means that through life's changes that our love remains. I remember when I was five years old, Mom would take my brother and I with her to visit her friend. Therefore, we became close to her son, we would play and laugh until dark or when Mom said it was time to go. That year our friend and another kid were playing with a gun, and he died.

I'm in my 50's now, and when I think of him I have mixed emotions, a smile and a lonely feeling comes over me, wondering what could have been. The smile because we didn't waste time fighting, we just enjoyed our time together. *Matthew 19:14 "But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven".* When I think of Christians or people that will enter in the kingdom of heaven, we should be like such children, harmless and inoffensive; free from rancor and malice, meek, modest, and humble; without pride, self-conceit, and ambitious views, and desires of grandeur and superiority.

As adults we waste a lot of time fretting over power, position and money that we miss the point that our God is love. The God kind is expressed when we make a solid decision to enjoy life in our relationships. *John 15:13-14 "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." verse 17 "these things I command you, that ye love one another".*

I Love yawl,

Apostle Dennis

Iron Sharpens Iron

Character – Good Reputation


Your character consists of many elements such as integrity, courage, discipline, vision, endurance, self-sacrifice, compassion, honesty, reliability, discipline, respect, responsibility, tolerance, generosity, humility, perseverance, commitment, enthusiasm, patience, loyalty, forgiving, and passion. One important aspect of character is a good reputation. It is often said that your reputation goes before you. Notable success often results in a noteworthy reputation but the opposite is also true.

In this first issue we will rate ourselves in the following areas: real problem, needs work, good 'n bad, mostly okay, set the example; be honest. In the following issues, we will have articles/studies dealing with "Godly character that we may all walk worthy of the vocation to which we've been called.



A friend sends an early "Valentine"

True Love

For God so lo **V**ed the word,
that He g **A**ve
His on **L**y 
beggott **E**n
So **N**

That whosoever
believeth **I**n Him
should **N**ot perish,
but have **E**verlasting life

John 3:16 (KJV)

When you have Jesus as the lover of your soul, you never have to fret over someone acknowledging you as their "valentine" for it cannot compare – "there is no greater love"

God Bless

Perspective

Remember, “Your” Perspective changes everything!

“The Cab Ride”

I arrived at the address and honked the horn. After waiting a few minutes I walked to the door and knocked.. 'Just a minute', answered a frail, elderly voice. I could hear something being dragged across the floor. After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 90's stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940's movie.

By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets. There were no clocks on the walls, no knickknacks or utensils on the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware.

'Would you carry my bag out to the car?' she said. I took the suitcase to the cab, then returned to assist the woman. She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb. She kept thanking me for my kindness. 'It's nothing', I told her.. 'I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother to be treated.'

'Oh, you're such a good boy, she said. When we got in the cab, she gave me an address and then asked, 'Could you drive through downtown?' 'It's not the shortest way,' I answered quickly.. 'Oh, I don't mind,' she said. 'I'm in no hurry. I'm on my way to a hospice. I looked in the rear-view mirror. Her eyes were glistening. 'I don't have any family left,' she continued in a soft voice.. 'The doctor says I don't have very long.' I quietly reached over and shut off the meter. 'What route would you like me to take?' I asked.

For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator. We drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl. Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing.

As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she suddenly said, 'I'm tired. Let's go now'. We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, like a small convalescent home, with a driveway that passed under a portico.

Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were Solicitous and intent, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her. I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair. 'How much do I owe you?' She asked, reaching into her purse. 'Nothing,' I said. 'You have to make a living,' she answered. 'There are other passengers,' I responded. Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly. 'You gave an old woman a little moment of joy,' she said. 'Thank you.' I squeezed her hand, and then walked into the dim morning light.. Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life..

I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift? What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away?

On a quick review, I don't think that I have done anything more important in my life. We're conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments. But great moments often catch us unaware-beautifully wrapped in what others may consider a small one.

PEOPLE MAY NOT REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT YOU DID, OR WHAT YOU SAID ~BUT~ THEY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL. Always remember:

Hebrews 13:16 (Amp.)

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance.

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