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***“Unless the LORD builds the house,  
They labor in vain who build it; Unless the  
LORD guards the city, The watchman keeps  
awake in vain, (Psalm 127:1 NAS1977).”***



**Mrs. Wanda J. Burnside**  
**Founder and Publisher**



**Pastor, Reverend Willie B. White**  
**Shepherd Ministries Church**

Dear Reader,

How are you? I know that this year, 2020, is beyond our imagination. Here we are at the end of September, the ninth month of 2020. Oh, the challenges, difficulties, fears and devastations! They are more than we can believe!

Recently, I was on the phone in a phone conference presenting a poetry workshop for writers who want to publish a poetry book. I am honored to be the poetry editor of *The Called and Ready Writers* and the president of this guild founded in 1999 by Dr. Mary Darlene Edwards. While I waited on the phone for the members to gather, I greeted those who arrived. As usual, we chat with those who arrive early for the various phone conferences.

That night, Dr. Willie B. White who is the dean of the guild, had a conversation about our rough times. Author Ramelle T. Lee joined the phone conference. We talked about the things in our lives, in the News and around the United States. Dr. White said that she wrote a message about America and how critical things were 10 years ago. Then she stated that what she wrote then can be applied to life now in 2020. Well, that was interesting and so I said that would be interesting to read about today. Ramelle agreed. So, I asked Dr. White to send it to me. She did and I find it A **MUST READ!**

Here it is for you! I am honored to present it to you. Thanks again, Dr. White!



**PASTOR DR. WILLIE B. WHITE**

## ***Has America Lost Its Moral Compass?***

*This question is posed because it appears that what are right  
have become the wrongs  
and what is wrong has become right.*

Let's explore what is meant by the right becoming the wrong and wrong has become right.

We see same-sex marriages being legalized by the high courts in some states, and many other states recognizing same-sex marriages as civil unions. Did these decision makers ever consider the institution of marriage being implemented by God according to Genesis 1:27. We see from scripture that God instituted marriage between Adam and Eve and not Adam and Steve or Eve and Ethel. In addition, we see God's implementation of the family structure as man, wife and then the children. God created man first, then Eve and instructed them to be fruitful and multiply; from this union, their children were born (Cain and Abel named in the Bible). Two men do not constitute a family, nor do two women, and then incorporating the child constitute a family. Is man (mankind) leaning to his own understanding instead of consulting scripture for what is right in the sight of God; or is man forsaking the knowledge of God in order to live by his own standards and not God's moral laws?

We see in Romans 1:18-32 the sins man was committing and God's reactions. God gave them over to a reprobate mind, meaning it was a primary sign of God abandoning His prized creation. Questions come to mind which are: is modern day society (America) following in the footsteps of the people recorded in the Bible? Does America believe the Bible, or does America feel that since God has sent His Son Jesus to redeem man and no harm will befall him and he can live anyway he wants? What happened to the principles that this country was founded upon which was **"In God we trust"**?

It appears as though we are trusting in the almighty dollar? Greed has become the ruler of this nation. I say that because we have CEO's making millions of dollars per year while their company's profit margin is falling, plants and other industries closing their doors, workers losing their jobs, which in turn results in homes being lost, an increase in our unemployment rates as well as an increase to our health and human services. This causes a strain on our economy and everybody loses.

Ask yourself this question is any CEO worth \$52 million and more per year while their company struggles and their workers are being let go? Some of these workers will lose their pension or life savings? Who can forget the Enron and Kmart fiasco, just to name a few? What happened to those people? What happen to live and let live or treat others as I want to be treated? Are these actions all about self and forget the workers (little guy)?

It appears that greed is prevalent throughout corporate America and our government as well. Reflect with me on the movie Fahrenheit 9/11 when our sitting president stated, "It's all about the haves and have mores, and I got my base." This statement had a profound negative effect on me with regards to how he felt about people earning less than \$200,000 per year. It did not give me a good feel for how he would direct the overall populace of this country.

What do we have now? Our economy is on the brink of disaster. Our dollar is being devalued and the value is lower than it has ever been. This country is deep in debt to China and other countries. We import far more than we export. Oil prices are at an all time high and steady climbing; makes one wonder will this end and how long will the big oil companies and our government continues to bleed the people? **All Greed!**

Let's not forget the war that this country is waging that has cost and continues to cost this country billions of dollars. The result is that our grandchildren's future has been mortgaged away. Unless some God-fearing leader(s) goes to Washington and put his/her trust in God for leadership to turn things around, then our grandchildren

have no hope for the future as we know it. However, we Christians must teach our children and grandchildren to put all their trust in God first, and then teach them to live within or below their means. Second, teach them as our parents taught us to pay God His ten percent first, and then save some for a rainy day.

Other examples of this country's moral decay are a majority of our TV shows promote sex and numerous are promoting or pushing the envelope on homosexuality. Our earlier TV shows had more respect for their TV audience and held themselves to a higher standard. Family shows depicted the husband, wife and kids, not two men or two women and a child. Please, let's not forget the rap culture and the language that it uses in these recordings. This music is being played and our children listen and believe this is the norm. They should not be subjected to this kind of language and culture. **Is the acceptable right?**

I am reminded of the incident where a sitting judge was punished for having the Ten Commandments displayed in his court room. **What's wrong with this country?** The ones who initiated these actions, don't they know the Ten Commandments are the foundation for this country's laws. Are they non-believers who do not want any evidence of God and His name displayed anywhere?

America let's remember our morals which this country was founded upon; more importantly right is right and wrong is wrong. That's the way it is and will remain so. Fellow believers, go with me in sincere prayer for the moral decay of this country and its other ailments. As ambassadors for Christ, we must be examples for immoral America of what is right and that right will always be right and wrong cannot become right. **Has America lost its moral compass?** The highlighted wrongs are enough to make you think so. **You decide.**

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**DORIS HOMAN**

## Who Do You Think You Are?

Has anyone ever questioned your credibility in ministry? What gives you the authority?

Ever hear those words come from within? You're in good company. They dared to question Jesus' authority (Matthew 21:23); they also questioned the Apostle Paul. (2 Cor 10:8-18)

Ever feel inadequate? Unworthy? Overwhelmed with what God is asking you to do?

Moses felt this way when God called him to go tell Pharaoh to release the Israelites enslaved in Egypt. God told Moses, *"Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shall say."* (Exodus 4:12) God told Paul *"My grace is sufficient for you for My power is perfected in weakness."* (2 Cor. 12:9)

The Father of the Prodigal gave his son three gifts once his son came to his senses and returned home: a robe, a ring and shoes. These are the same gifts that our Heavenly Father gives to us when we come to Him (Luke 15:22) and these gifts are what give us CREDIBILITY and AUTHORITY.

A ROBE is a symbol of righteousness (right-standing before God)

A RING is a symbol of authority (to be used in humility and service)



SHOES were used in legal transactions and transfer of property (sonship; no longer servants but sons, joint-heirs with Jesus Christ)

We are the prodigal and God is the Father accepting us home.

If you answered "yes" to any of the above, take courage, you're in the right place. God wants to be your VOICE. (Ex. 4:12), your STRENGTH (2 Cor. 12:9) your POWER (Matthew 28:18-20). You are no longer a servant but a son/daughter; you have the authority to do the work He calls you to do.

So when those voices (whether from others or from within) come assailing, questioning "*Who do you think you are?*" remind yourself who gives you authority and keep doing what He has called you to do!

**Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding  
in the work of the Lord, knowing that your  
labor is not in vain in the Lord.  
I Corinthians 15:58**



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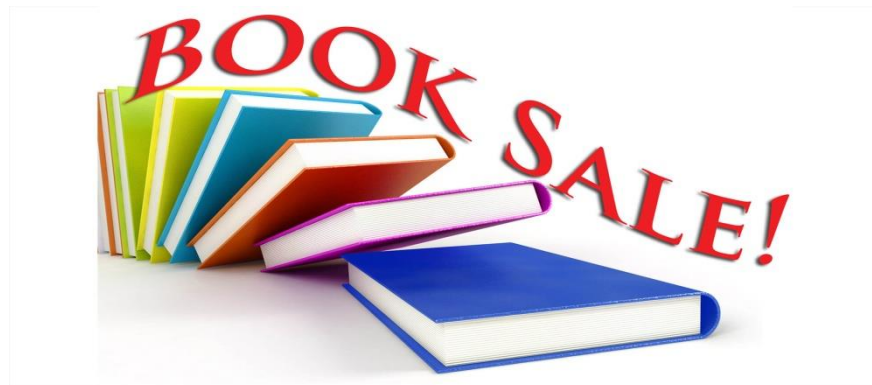
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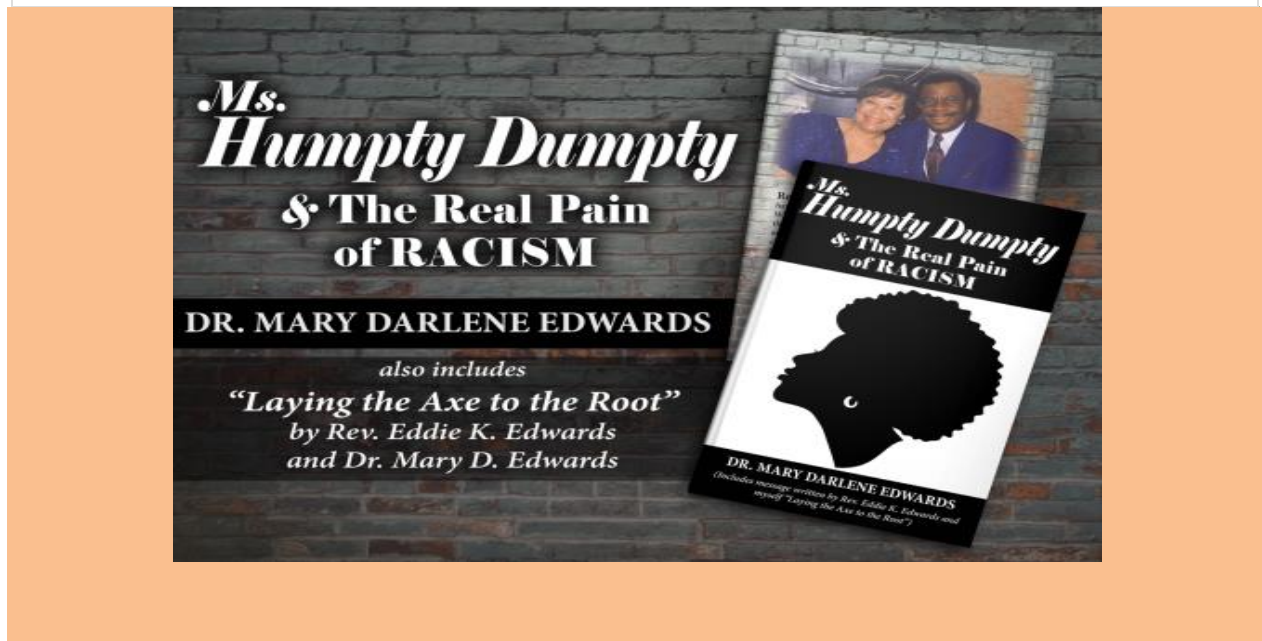
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**AUTHOR RAMELLE T. LEE**

**Has released her new book in 2020**

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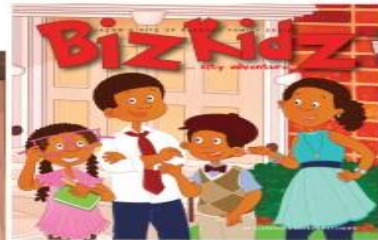
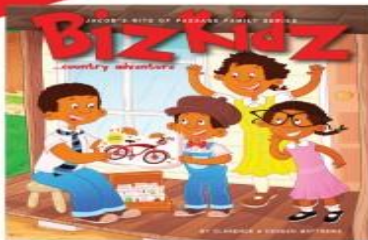
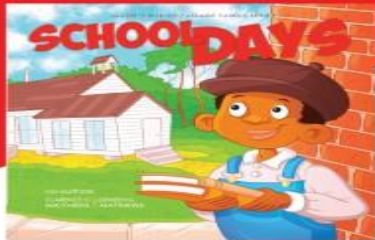


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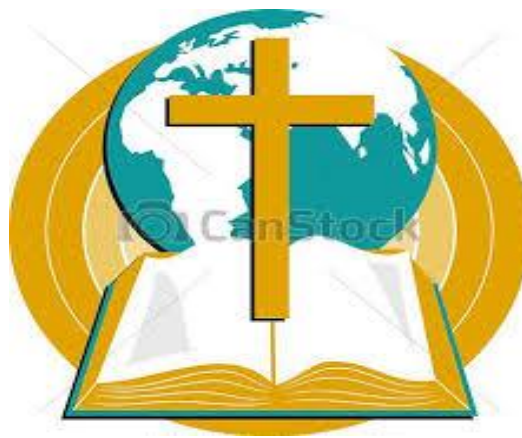
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**My scripture focus this month is FREEDOM**

Galatians Ch.5 verses 1

*"For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore,  
and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."*



Have a great day!  
Donna





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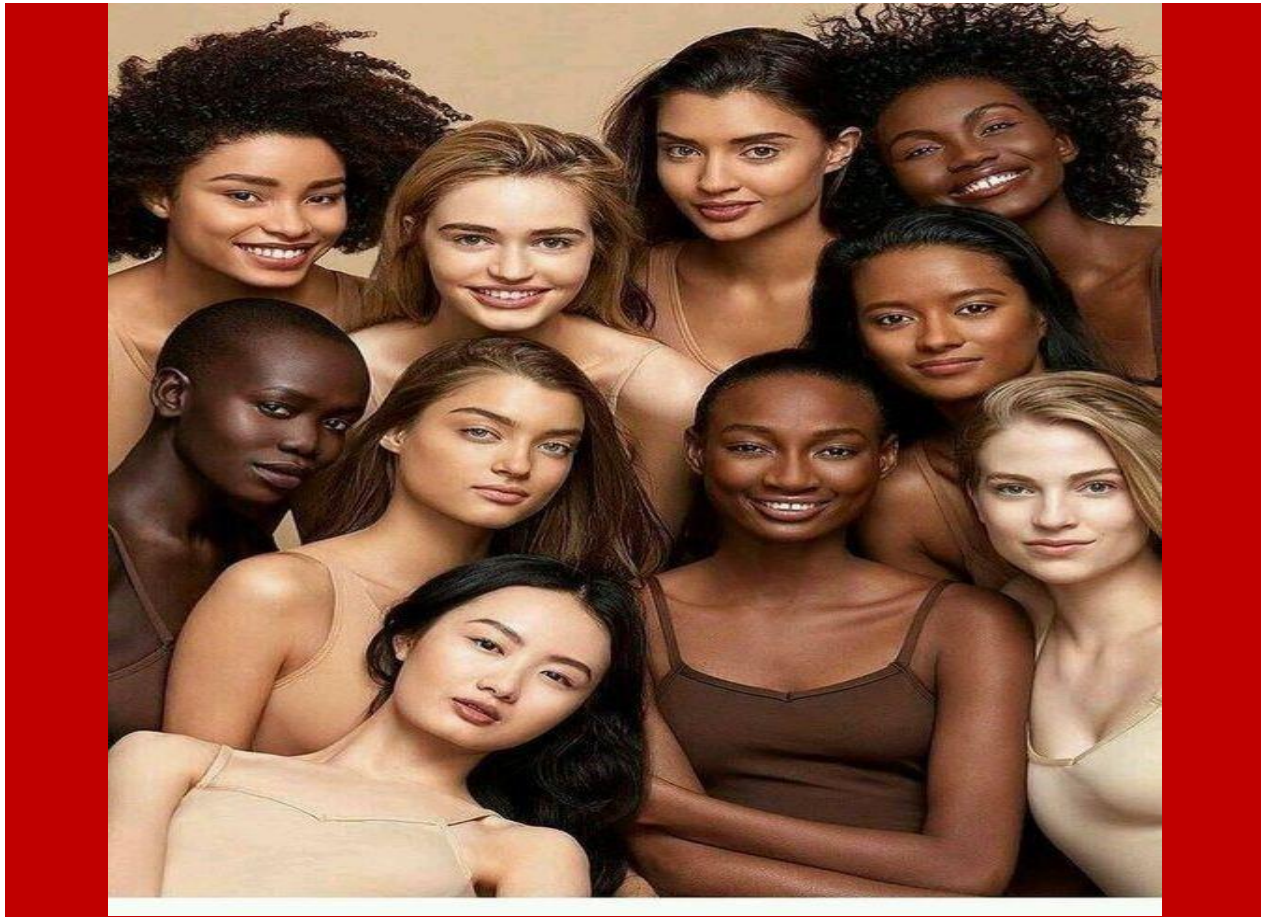
# Keep Pushing Sis

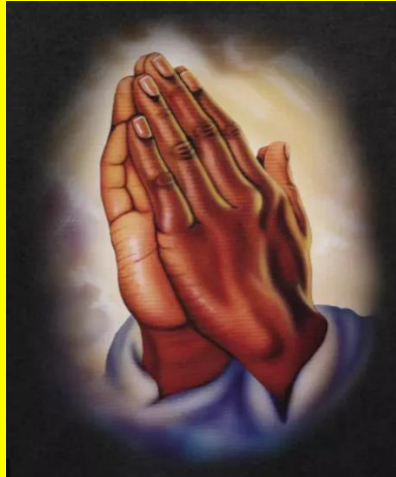
Yeah, I know you've been through a lot and still are battling the issues of life. Yes, the struggle is very real, but don't give up now. You're closer than you think you are. You've had your back against the wall, been knocked down, felt depressed and just wanna quit! DONT. Too much is riding on you to succeed. You are building a legacy. You're blazing a trail, making money and boss moves. You have to win! We need you.

Your kids need you. Your family needs you. You are valuable. You are loved. You are appreciated. You matter. Even if no one says it. Just know it. We BELIEVE IN YOU. Keep going! Keep smiling. Keep shining. Keep your energy and your standards high. You are influencing many who may never express it. You are golden. You were born to win. With God on your side you cannot lose! You're right on the cusp of breakthrough! It will happen suddenly. One day you're in the fire and the next thing you know you'll come forth as pure gold. Every test and trial has a time limit on it. Troubles don't last always! Hold your head up. Straighten your crown. You were born for this. You are royalty.

Remember you belong to the one true King. Victory is just ahead. It belongs to you. You got this. Keep pushing Sis!

Hold onto the Word of God in your soul to anchor you in the midst of your storm. Read, feast and meditate on the Word as it is vital to your development. This will keep you rooted under fire. God builds your identity in the place of consecration. He circumcises your heart and desires. God has your BEST in mind. You're in a process. You're on a journey. He knew your end from the very beginning. Jeremiah 29:11 says "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." He's making your life a godly example and about to use you concerning stubborn barriers will be broken from your family lineage. He's heightening your sensitivity to His voice. He will shift your life and perform a 180 degree turn. You will have such a fire and a passion to be a witness for God's glory. You'll see. In the end it will all be well worth it. **There will be glory after this. God's got you. Keep pushing Sis!**





**Michele Barnes**

## **The Children**

**Pray for all the children! They are all precious!! Every child's life is important and matters!**

**Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" Matthew 19:14**

**Friend's daughter, Zionne McAdory, celebrates a birthday soon! We thank God for her life! At fourteen, Zionne continues to sing her praises in services at Abyssinia Christ Centered Church under Bishop Iona Locke. They are a life-long church family that supports and prays for Zionne as she continues to rehearse and perform as a member of the Detroit Youth Choir.**

### ***A Special Delivery***

**By Michele Gardner-Barnes**

**This testimony dear child  
Will more than tickle your toes,  
It will snuggle deep inside your heart  
to be the comforter each day you grow**

**It will cover you like a blanket of love  
and pride in knowing the victory  
Of how your parents stepped out on faith  
thus...you came to be**

**Your mom and dad are committed unto love  
Becoming husband and wife  
Working faithfully in their church  
being examples of living young Christian life**

**Both working hard each day,  
building a home to house their dreams  
Thus God granted their love a promised blessing,  
your special delivery!**

**Little Muffin,  
Your name is written Zionne McAdory  
Your life is a testimony of God's goodness  
And to him we give the glory!**

**So shake your rattle as if it was joy bells  
And let your tears cry out in praise!  
God has given His angels to watch over you  
And protect you from all harm's ways**

**You're cradled by the love and prayers  
From your family and church family  
They will help in the feeding of God's word  
With faith you will take your first steps...  
And Zion in your quest to serve the Lord  
For Zionne, our little Muffin,  
You are a blessed little girl!**

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*Poetic Prayers for  
Comfort & Peace*

**By Christine V. Mitchell**



Amidst the continuing worldwide crisis, we continue to hear daily reports on television, reports of new cases of Covid-19, more deaths, an upsurge, or (hopefully) a reduction. Numbers are broadcasted like changing temperatures on the weather forecast. At home, we spoke of how awful it is ... the way that these numbers are fed to us like statistics, when each death is a precious life lost, somebody's loved one. Hearts are broken and grieving. Their "world" has come to an end. Dear Friends, during this pandemic, perhaps you have lost a loved one or friend, or someone who meant much to you in life ... either due to Covid-19, or any other kind of illness? Or suddenly and unexpectedly? Perhaps you are suffering a health crisis? In times of illness and loss, it may seem hard to pray, but be encouraged ~ the Lord is near. As we read in the Bible, *"The Lord is near to them that are of a broken heart ...."* (Psalm 34:18 AKJV). I pray that the following prayer poems will help give expression to your heart's cry and be a source of comfort. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers, that God will give you strength, comfort, and healing.



## *God of All Comfort*

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God of all comfort, God of all peace

Send now Your presence ~ bring a release

Wrap me, O Saviour, in Your loving arms

Let Your sweet Spirit bring healing and calm

My broken heart Lord ~ I know You can mend

For You are my Shepherd, My Saviour and Friend!

I need You each hour, each moment, each day

O help me to stand in Your strength, Lord, I pray

I know there's no limit to what You can do

I'm casting my cares, dearest Lord, upon You

O send now Your presence ~ bring a release

My God of all comfort, my God of all peace

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## *The Night Seems Long*

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The night seems long, O precious, Lord  
I'm yearning for the day  
Where darkened skies no more remain  
As clouds all flee away.

When shadows try to hide the light  
That gives me a glimpse of You  
Lord, let me feel Your presence near  
Renew my heavenly view.

Let heaven's rays appear, O Lord  
When all around looks bleak  
I need You more each passing hour  
Your help, O Lord, I seek.

From deep within my heart, I cry  
When words are hard to say  
O gentle Saviour, loving Lord  
Please hear my prayer today.

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## *Help Me to Trust*

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Help me, Lord, to trust You  
When it's hard to understand  
For I know that my tomorrows  
Are all safely in Your hands.

I thank You for Your promise, Lord  
To guide and lead the way  
As long as I am trusting  
In Your Holy Word, each day.

Help me not to turn aside  
But to focus on You only  
Keep me in Your love, O Lord  
When the path seems dark and lonely.

Help me, Lord, to trust You.  
Every step I take, You know.  
Remove all doubts and fears and let  
More faith within me grow.

Like a tree that's deeply rooted  
And like gold that never rusts  
O Saviour, help me to live each day  
A life of faith and trust.

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# Come Out And Live!

Meditation Scripture: Mark 5:8 (KJV)

*"For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit."*

***By Ramelle T. Lee***

Many people in this world are living in the place of despair, the place of unforgiveness and the place of depression. They don't even understand how they got there. Some think it just happened overnight. Don't kid yourself. We all are in total denial.

The Word of the Lord to you is to "come out and live!" Don't just sit here until you die. God has a plan and a purpose for your life. Don't be fooled by the devil. Don't give up your hope. *"I speak life in your dry bones,"* says the Lord of hosts. You shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord.

Nothing in this life just happens. We all must learn a valuable lesson. We all have been spinning around in confusion, and have been caught up in the affairs of our broken-down spirits.

The Lord says to his people, "Come to the fountain of hope."

Come to the spring that flows to eternal and everlasting life. Allow your spirit man to be drenched in the oceans of his love, his righteousness and his grace. Grab a hold of this Word and take a leap of faith to embrace the chance to live with a free spirit that God has already established and ordained for your life.

Come out of the prison of uncertainty and allow the refreshing of his Spirit to envelop you and give you the blessed hope that your life has true meaning.

Don't get stuck on where you have been. Look to Jesus and live again!

You have been in the place of doubt too long. You have been living in the past and you have allowed your spirit to shut down because you are walking in the flesh of what you think has caused you pain. You are keeping your spirit man bound and that soiled mentality has affected your thinking. Your life has no meaning because you are limping around in hopelessness.

The enemy has given you a spirit of fear and you need a swift reality check.

Many have been placed in the same boat as you. Oh, but there is a fresh wind of the Spirit that has come from the heavenlies to lift your heart into a sweet surrender and give you a refreshing Word from the Lord.

God says to arise out of your sleep and shake off the weight. You think that you are in this situation all alone, but you have much company. The world all-around you is spinning in circles and there is confusion on every hand.

Don't allow the devil to continue to keep you in the dark! Wake up and see the light of Jesus! Nothing you do yourself can fix this pain. Only the Word of God can lift you and keep you from sinking into the pitfalls of hopelessness. It's time that your heart is healed! It's time that you wake up and face the fact that you can be delivered from all the dark forces of this world, if you take the time to forgive one another! God says forgive! It's not an option!

That's his command for each of us! When you don't forgive one another, you open yourself up to receive many unpleasant feelings and you continue to wrestle and struggle with bitterness in your heart.



It's time to receive a refreshing in your life. Out with the old and in with the new!

If you want to truly receive the joy of the Lord, you must bow down on your knees and ask God to forgive you. Allow him to heal the wound of your heart with the oil of his anointed Word.

Allow him to saturate you in his presence and open your mind to forgive that person who has caused you pain. All of us have wrestled with this in our lives.

We all have been wounded, but God said in Mark 11:25 to simply forgive.

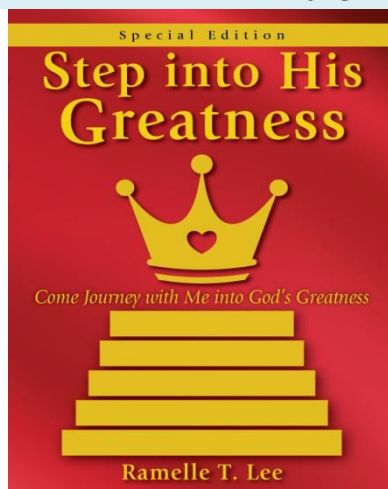
Don't continue to struggle with why you were hurt. Don't continue to ask, "Why me?" All of us have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Your heavenly Father has forgiven you! That's why he sent his Son to pay the price for your sins and the sins of mankind. He bore your burdens and unforgiveness on the cross.

Be healed this day!

Allow the Spirit of unforgiveness to be cast away into the Dead Sea of despair. If you will ask Jesus to show you the way to forgive and admit that you can't do it on your own, he will be there for you! All he wants you to do is to take that first step and allow him to show you the door that you must go through to get to total forgiveness.

Walk in love and you will be eternally set free from the bondage and grip of the enemy. Don't allow fear to grip your soul. Look to Jesus and let him show you the way. Come out and live!

**Taken from my book, *Step into His Greatness*, pages 121-125.**



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## A tribute to two great men....

*By Ms. Sandra Hickman  
Australian Ministry Leader and Staff writer*



## - Built To Last -

The late great Jackie Robinson made history as the first black man to play in the all white baseball league in the USA. Jackie and his family suffered terrible racial persecution which would have daunted the strongest of us. Many thought he would quit. But Jackie Robinson said, ***“God built me to last!”*** What a response! And ***“last”*** he did, into the Hall of Fame paving the way for many others.

A while back a movie title caught my attention. It was simply called, '42'. I thought it was odd for a movie to be named solely after a number. I had known who Jackie Robinson was, but never truly known his life story. As I watched the movie, the amazing story of '42' unfolded. The young man who portrayed Jackie Robinson in the film was Chadwick Boseman. This was the first time I'd ever seen this actor and I was enthralled with his performance. He seemed so perfect for that role. Something about him made me believe, that *he* believed in what Jackie stood for. That this was more than just an acting gig.

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**Jackie Robinson made history in 1947 by becoming the first black baseball player in the major leagues 42 was the number of his jersey.**

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Now, several years later, in a moment of stunned disbelief, I saw the tragic and sobering news report that Chadwick Boseman had died. My heart felt broken. It felt personal. I had formed a connection to this young man. I saw Chadwick as someone notable and distinctive, who had a godly heart and principles to match. Reading more about him after he died only confirmed in my heart that Chadwick was who he appeared to be. He was a man who loved the Lord, and who loved justice. He was someone who would never give in while he could keep on giving. He was the perfect pick to play Jackie Robinson. Chadwick continued working on four film projects whilst he was having chemotherapy and even undergoing surgeries. He never let

on how sick he was right to the end. He was indeed built to last with teeth-clenching grit and courage.

Chadwick Boseman was just 43 years old when he succumbed to colon cancer on August 28, 2020. Jackie Robinson passed away at the age of 53 years, after suffering a heart attack on Oct 25, 1972. I'm sure we all think that both of these men died too soon.... **Built to last?**

Well, none of us know how long God has built us to last. Jackie was built long enough to last the distance to make an historic stride forward for himself and other black athletes. He changed the injustice of racism in his sport, mirroring the racism of the world. Jackie made a difference.

Chadwick was built to last long enough to portray his hero of baseball, as well as having other outstanding heroic movie roles, reminding and resetting minds about the grave transgression of racial prejudice. Thus he confirmed his respect for those he portrayed and stood strong for all black people. Perhaps his most famous role to date was in the movie, Black Panther. As T'Challa, Chadwick displayed his mettle as a king who gets tested and wins, much like he did in real life. However, for me my most favourite role was his portrayal as Jackie Robinson in '42'. Chadwick Boseman was a man of strong character, and referred to as brilliant, kind, learned, and humble. In 2018 he delivered a speech to students at his alma mater at Howard University, encouraging young lives to tap into their purpose, and to trust that God will make a way for them as they move forward in life. Another article stated that "*Chadwick couldn't get enough of Jesus!*"

The truth is none of us know the distance we will go, or how long we were built to last on this earth. The important thing is to last the distance God has set for us, to fulfil His calling on our lives. We are all different threads woven into the tapestry of life both here on earth, and for the ever-after of heaven. Ours is to love Jesus and to love all people as He does, including those who are different from us. In the same way God built Jackie Robinson and Chadwick Boseman to last, He also built us to last. We have the opportunity to achieve marvellous things which He has set before us. God has commissioned us with the ability to leave His godly indelible marks upon the hearts of those watching us, just as Jackie Robinson and Chadwick Boseman left their own marks on hearts and in history.

**Dear reader....** God skillfully framed your body and built *you* to last! He is the Master Builder. When we all join together under the headship of Christ we become one Body built to last. Who can stand against almighty God when He sends His Body into the world? There is no stopping us!

**RIP Chadwick Boseman**

**In the Presence of the Lord**





**Chadwick Boseman** ✓  
@chadwickboseman



It is with immeasurable grief that we confirm the passing of Chadwick Boseman.

Chadwick was diagnosed with stage III colon cancer in 2016, and battled with it these last 4 years as it progressed to stage IV.

A true fighter, Chadwick persevered through it all, and brought you many of the films you have come to love so much. From Marshall to Da 5 Bloods, August Wilson's Ma Rainey's Black Bottom and several more, all were filmed during and between countless surgeries and chemotherapy.

It was the honor of his career to bring King T'Challa to life in Black Panther.

He died in his home, with his wife and family by his side.

The family thanks you for your love and

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*... 13 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvellous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skilfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.*

*And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them ~ Psalm 139: 13-16 NKJV*

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**Ruth Bader Ginsburg** was an American jurist who served as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States from 1993 until her death in 2020. She was nominated by President Bill Clinton and was generally viewed as a moderate judge who was a consensus builder at the time of her nomination. [Wikipedia](#)





It is with heavy hearts that The Ellis Family publishes the peaceful transition of His Eminence

THE MOST REVEREND

**J. DELANO**

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The Family requests your prayers, patience and understanding as they commence laying a Prince in The Lord's Church to rest. Plans for the final obsequies are forthcoming.

As our hearts are overcome with the bittersweetness of this moment, we find comfort in the words of he who now sleeps, *"When we get to Glory, we won't even remember the pain of this world."*  
Bishop J. Delano Ellis II

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**John Robert Thompson Jr.** was an American college basketball coach for the Georgetown Hoyas men's team. He became the first African-American head coach to win a major collegiate championship in basketball when he led the Hoyas to the NCAA Division I national championship in 1984. Wikipedia

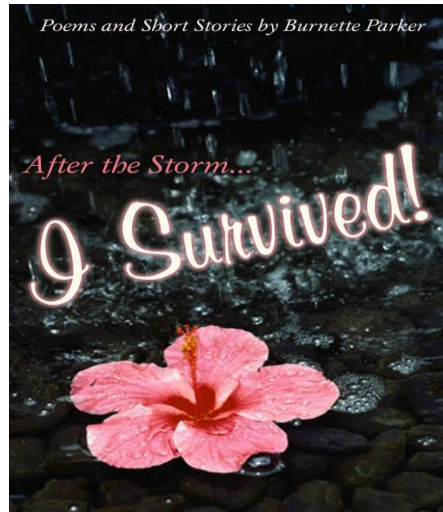
**Born: September 2, 1941, Washington, D.C.**  
**Died: August 30, 2020, Arlington County, VA**

**Height: 6' 10"**  
**Spouse: Gwendolyn Thompson (m. 1965–1999)**  
**Children: John Thompson III, Ronny Thompson, Tiffany Thompson**

## IN LOVING MEMORY

*Precious friend, author, poet, mother, grandmother, church leader....*

# BURNETTE PARKER



*The shocking news that Burnette Parker died filled Facebook. It was hard to believe that this gentle voice and loving woman was gone! Burnette left us in August 2020, one or two days before her birthday. Nobody could believe she went Home to be with the Lord!*

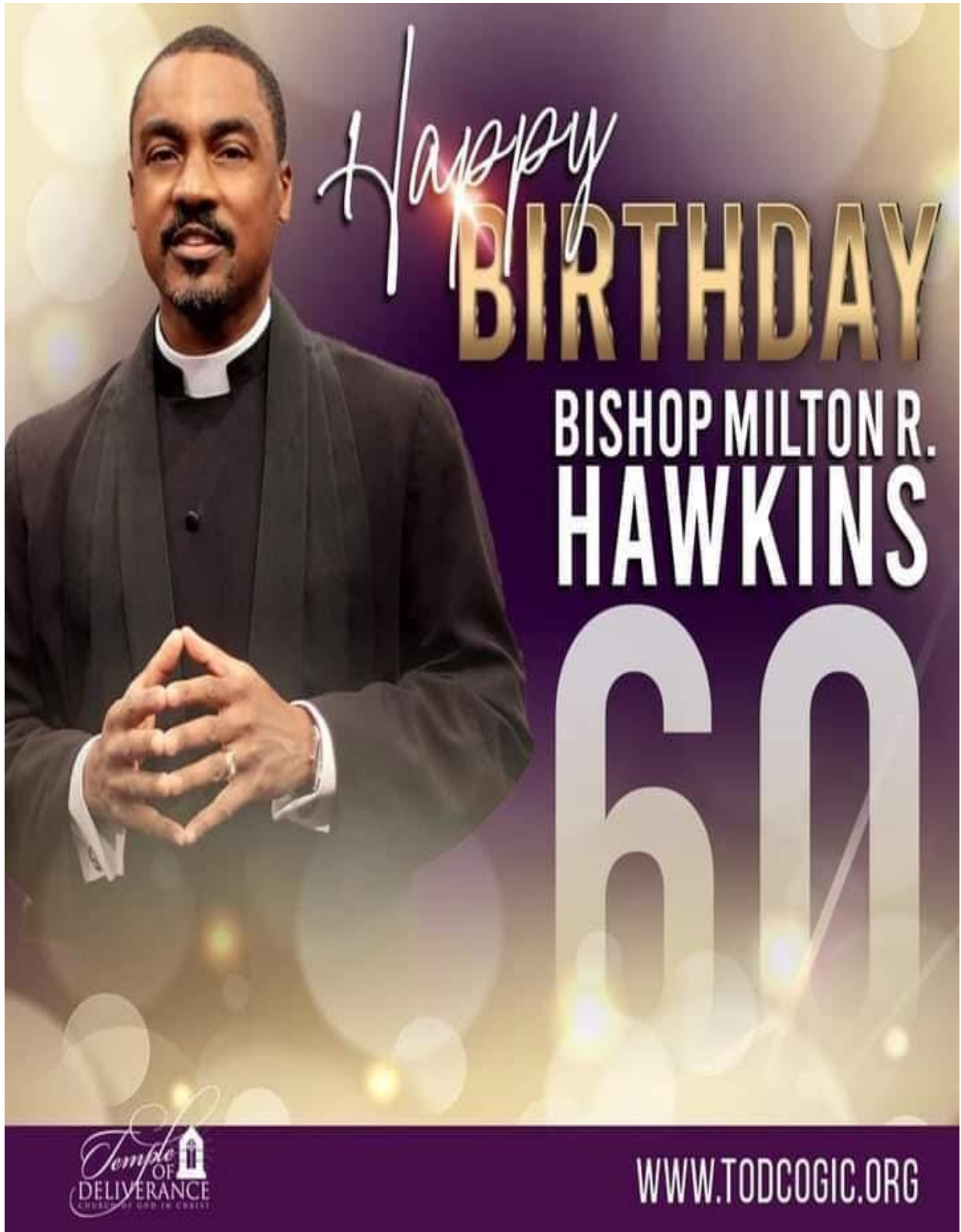
*At the news of her death, her dear family and loving friends were in painful and tremendous sorrow. But, it was true...Burnette Parker died with a heartache. She was young, too young for such an abrupt end to her life.*

*She deeply loved her children and grandchildren with a true love. Burnette intensively cared for her friends and was willing to do all she could for others...everybody that touched her life. She loved the Lord and served Him with all of her heart.*

*Boldly Burnette wrote poems and short stories about her life. She had struggles and bitter challenges, but she gave God the glory for all that He did for her through the years. Her book, "After the Storm...I Survived!," is her victorious testimony of how God brought her through her storms and gave her NEW LIFE! Now she is in God's presence, where she lived to be...forever.*

**-Wanda J. Burnside, Burnette Parker's Poetry Editor**





# California Fires

We have seen the reports of the infernos fires in California in the United States. The out of control burning throughout the land the roared in neighborhoods, business districts, blocks of schools. Spread from church to church, invaded the hospitals, and the vast communities in the west coast of America. Just to think...of the devastation is...beyond imagination!

I saw the burning fires in California's lush forests, parks, and other lands. It brings tears to my eyes to see the burned-out neighborhoods, homes simmering in their ashes, cars smoldering and everything wiped out! It is heartbreaking.

However, when I saw the animals trying to live was so very sad. They want to survive! There is so much damage to their habitat. Their homes and natural provisions have been destroyed, too. Look at these pictures that I found on Facebook. Lord, help us all.

*Wanda J. Burnside*



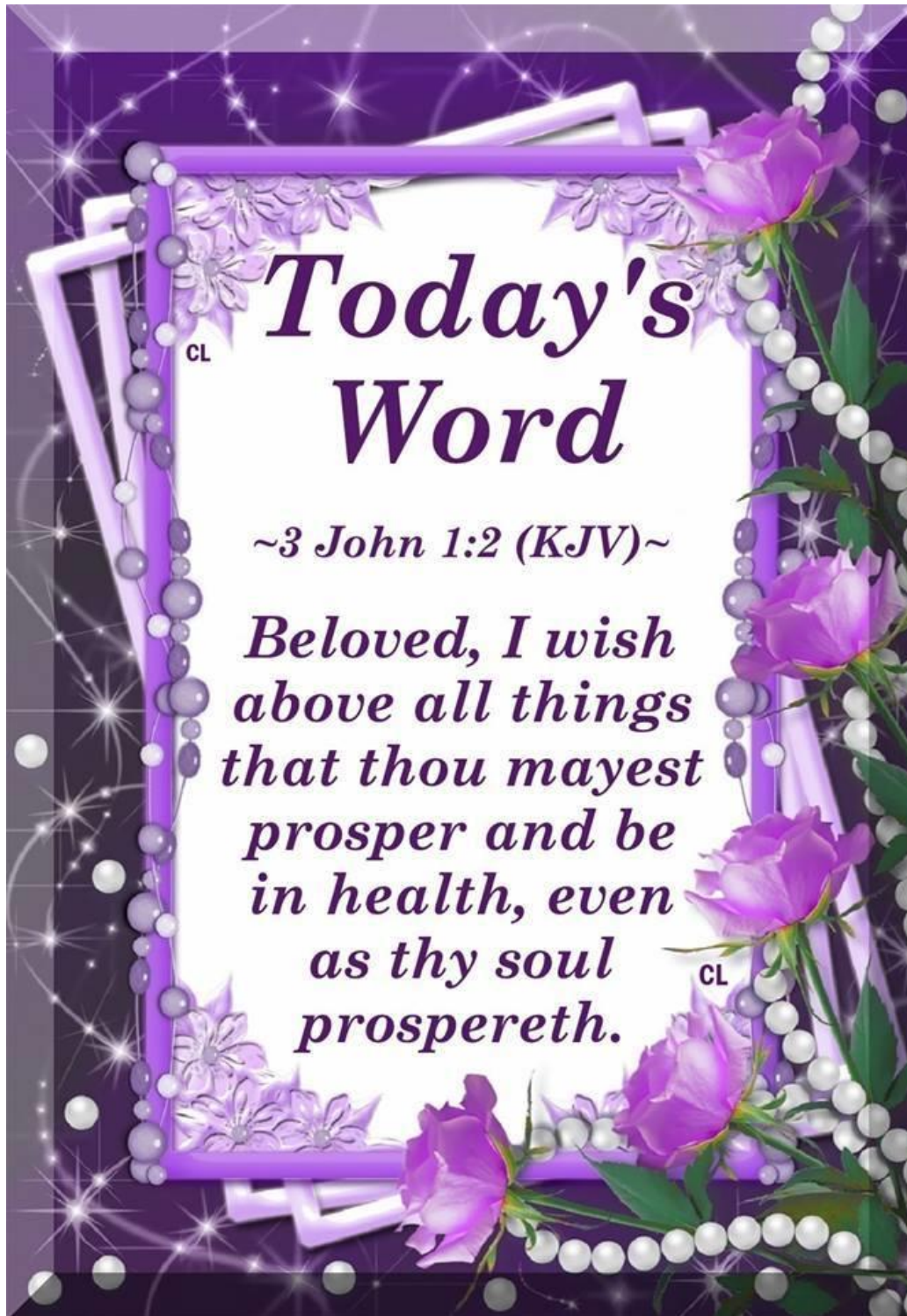






*Thank you, Evangelist Cinderella of North Carolina, for this Word! My Readers, Be Blessed! ---Wanda J. Burnside*

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**2020 ELECTIONS**

**GENERAL ELECTION**

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