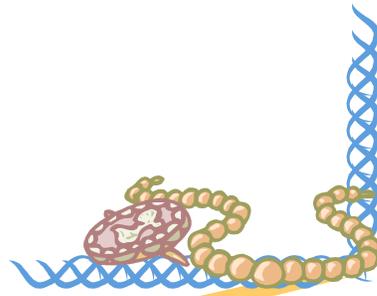


# A String of Pearls



## The Proverbial Woman

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## In the Lord's Defense

Fifteen months ago I was on a path towards today, but because I couldn't see what was ahead I carelessly took each day for granted. Things were "off", but I didn't know it or understand what I was picking up on in my heart. It's true for everyone, but just as I was unable to see much more than a few steps ahead of myself, neither can nor do others. Fifteen months ago I was married to a man, living on autopilot and yet there were signs around me and now I can see that God was preparing me everywhere I went. God was preparing me for a huge event, a huge trauma, and eventual healing. God never sends His children into a battle unprepared. Never!

I look back and see the signs He had laid out so much more clearly today than before. I see Him telling me to write my lessons down in journals. I hear Him telling me to pray in the spirit. I see Him bringing special people across my path and knitting my heart to theirs. I see Him removing people who would hinder my walk, and also bringing those who would try my faith and patience to develop those particular fruits of the spirit in my life. I see a lifetime of challenges and disappointments stretching me to the place where I could accept the most difficult event in my life and live through it.

Every human on the planet is given resources to accomplish what he or she is created to do for God. Again God NEVER sends His children into a battle unarmed or ill equipped to do a job. He gives wealth to some so they can lovingly distribute to those who don't have. He gives hands to the poor to receive from those with wealth so the rich will have a place to give into. He gives encouragers those who are heartbroken so they will have a place to sow their seeds of exhortation and encouragement. Abba gave mankind His word, He gave His promises to men to share the goodness that He is, to give hope to the hopeless and peace on earth to a world full of chaos.

### Prayer needs:

- I'm working at clearing out items from the mobile home and storage building to sell it. I also have many things here at my home that I physically can't do. Be in agreement the Father will send help for each project and I can find the right buyer, for the right price at the right time for the things I need to sell.
- I'm asking Abba for direction in ministry. I've felt led for some time to reach out to other widows, but now I am more experienced to be able to fill a huge void in ministry. I've connected with many widows, but I know there are so many more out there who have to family to care or help them.
- Praise that God has sustained me for almost 15 months!
- Praise God, He sent me a car to replace the ones I have that need so much work.

## In the Lord's Defense.....continued

God saw the end from the beginning and we see the beginning from the end. God has the best vantage point of all, so trusting, relying on a living God who never changes makes so much sense.

My favorite faith "mantra" is: Once you've gone through the "perfect" storm and seen that God was faithful to see you through it, you will never be as afraid of another storm!



## Override



"And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good." Genesis 1:31

God is positive, He looks over darkness, over the voids in our lives and proclaims, "Light be". We look over the messes and establish them with the same tongues that could choose life, but we choose death. God gave us dominion over the work of His handiwork. He gave us the ability to imagine, to conceive, and to speak it into being. Instead we spray the verbal herbicide of damnation to our hopes and dreams. We say such things as, "Don't get your hopes up", "It's hopeless", or "It's impossible" without a thought to what we've done.

God also put governors upon our abilities. The same word that can equip and empower us can also keep us from getting what we want. God tells us we can have what we say, and we SAY, "That doesn't really work"! If we get what we say and we speak we're going to reap the rewards of a negative mind and mouth.

God overrode the darkness and void with these simple, but existence changing words, "Light be". The biggest bang ever happened when He uttered those words. It's time for us to look around at the chaos, fear, worry, and uncertainty of future and declare, "Light be"! We need to override our own thoughts and emotions and reach for higher thoughts, His thoughts and create "days of heaven upon the earth".

Selah

## A Prosperous Journey

The path of my life seems rocky, unsure and filled with potholes of varying size. It has innumerable cutbacks, detours and rabbit trails. I never know who I will travel it with or even when or if I will have a companion. Just when I think I know where it's going to take me I find myself going in a completely different direction. When I am sure it's going to be unpredictable

## A Prosperous Journey.....continued

it becomes drawn out and mundane, even boring in its predictability. I've come to the conclusion that the chaos theory is most definitely NOT a theory, but the reality we know on this side of eternity and heaven. There most definitely is an unseen adversary attempting to pull strings in my life, but being that he is a created being as are the angels that follow him, their influence is limited in scope by the unseen hand that sculpted them.



I have a little secret that I want to share with those that will read this. Right now in this very second I am not afraid! If I didn't know what I know about my Creator I probably would remain afraid all the time. I don't know how those who aren't intimate with The Most High, His Precious Holy Spirit and His Son, our Messiah Yeshua, live through a single day. To live in such blindness and the limits of self-sufficiency goes beyond anything I can imagine or care to consider. To trust in the frailty of flesh and the corrupted natural world seems foolish at best.

I have chosen to put my life in the capable and loving hands of my Creator. He imagined what I could become and that is what I dream of becoming. Why He has given to me all that I have is beyond my understanding, but I'm learning not to question His ways, but simply walk led of His Spirit. I have His unchanging promise that He will never leave or forsake me. I have His eternal promise of provision, direction and protection IF I will trust Him with ALL of my being. The enormity of that commitment might overwhelm me had I not learned that it is HE that works in me both to will and to do of His good pleasure. Yeshua told us that it was the Father that did the works in his life. Even our precious Lord relied completely upon Abba Father to work in him both to will and to do of His good pleasure. Yeshua lived completely by faith. He heard the Father's voice and did only what the Father told him to do! While he hung on the cross-halfway between heaven and hell, he chose to do so by faith. He had no doubts while he suffered sin, death and the grave. He still suffered, but he did so without a single doubt! That gives me supernatural faith!

Though my life's pathway may be rocky and rough, God is the strength of my life and my portion forever.

## What Me Worry?

Worry is the plague of this time and this generation. It has seeped into the very makeup of modern day mankind. Our media pumps it into our homes via the air-waves and in the hard copy of paper bound periodicals. The commercial world exploits its power in order to sell everything from toilet paper to antiperspirants. But is there any hope for us? The opposite of worry is trust, but in these times where a lie falls off the tongue easier than the truth where can we put our trust? Even men called of God fall from His grace, so who do we trust?



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# God loves you and has a plan for your life. Jer. 29:11

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## What Me Worry?.....continued

I call to remembrance the things I've learned of an unchanging God. A God who has said, "Psalms 89:34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips." The Creator who declared, "Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"

It isn't easy to lay it all on the altar of an unseen God based purely upon words penned thousands of years ago, and copied and translated into a myriad of languages. It comes down to making a decision to prove Him, and in exchange be proved by Him and His word. He has promise that His word is unchanging and like the bedrock a wise builder digs to in order to have a firm foundation. Once you've stepped out and begun to act upon it, you see that it is the one thing that can be depended upon in the midst of quaking and shaking situations. If something fails it is never His word. It is man and his frailty and the world that man has touched that is not trustworthy.

