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From the Founder



Rev. Denise Wilson

Greetings to you!

I am excited about all that God is doing in the Kingdom. As we continue to grow in grace, we learn the awesomeness of God, the peace of God and how merciful He is to us all.

I am excited about what God is doing in the life of his Women! Everywhere I go, I hear stories of deliverance from women who have pressed through their adversities and come forth whole again. I believe we, as women, are being postured as it states in Isa. 6:4 "to rebuild the ancient

ruins and restore the places long devastated." Too many women walk around with pain and frustration in dark places that have been devastated and depressed and it is our job to hold each other up in prayer while God is rebuilding a new thing in us.

Our theme this year for our **4th** Annual Women's Empowerment Conference is **"Deliverance is Available to You!"** taken from taken from **Psalms 34: 14-19 (KJV)** ¹⁴Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. ¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. ¹⁶The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. ¹⁷The righteous cry and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. ¹⁸The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

We are excited about our speakers for the conference, Apostle Rita Twiggs, Evangelist Nichelle Early and Evangelist Beverly Vaughn, all with incredible gifts to share a message from the Lord.

In addition, we welcome back Minister Kim Jordan and Pastor Ayana Dixon, our clinicians, as they prepare powerful teachings.

It's not to late to register! Hope to you at the there!

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Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

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Are You Still In Your Brother's House?

By Rev. Dr. Tresmaine Grimes

"...and Tamar lived in her brother Absalom's house, a desolate woman." (I Samuel 13:20b, NIV)

The scripture reference from I Samuel 13 tells part of the life story of a young woman named Tamar. Bible students will remember that this woman named Tamar was the daughter of King David of Israel, the full sister of David's son, Absalom, and the half-sister of David's son, Amnon. Chapter 13 of First Samuel begins by revealing that Amnon has fallen in love with his half-sister, Tamar. Although brothers and sisters were strictly prohibited from sexual relationships in Jewish law (see Leviticus 18:8), verse two of Chapter 13 tells us that Amnon had become obsessed with his half-sister, so much so that he was sick with lust. His distress was so obvious that his good friend, Jonadab, noticed and asked him to explain his problem. When Amnon told him the situation, Jonadab came up with a plan to lure the naïve girl into Amnon's bedroom. Amnon was to pretend to be sick and specifically ask for Tamar to come take care of him. Once Tamar arrived to care for her 'sick' brother, Amnon raped her, even as she begged him not to do such a horrible thing to his own sister. After the rape, Amnon's love for Tamar immediately shifted to intense hatred. Instead of "doing the right thing" and marrying Tamar to make amends for his actions, Amnon threw her out of his room like a piece of trash. Devastated, Tamar tore her royal virgin's robe and adorned herself in ashes, weeping. When Absalom learned what had happened to Tamar, he consoled her and took her into his home. Because Tamar had been "damaged" and she was no longer a virgin, they both knew that no other man would want to marry her. Amnon's selfishness and lust not only left Tamar injured, damaged, disgraced and ashamed, but sentenced her to a life of celibacy, childlessness, and solitude. Absalom's kindness provided Tamar with physical safety and refuge from Amnon, but it did little or nothing to address the deep soul-wound that had been perpetrated by her brother, Amnon, when he raped her and threw her away. Although their father, David, was enraged by the event, there is no record in scripture that he did anything to help his daughter or punish his son. David loved Amnon more than he hated what he had done to Tamar. He did not execute justice on behalf of his wounded daughter. He simply allowed her to disappear into Absalom's house. Additionally, although Absalom ultimately avenged this tragedy by having Amnon killed, he did not do anything to minister to Tamar's brokenness. She was literally left alone in her Brother's house for the rest of her life to deal with the memories, the pain, the anger, the confusion, and the overwhelming heartbreak of the experience.

Some of us who read this Biblical account can identify with Tamar's plight. We too have been damaged by horrific life circumstances. Whether through rape, abuse, or some other type of assault, our trust has been violated, our hearts have been broken, and our futures have been jeopardized. The people who **should** have been safe for us weren't. The people who **should** have defended us didn't. Just like Tamar, we may believe that there was never any **justice** for what happened to us, and because of that we have no **peace**. Just like Tamar, some of us may have never recovered from the violations of our past. We wind up in a **safe place** but we never heal from the things that have **taken place**. Those things take the place of our peace and joy. They take the place of our confidence in our ability to judge people and to know who we can trust. They sometimes take the place of our confidence in God and our ability to hear His voice for our lives. Like Tamar, we become stuck in our Brother's house and never move back out into the world again.

You may say, people who go to church and love God should be healed and free from all of their past. But the truth is, the church is full of people who have been damaged along the way. Particularly for people of African descent, we are often encouraged to remain broken by the silence that pervades in our communities. Most of us have been taught to keep the secrets in our families and in ourselves. The children who are hushed into silence about the uncle or cousin or sibling who molested them; the

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Wilson Ministry Foundation presents...

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Women's Empowerment Conference 2011

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Real Women: Around the Way Gayle

By Valeria Edmonds

Hosea 1-3

As the associate minister for Zion Baptist Church and a high school history teacher, Hosea Walker wasn't rich but he was the guy every mother and dad wanted their daughter to marry. He was handsome with a very clean-cut masculine appeal. Tall, caramel colored and always conservatively dressed, he could have his pick of the many single girls in the church. However, he was a man whose walk with God was so intimate that he clearly understood his divine vocation and didn't do much dating at all. He used his awareness of history to help remind Christians of God's faithfulness and his inspiring messages reflected his astute gift of preaching.

Hosea had been in love with Gayle Anaya Johnson since the eleventh grade when she honored him with one momentous date. Gayle was drop dead gorgeous with hazel eyes, honey colored skin and sandy shoulder length curls that bounced when she was on the sidelines with the cheerleading squad at basketball games. She was one of the most popular girls in school and he was as surprised as anyone when she agreed to go out with him. Even though she returned to her senses the next day and never went out with him again, that night had been one to stir Hosea's dreams ever since. Gayle was funny, smart, friendly, and unfortunately very self-absorbed. Her main priority in life was having fun. She never let any grass grow under her feet. She was always moving on to the next exciting project or person.

When he happened to run into her again ten years later, it was just his luck that she remembered him and agreed to go out again. Regardless of the fact that she confessed to having been with many guys since high school, he felt way down in his marrow that God was telling him to marry her. After spending three months showering her with attention and showing her how much he really cared about her, she had agreed to be his bride and they were expecting a son by their first anniversary. Life for Hosea couldn't be better when he was born and they named him Jesse.

Two years later they had a little cocoa brown baby girl and named her Anaya after her mother. Wasting no time in building their family, son number two was on the way before Anaya was even weaned from her mother's breast. At thirty years old, with a wife and three children, Hosea was living the life he had always dreamed of. Gayle, however, was itching to get out of the house and go to work so that she could have more adult interactions. Wanting to please his wife, Hosea, acquiesced and soon they were a typical dual income family struggling to find quality time with the kids and each other.

Gayle began to spend more and more evenings away from home as her real estate business picked up. She had chosen this line of work because it provided flexible hours but most of her clients could only look at homes in the evenings or on weekends when they weren't working. Gayle had carved out her market in the million dollar plus bracket for new homes on the south side of Atlanta. Most of her clients were athletes, wealthy businessmen or doctors and many were people she had met in college who were doing quite well. By comparison, the home that Hosea and Gayle lived in with their children was extremely modest, still Gayle became an expert in identify the perfect custom mansion to fit her clients personalities.

When Gayle's closet began to shift towards a large collection of St. John suits and Jimmy Choo's stilletos, Hosea just thought that business had really picked up. But one night he picked up the house phone and overhears her talking to what is obviously her lover because they referred to times when they had been together and what they had enjoyed doing to each other. Listening to your wife of five years engage in phone sex while your three children are sleep in the other room is enough to make you loose your mind. Hosea confronted her with her infidelity, but instead of being remorseful, she was actually indignant. Gayle told him "take a number, my line is long on lovers who want to take care of me." Emboldened, she went on to say they were the ones who kept her with regular spa treatments, shopping sprees and wined and dined her like he never could.

Appalled, Hosea, could only step back and watch the woman of his dreams walk out of his life leaving him with three kids to care for by himself. He poured himself into his work and into taking care of the kids. Gayle had

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never really been home much so the kids didn't really start asking questions until she hadn't been home for a couple of weeks. When she didn't bother to visit until a month later, they treated her like a stranger. Hosea did his best to protect them from what was going on but he was hard pressed to explain why their mother didn't want to stay with the family. It was even harder to explain her absence from the church. While she had never been an active member in any ministry, she was respected as his wife and noticeably absent from her usual seat on the second row.

Gayle spent the first month enjoying her new found freedom and divided her time between three lovers who showered her with gifts and sensual pleasures. However, as time went on she struggled to make the rent on the luxurious condo she had moved into and furnished. It became clear that the men in her life were only interested in her on a part-time basis and two of them were very clear that they would never leave their wives. The Atlanta Falcon who was single showed no signs of settling down anytime soon and was often seen around town and in the paper with someone else on his arm.

On a particularly lonely night six months later, Gayle lay in bed and remembered that she had had all she really needed with Hosea. She had a man who loved her and provided for her and their family. He was faithful and honest and as dependable as the sun rising in the east. She picked up the phone and called not knowing what she was going to say. When Hosea answered there was silence on the other end of the phone. He waited; then quietly asked, "Gayle, are you ready to come home?" She could barely get out a yes through her sobs, but he understood her and told her that she could come back after they had a chance to talk. They agreed to meet the next day for lunch at Gladys and Ron's Chicken and Waffles in Lithonia.

Hosea ordered the midnight train, their southern friend jumbo wings with a waffle, and Gayle ordered the catfish basket. While waiting on the food, Hosea jumped right into the matter at hand. "Gayle, I love you more than life itself and it would be wonderful to have you back at home where you belong. However, for this to work we need to make a covenant with one another. I waited for you to come to me willingly because I need to know that you want me for me and that you will be my wife in every sense of the word. I'm not rich but I promised to take care of you and provide for you and our children to the best of my ability. Can you be faithful to me and love me from this day on?"

"Hosea, I do love you and I'm truly sorry for all that I've put you through. I want another chance to show you that I can be a good wife." She finished with a shudder and Hosea wrapped his arms around her saying, "You are my wife forever."

- What were the things that motivated Gayle?
- What did the lovers provide that her husband didn't?
- What did Hosea provide that her lovers didn't?
- Should Hosea have been so quick to take Gayle back as his wife?
- Do you think Gayle will be faithful?
- Who does Gayle (e.g. Gomer) represent in this story?
- Who does Hosea represent in this story?
- What life lessons can we learn from Gayle?

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women who remain long-term secret paramours of married men; the men with "outside" families and male lovers; they go to church too. They go to church, work in church, and minister in church, and bring their secrets right along with them. The things that happened before we got saved, and the things that have happened since, all merge together into silent, unspoken pain. People bring that pain to alcohol, to drugs, to food, to illicit sexual relationships, and to church looking for relief. Until we deal with the things that have damaged us, the relief is temporary at best. We keep looking for the drink, the drug, the sex partner, the church work, the prayer line, the preacher, or the prophet who can make that pain go away. Please know, I believe in church work, prayer lines, preachers, and prophets, but sometimes God is just waiting for us to come to HIM one-on-one before our breakthrough can come! He will never share His glory with anyone, lest we give a man or woman credit for setting us free! After the shouting and the dancing, after the praying, counseling, and deliverance service, we must **STILL** come to the place of intimacy and worship with God before complete healing and deliverance will be manifested in us!

I am writing to those of my Sisters and Brothers in the Lord who resonate with Tamar's pain and disillusionment. I am writing to those who may have given up on growth and change because of the pain of the past. I am writing to those who are still in their Brother's house, waiting for justice, longing for peace, and afraid to venture out into the world again. I want you to know that we don't have to settle for the life Tamar had. We can break free from the pain, pack up our belongings, and move out of our Brother's house for good. You see, we have what Tamar did not have: Jesus the Christ, the Great High Priest, who is making intercession for us! We have a better covenant with God than Tamar had (see Hebrews 8:6). Through our covenant relationship with Jesus Christ, we have access to healing, deliverance, and peace.

When I did a study of Tamar's name, I found that it means "palm tree". One of the greatest characteristics of a palm tree is its resiliency. Palm trees often survive numerous storms and hurricanes because they have the ability to bend. Their flexibility prevents them from being uprooted when trouble comes their way. They may lose fruit or even entire branches, but as long as they stay rooted and ground, they can recover after the storm has passed.

Our lives are just like the palm tree. Like the palm tree, we cannot avoid the storms of life. They come, just like they did for Tamar. But unlike Tamar, we who have "the presence of Christ in our hearts by faith" (Ephesians 3:17) can remain rooted and grounded in love, even when we are in pain. Knowing that God loves us, that Christ is interceding for us, even when we are in the storm, is the only way to stand through those moments. We should certainly find safety in our Brother's house so that we can heal from what has taken place. Too many of us pretend that the storms we have experienced have caused no damage and we never take a moment to rest and heal. Those of us who do that will likely crash and burn later on because the pain of the past comes out of hiding and assaults us in the present day. But, if we take the time to heal in the safety of our Brother's house we can surely come out, straighten up, and begin to bear fruit again.

Take the time to cry, to pray, to listen to God, to seek Godly counsel, and to understand the trauma you have experienced. Take the time to tell the story of the storm in the safety of your Brother's house because telling the story will help you to heal. Find Brothers and Sisters in Christ who will encourage you and hold you up while you recover. But never be willing to remain a victim, even when you have been victimized. If you live through the experience, you are a **survivor**. If you triumph in spite of the experience, then you are an **overcomer**. Revelation 12:11 reminds us that we overcome our enemy, the accuser of the brethren, but the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony, and by not loving our lives so much that we are afraid to die. When we come through some traumas, a part of us does die. But we must remember the Word that Jesus gave His disciples in the Gospel of John: "Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me." (John 12:24-26, NIV).

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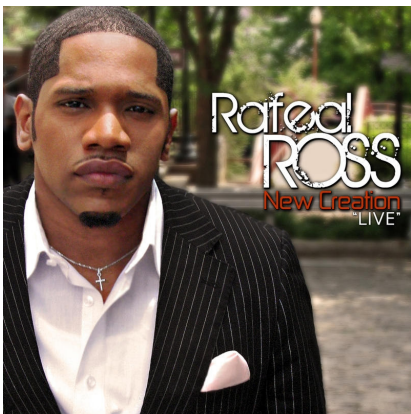


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Rafeal Ross Ministries



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Nae J Music Ministries

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I believe that Jesus was telling His disciples then and now about His death and about ours too. The experiences we have that bring us to our knees and seem to rip away a part of us have not come to kill us but to make us grow. Once we have healed, we will be able to minister to the hearts of others who have gone through life's pain and storms. If we remain in our Brother's house, we can never see anyone else benefit from what we have experienced and the pain seems pointless. But once we are able to use our pain as a launching pad for ministry, our scars produce fruit, just like the seed that falls in the ground.

Although Tamar never came out of Absalom's house, he gave her a fitting tribute. According to scripture, Absalom had four children, three sons and one daughter that he named Tamar (2 Samuel 14:27). I believe that his sister, Tamar, watched this beautiful child grow up and live the life she never could. I pray that it gave her comfort to see her name restored to innocence and joy through this little girl.

The good news of the gospel is that we who love Christ can live out our own life story instead of living vicariously through someone else that bears our name. We must do whatever it takes to receive our healing, come out of our Brother's house, and begin to live again.

Take the time to do an honest self appraisal. Are you still living in your Brother's house? Is there some pain that has caused you to give up on moving forward? Do you have hope for your future or have you given up on **you**? Do you need Godly counsel and prayer to help you heal and move on? Whatever you find in your heart, acknowledge it and ask God what you should do to be healed from it once and for all. Remember, no matter how awful the pain, our God is greater, bigger, and stronger than it all, and He is well able to deliver us! If you find yourself still in your Brother's house, it's time to come out and stay out for good!

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April 22, 2011

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Falls Church, VA

April 29-30, 2011

(Registration Now Open)
WMF 2011 Women's Empowerment Conference

May 1, 2011

Preaching,
Mt. Zion Baptist Church (11:00am)
Middleburg, VA

May 8, 2011

Preaching, Mt. Calvary United Methodist
Church (11:00am)
Arnold, Maryland

May 13, 2011..

Preaching, Galloway United Methodist
Church (7:00pm)
Falls Church, VA

May 14, 2011

Clinician, Zion Prospect Baptist Church
(10:00am)
Yorktown, VA

May 15, 2011

Preaching Second Baptist Church (4:00am)
Falls Church, VA

May 21, 2011

Clinician, Second Baptist Church (9:00am)
Clifton, VA

May 22, 2011

Preaching Second Baptist Church (11:00am)
Clifton, VA

May 22, 2011

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(3:00pm)
Gainesville, VA

May 29, 2011

Preaching, Austin Grove UMC, 11:00am
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