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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Reader

The purpose of this month issue is to celebrate divine womanhood in Christ.

All articles are written by Woman for Woman. He sees you, He knows you and He hears you!

God is asking all woman to come back to His original intent for woman. The Proverbs 31 woman gives us a glimpse into divine womanhood in Him. Scripture calls her the VIRTUOUS WOMAN.

Virtuous meaning:

a force, an army, wealth, valor, strength, soldiers, company, goods, host, might, power, substance, train, valiant, war, worthy.

WOMAN, suitable helper, described as a FORCE, ARMY, POWER, SUBSTANCE, VALIANT and WORTHY in Proverbs 31; is who you were created to be!

This divine image has been distorted over time, experiences and through life's challenges. Let us start the journey to come back to our original design and identity in Him!

Great grace,
Shamon Lortan

**“Arise my darling,
my beautiful one
and come along!”**

- E- Elevate (Prophetic view)
- F- Fall (Testing and Trials)
- F- Fight (Temptation & Attack)
- E- Encounter (Relationship with God)
- C- Change (Transformation)
- T- Touch (Community)



With the new day comes
new strength and new thoughts.

Eleanor Roosevelt



Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction;
pay attention and gain understanding. I give you
sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching. For I too
was a son to my father, still tender, and cherished by my
mother. Then he taught me, and he said to me, "Take
hold of my words with all your heart; keep my
commands, and you will live. Get wisdom, get
understanding; do not forget my words or turn away
from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect
you; love her, and she will watch over you. The
beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost
all you have, get understanding.

Proverbs 4:1-7

WISDOM, FREE-WILL, AND THE RENEWED MIND

Robynne Todd

One of the most devastating things that I have had to do as a Christian is watch people make bad choices and then suffer the consequences of those choices, sometimes for a lifetime afterwards. Mostly those choices are made in the heat of the moment, when emotions are running high and excitement is spilling over.

Human beings are stubborn creatures, intent on doing things our way. We think we can make choices in the heat of our emotions and not experience the consequences, we think we can mutter a few prayers under our breaths and be guided by our "gut feeling" and say "God told me to do it". We think it's because it's what we want, that it must be good for us, all the while not using wisdom, not seeking answers in the Word, and not seeking wise counsel (Proverbs 12:15)

Discernment is not knowing the difference between right and wrong, it is knowing the difference between right and almost right.-CHARLES SPURGEON

So how do we seek Wisdom? **Well firstly** both proverbs and James make it clear that it is free and accessible for all. All we need to do is ask.

The Holy Spirit inside us gives us Wisdom and teaches us how to live. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. James 1:5

Secondly, we must "clean the glass" renew our minds daily on the word so that the old way of thinking doesn't taint the wisdom that the Holy Spirit imparts, we cannot truly know God's will until we do this. (see Jrev 5-5-5)

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

And lastly, we must learn that the Holy Spirit is our rudder, he teaches us over time how not to be led on a dance from here to there by our emotions. (Jeremiah 17:9) As we mature in Christ he will teach us perseverance, which is another word for staying power or the ability to push through in the face of difficulty.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves... Ephesians 4:14

The process may seem overwhelming, but scripture teaches us that we have a helper in the Holy Spirit (John 16:7) who is an ever present source of wisdom and comfort. **Trust him to teach you and lead you in the exciting journey ahead, as you grow in Wisdom and knowledge of Him, learning to exercise your free will from a place of maturity and understanding.**

Oh, and read Proverbs! Definitely read Proverbs!

RUTH 1:18-19

18 WHEN SHE SAW THAT SHE WAS
DETERMINED TO GO WITH HER...

19 SO THEY BOTH WENT UNTIL THEY
CAME TO BETHLEHEM.



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THE GOD WHO SEES!

HAVE YOU EVER FELT REJECTED, ABUSED, FORGOTTEN, MARGINALISED OR MISUNDERSTOOD?

WELL, YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Most people, at some stage in their life, have felt like this. One particular woman in the Bible, Hagar, experienced this.

In the book of Genesis chapter 16, God promised Abraham that he would be a father of a great nation. His barren wife, Sarah, through impatience, gave her maid servant, Hagar, to Abraham to bear a child. It was custom at that time for a wife to give her female servant to her husband to produce an heir. The child born to the servant would be considered the child of the wife. Once Hagar conceived, her attitude toward Sarah changed and she despised her. Sarah, in turn, treated her harshly, and Hagar fled to the wilderness.

An angel found her by a spring of water:

Genesis 16:8 -

And He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from, and where are you going?"

Right here, we can note two things:

1) The angel addressed her by her name, Hagar, as opposed to Abram who addressed her in verse 6 as "your maid". (Gen 16:6- But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, your maid is in your power...").

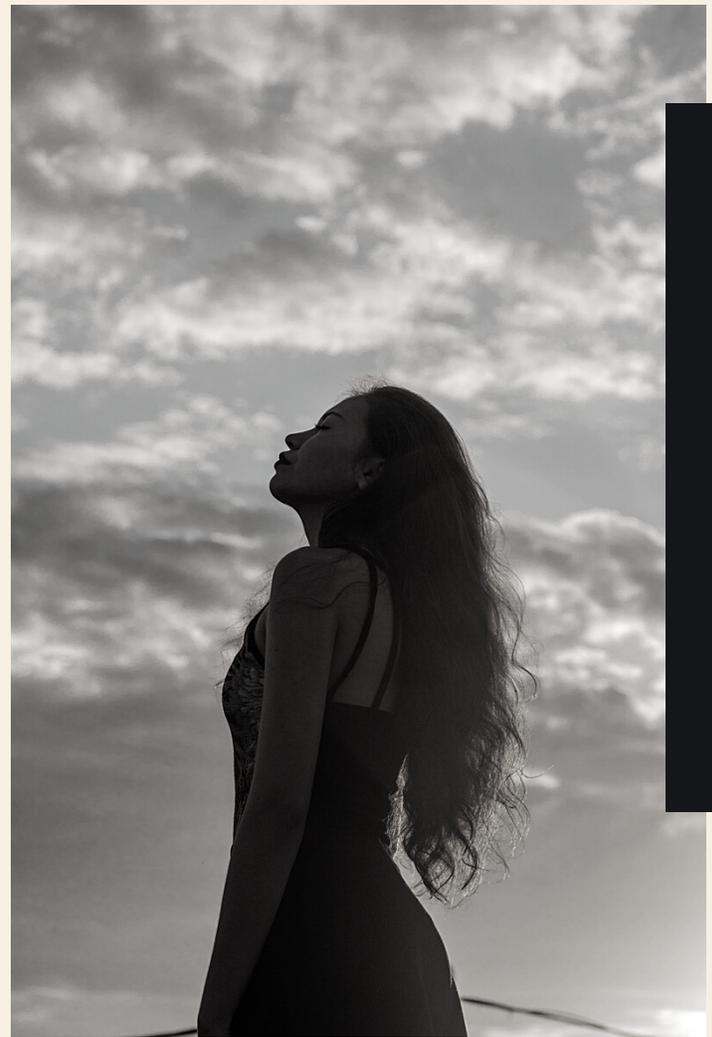
Hagar possibly felt less than a whole person, more like an object being used to produce a child.

In Christ, we have an identity—we are His beloved sons and daughters with whom He can have a personal and intimate relationship. He knows us and calls us by our name. Our name is more than the natural name our parents gave us. He calls us SON (gender-free). He is our Father. When we know our identity in Christ, we can function unrestrictedly in our God-ordained purpose in life. **Do not allow the opinion of others to make you feel less than who you were created to be.** Be confident in WHO you are in Christ!

2) God is interested in our past as well as our future. We can only walk forward in our pre-ordained destiny when we deal with and confront the hurt and pain of the past.

Genesis 16:13-14

"Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, You Are the God Who Sees; for she said, "Have I also here seen Him who sees me?" Therefore the well was called Beer Lahai Roi..."



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Beer Lahai Roi is all about sight – our sight of God and His sight of us. It was here where Hagar literally saw the Lord.

(ESV): "...'You are a God of seeing,' for she said, "Truly here I have seen him who looks after me."

The challenge is: do YOU see the God who sees? Do you see that He sees you?

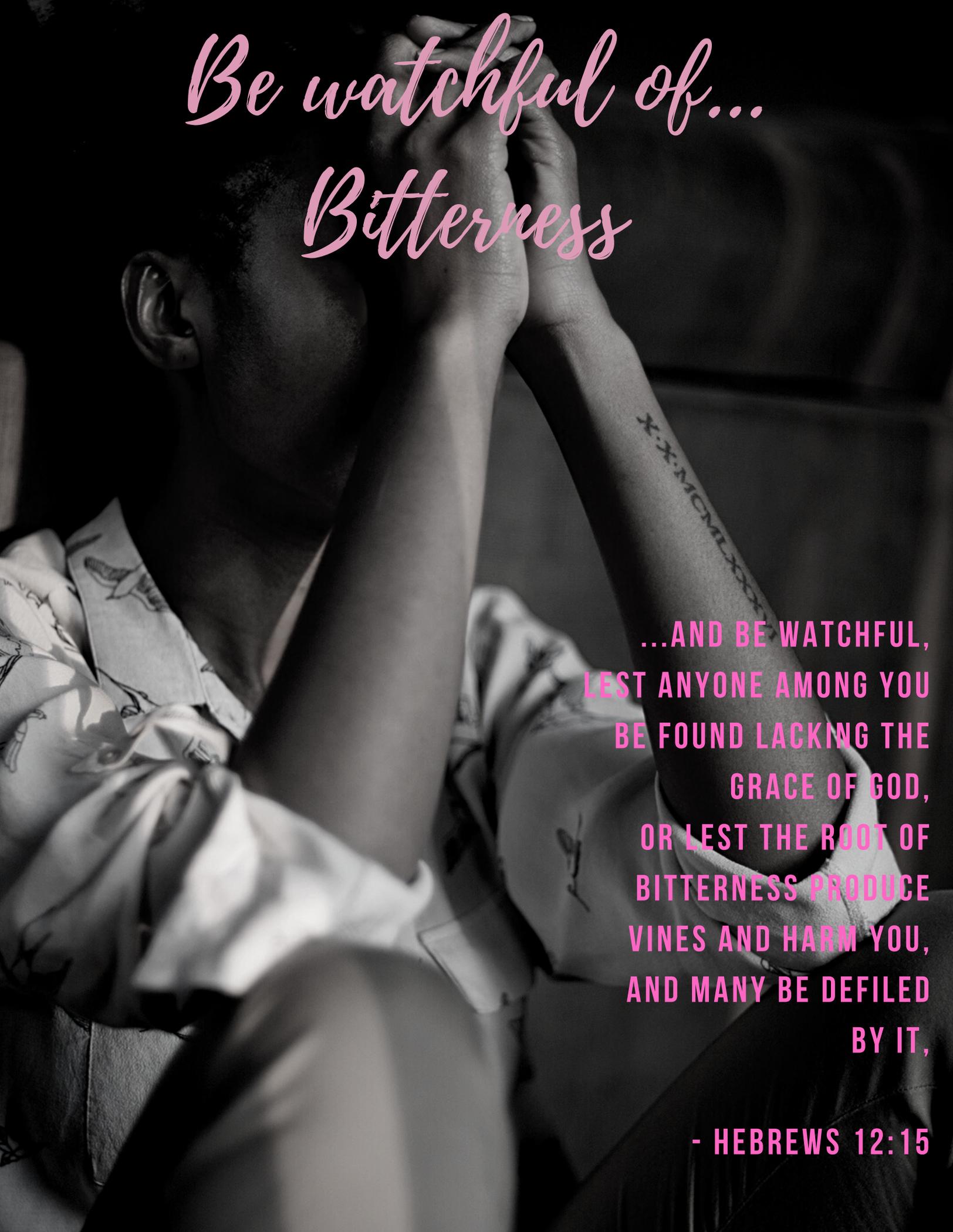
Hagar probably felt anger, bitterness and jealousy towards Sarah, but even in that state she was not abandoned by God. She recognised God's gracious appearance in the hour of her distress. She must have felt unworthy. God appeared to her, God approved her, God considered her plight, His gaze was upon her. He gently brought rectitude and favour to her life.

In her wilderness, she saw the ONE who constantly had His eye on her and assured her of His provision and preservation. She was overwhelmed that this Loving God took note of her.

God can do the same for you in your desert experience, in your hurt, pain, sickness, rejection and loneliness.

Be assured today of our loving Father who SEES US. May we, too, declare like Hagar- I SEE the God who SEES ME!

Rene Barnwell, Gate Ministries Durban

A black and white photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer, with a tattoo on the forearm. The person is wearing a light-colored shirt with a pattern. The background is dark and out of focus.

Be watchful of... Bitterness

...AND BE WATCHFUL,
LEST ANYONE AMONG YOU
BE FOUND LACKING THE
GRACE OF GOD,
OR LEST THE ROOT OF
BITTERNESS PRODUCE
VINES AND HARM YOU,
AND MANY BE DEFILED
BY IT,

- HEBREWS 12:15

MY FAMILY'S COVID EXPERIENCE

BY MOIRA SAKER

On Monday, 04 August 2020, it was late in the evening when we received the dreaded news from the doctor that my husband had tested positive for the Corona virus. At that moment of hearing the news, we felt overwhelmed with feelings of fear and anxiety.

We had never imagined that we would be a part of the statistics of the Global pandemic.

There were many questions running through our minds; are we going to be ok and how will we get through this dark and isolated experience. *Our first response was to speak to our Spiritual Father* and to inform him of the news. He immediately spoke a word of peace and encouragement over my family and thereafter he called for an urgent zoom prayer meeting with all the church leaders where we had communion as well. This brought about a strong sense of peace into the situation and we began to set things in place for the isolation and recovery process ahead.

The next day we received more bad news that my son and I had also tested positive for the Corona virus. This felt like a bad dream and we could not believe that this deadly virus had come into our family.

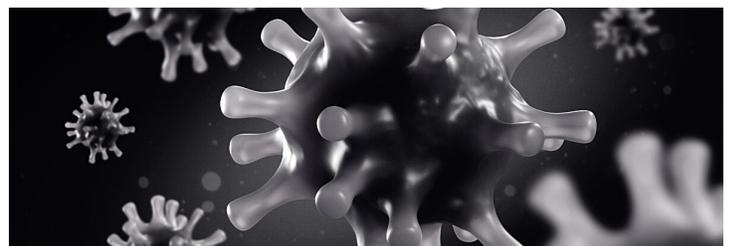
Thankfully, my 11-year-old daughter escaped being infected as she was sleeping over at my sister's place. However, it was a painful experience being separated from her for 2 weeks.

My husband was severely ill from the virus whilst my son and I had mild symptoms and we were not badly affected.

The support that we received from both our spiritual and biological families was phenomenal. *We received both practical and spiritual support which certainly helped us get through this difficult time.* As a family we had to trust God completely and believe that He will be faithful to His word.

Whilst in the natural we had reason to doubt as the media was so full of negative reports about the virus and there were many people that we knew that were dying and severely sick from the virus. *We chose to stand on God's word and to keep praying and declaring his promises over our lives.*

We have all fully recovered and are a testimony of the Faithfulness and Goodness of our loving heavenly Father. Keep trusting Him, keep believing His promises and you can be assured that He will not fail you.



My Altar-Rock

Psalms 19:14b





YOU ARE NOT ALONE

I remember a few years ago while I was still living in South Africa I had been involved in pitching a fairly large deal to one of my customers, it had taken months of hard work and preparation, and unfortunately they did not sign for the amount that we expected them to. In fact, they only ended up spending about a quarter of what we had planned and pitched for. My company was very angry and upset, and instead of looking at the amount of work and energy I had put into the deal I was given a “slap on the wrist” and reprimanded that that the outcome must have been a result of me not doing enough, and because this deal was supposed to make up a significant portion of my target, it was insinuated that if I did not make up the amount in other business fairly soon, it could result in the termination of my job.

On top of my work situation I was facing some difficult personal situations which seemed to be showing no signs of getting better, even though I had put an immense amount of work and energy into them. I remember driving home in tears as a result of my frustration, emotions and exhaustion. I had put so much effort into preparing for this deal which included many sleepless nights, and I was trying so hard to get things to fall into place in my personal life, yet for all my hard work it seemed like it wasn't enough. I felt upset, emotional, frustrated, unappreciated and unseen for who I really was and what I was trying to do.

Have you ever felt like that? No matter what you do and how much effort you put in, it doesn't seem good enough? That you give so much of yourself to those around you with no hint of appreciation. That the only time anyone pays any attention to you is if they are unhappy with you or they are not getting what they need from you when they need it?

I think many women especially feel like this today. We are expected to earn an income, provide for our families, be a mother (very often a single one), be a wife, be an employee, be a good friend, contribute and help in church or society - often without much gratitude or appreciation. Many of us also find ourselves in difficult situations or circumstances that we did not create or ask for, and yet we are left to deal with the consequences. It could be a spouse that left, a job that was lost, a house that got re-possessed, it could be a number of things and you have no idea how to handle or how to resolve it.

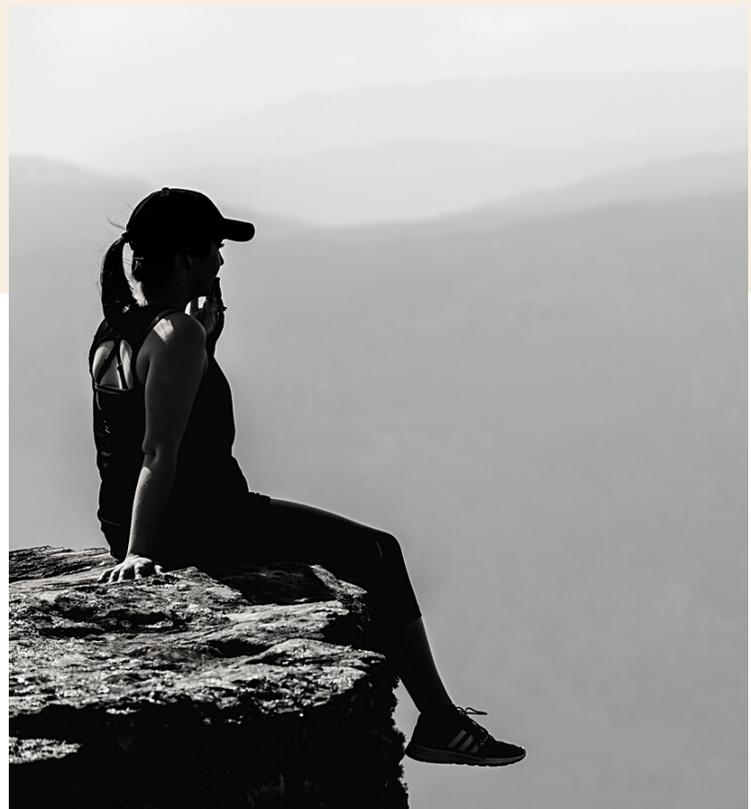
We find someone in the bible who faced a similar hopeless situation. Hagar was the servant of Abraham and Sarah. Sarah couldn't naturally have children because of her age, but God gives them a promise of a child who will become a great nation. Abraham and Sarah got impatient waiting for God's promise to come to pass, so it was decided that instead Hagar should sleep with Abraham to bear him a child instead. As time goes on Hagar and Sarah don't get along.

Hagar finds herself in a situation she never asked for, with a child she needed to look after, and she has no idea what to do - so she runs away (Genesis 16). This seemed like the only thing left to do in this hopeless and impossible situation. But in this dark and hopeless place, God comes to her and speaks to her. She has a visitation from God, and He lets her know that He sees her. He sees her situation, her frustration and lets her know that she is not alone. But He doesn't stop there! He also gives her a PROMISE - that He will bless her and multiply her descendants into a great nation. God not only sees her pain and her turmoil, but He promises her something great will come out of it! That day Hagar called God by the name "El Roi" which means the God who sees me.

I am writing this article today because I know many of you are in desperate, dark situations which you probably did not ask for, and you feel you're at the end of yourself. Today I feel God wants you to know that He sees you! He sees the pain, the darkness, the hurt, the betrayal, the loss, the anxiety, the depression, the effort and the unfairness. But that's not all! You are not only seen by God, but He has great promises and blessings that will come out of what looks dead, hopeless, and impossible! He is asking you not to give up, He is promising that He will sustain you, He will be with you, and He will help you. He is letting you know that you are not alone, that He loves you and appreciates you and He is with you every step of the way (Joshua 1:9). He is calling you to not give up! **Keep going - He is the Master of making something beautiful out of something that seems hopeless and dead (Isaiah 61:3).**

I remember that dark day I wanted to give up like it was just yesterday (even though it was more than 10 years ago). I was driving home and crying out in despair and frustration; I remember that it was also pouring with rain outside which really matched the mood and place I was in. But then a short while later, **a soft silent voice in my heart spoke to me and said, "I SEE YOU"** and I knew it was the Spirit of God. I let it sink into my spirit and my heart quietened down and I started feeling a peace wash over me. The God who created the whole world and universe spoke those words to me and I felt seen, heard and loved. As I got close to home the rain started quieting down and some sun rays started creeping through the clouds and it looked beautiful. I looked up at the sky and I just knew that no matter how hard things were or how much worse they might get - I was going to be okay! No actually, better than okay - I knew that God had a great plan for my life and that in those dark moments I would have to go through to get there, I was never ever alone, unheard or unseen.

By Christine Kuun



Romans 8:26

**LIKEWISE
THE SPIRIT
HELPS US IN
OUR
WEAKNESS.
FOR WE DO
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FEEDBACK FROM THE BENT WOMAN BIBLE STUDY

" Consistency in prayer yields faithful results. This has encouraged me to really seek God in every situation and to learn that nothing is impossible if one believes."

"The bible study did encourage me a lot, my relationship with God is more than ever before."

"It helped me identify baggage that I'd been carrying around for years, because of unresolved issues."

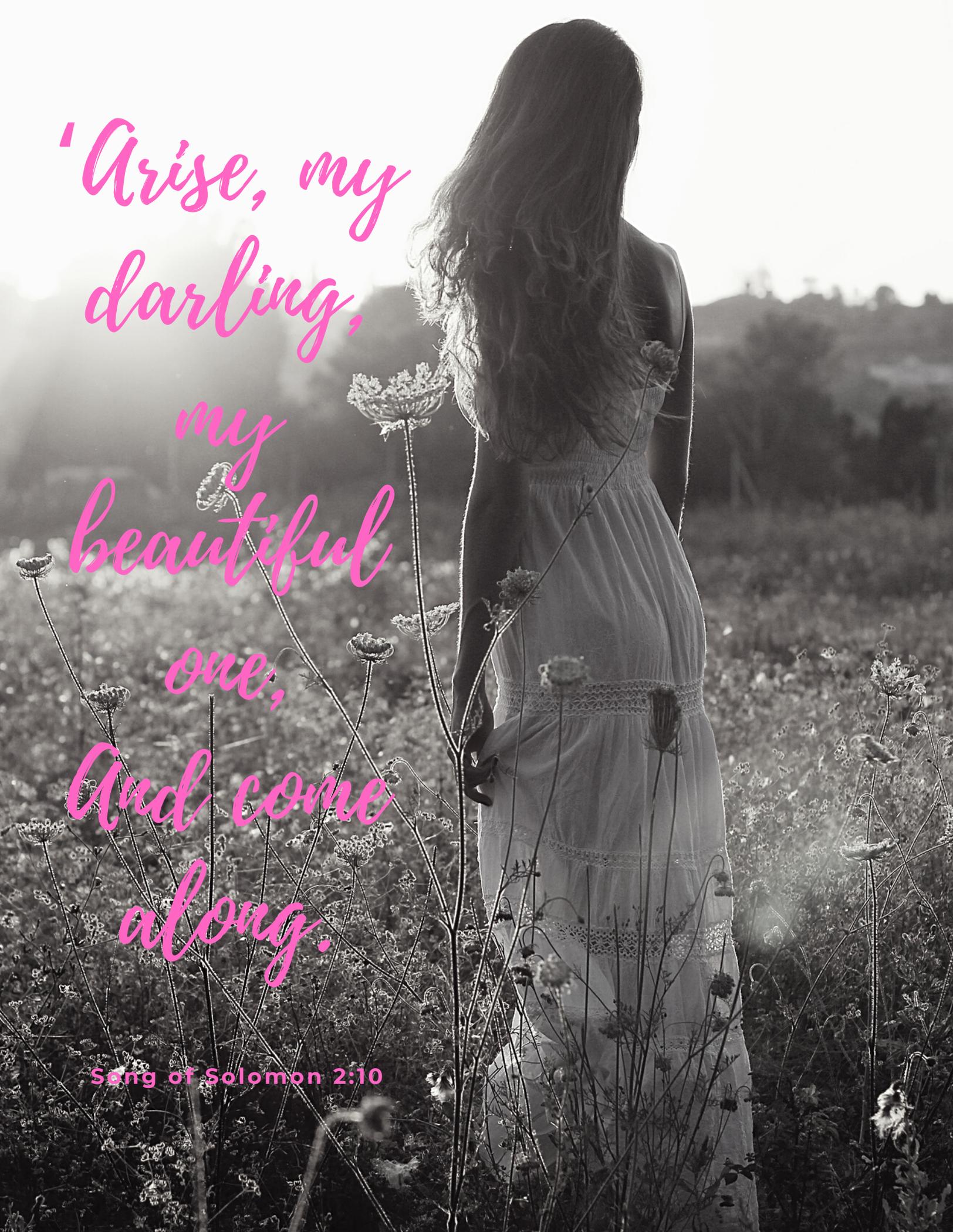
**"God's timing is perfect, right!
After a dry spell spiritually I heard God speak of His endless love for us, how He is in love with us and just wants us to take His hand - He gave His life for us !!"**

"I realised I've been stuck in control issues. That's been my sin. To have Faith in God to be in control is such a liberating breakthrough. Finally free! Amen."

"I thought I was ok with my sister in law, but realised that I was still broken and full of bitterness. I have learnt to deal with this from root level by soaking myself in the word of God and reminding myself who I am in the eyes of God and therefore I am much stronger."

"I was impacted by the daily text, reflection and the letters to God. I took this through daily and this revealed so much , keeping me connected to God. I appreciated the word and support. As I delved into the word, God really showed me many things that had held me back: bitterness and anger which I had imagined I had let go of. God really begun to pour new wine into me and I am blessed. I was met with an incident- a break in, in my home and I felt God standing with me. We were and are protected because God was with me and I was in Him. I could see how God stepped in through the incident and I obeyed. Praise be to God! I am encouraged and deeply loving my Father, for He is for me!"

Tambu Muzenda



'Arise, my
darling,
my
beautiful
one,
And come
along.

Song of Solomon 2:10



*There is no other way
but God's way.
Trust me on this.*

Kingdom Collaboration!

WOMEN FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE CONNECT IN A BIBLE STUDY

Kea Modise-Moloto, Founder and Executive Director of the Christian Women Business Network and Arise Magazine

Most of the time when prayer manifests, the manifestation is more than we imagined. This happened with our collaboration with JRevolution which we are so grateful for.

Little did we know that He was to completely take over the Study and journey, and work on and through all of us as individuals. There was tears, joy, introspection and Spiritual Awakening.

The collaboration and unfolding of the Bible Study was a direct response and alignment of the CWBN goal to support women Spiritually, especially during Covid19 - because we trust that it is only when we are Spiritually strong and Spiritually well fed that we are able to perform our best in business and life.

It was a humbling delight for me to see God work in this way...that organisations based in two different parts of the world could connect women for healing and a reminder of God's love for all of us – no matter what we have been through or are going through, we remain the chosen ones, His Daughters, lilies amongst thorns.

I cannot even talk about the feedback received from the women in the Study, during and after the study – women were grateful, expressing that they wished more women were part of the study. They are still asking when the next one is taking place.

I thank God that we were the tools and channel for Him. I thank Him that our prayer – CWBN and Jrevolution - manifested in a manner we would not have imagined through this collaboration.



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