SACRIFICING TO CONQUER!

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> "... I'VE HEARD THEIR CRY ... SEEN THEIR TEARS ... I'VE COME TO DELIVER THEM" EXODUS 3:7-8

THE TEMPLE OF RESTORATION MONTH OF SACRIFICE 30-DAY DEVOTIONAL

SACRIFICE IS GIVING UP SOMETHING THAT IS VALUABLE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE SOMETHING OF GREATER VALUE."

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Dear Friend,

As we step into the month of June, we are called to embark on a journey of reflection, commitment, and faith. This month, we want to invite each of you to join us in a focused examination of our lives and our hearts as we seek to align ourselves more closely with God's will. June is not just another month on the calendar; it is a sacred opportunity for us to engage in the transformative practice of sacrifice.

In the Bible, we see countless examples of sacrifice—each one a testament to faith and obedience. From Abraham's willingness to offer Isaac to the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, we are reminded that sacrifice often precedes blessing. As we reflect on our own lives, let us ask ourselves: Are we making the necessary sacrifices to stay in the center of God's will?

This month, we encourage you to take time for self-examination. Consider the areas of your life where God may be calling you to surrender. Is there a habit you need to let go of? A relationship that needs mending? Perhaps it's time to sacrifice your time, talents, or resources for the sake of others. Remember, true sacrifice is not just about giving up something; it's about making room for God to work in our lives.

As we prepare our hearts for the financial sacrifice we will lay on the altar on June 29th, let us approach this act with prayerful consideration. This offering is not merely a financial transaction; it is an expression of our trust in God's provision and His ability to deliver us from all forms of bondage. *"I will not offer to God a sacrifice that cost me nothing" (2 Samuel 24:24)*.

Let us prepare to give not out of obligation but out of a joyful heart that recognizes the abundance of God's grace in our lives. This month, as we sacrifice together, we can expect to see God move in powerful ways—not only in our individual lives but also in the life of our church community.

We invite you to join us in prayer throughout June. Let's pray for clarity and guidance as we examine our lives and our willingness to sacrifice. Let's pray for more faith as a church family, that we may support one another in this journey. And let's pray for courage, that we may trust God to meet our needs as we step out in obedience.

As we gear up for this month of sacrifice, let's remember that we are not alone. We are part of a family—a community of believers who are committed to walking this path together. Let's encourage one another, share our experiences, and celebrate the victories that come from our sacrifices.

In closing, let us embrace this month with open hearts and willing spirits. Together, let's make June a month of profound spiritual growth and transformation. May our sacrifices be a sweet aroma to the Lord, and may we experience His presence in new and powerful ways.

Yours In Christ,

Bishop Angelo Barbosa



BE PATIENT

"Moses told this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their impatience and despondency, and because of their forced labor" Exodus 6:9

When we become impatient, it's hard to believe that God will do what He said He would do. Do you not know that His timing isn't ours? He knows where, how and when to perform the miracle. Our place is to sacrificially wait on Him. Sometimes, we lose out on many blessings because of our impatience. Many times, God will use the same issue we're praying about to teach us a lesson before removing that situation from our lives. We learn through what we experience. When we sacrificially learn to wait on God, we have peace, and when the breakthrough arrives, we've been molded to receive it. Don't miss out on what God has for you due to impatience.

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HERE I AM

"When the Lord saw that he turned away [from the flock] to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am' " Exodus 3:4

"Here I am!" This is the correct manner to answer the call of God. Yes, it is a sacrifice, for at times, what God asks of us goes against our flesh and often pulls us out of our comfort zones. But growth is not found in comfort zones but rather in sacrificial zones. When we sacrifice, we show God how much we're depending on Him by going against what our flesh desires and submitting to what He desires of us.

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GODIS INDEED FAITHFUL MONIFA COX BROOKLYN, NY

At the beginning of June (the month of sacrifice), I was able to purchase a car with no car note. This was a prayer answered from sacrifice month two years ago because I was blessed with a temporary job that paid pretty well. In May, I had to have surgery, and during my time out, my employment ended. So I just purchased a car, and now I lost the steady flow of income, BUT GOD. As soon as I heard we were doing the sacrifice, I began to pray, asking God what the amount should be and what I should pray for. I waited for a response and continued praying on it but heard nothing. So at the last minute (a few days before sacrifice Sunday), I was sitting on my bed, and the Lord gave me a number to offer unto Him. I immediately thought, "Whoa, how can I give that when I just lost my job and purchased a new car." It came to me that's why it's a sacrifice. So I agreed to give that amount, and I began writing my prayer request. I also asked Pastor Liz to write my name on her prayer shawl that was heading to Shiloh. Sacrifice Sunday came, and I was unable to attend church and send my sacrifice and prayer to Shiloh. So I thought, "Ok, it's over, and I missed it." At that moment, something said, "Your name is already there. Your prayer is written. Keep going." So I kept going. My daughter even asked (after a year of not asking) if she could come to church with me, so I knew I had to go. When I got to church, my thoughts were running rampant. I was thinking, "Maybe they will think I'm being rebellious by showing up late. Will it even be effective now?" But God said to keep going. I couldn't wait to just hand it over because the thoughts were overwhelming. I listened to the Word and drowned out the negative thoughts (clearly, satan didn't want me to complete the action). I gave the sacrifice in on Sunday. Midday on Tuesday, I received a message from the same woman who offered me the first position, offering me another position. God is indeed faithful. I know there are more testimonies to come in Jesus name, all for the glory of the Kingdom of Heaven. Hallelujah!



STOP MAKING EXCUSES

"Then Moses said to the Lord, 'Please, Lord, I am not a man of words (eloquent, fluent), neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; for I am slow of speech and tongue' " Exodus 4:10

Let's be real with ourselves; how often do we make excuses just to not do what God has asked us to do? Maybe, it might seem hard at the time, or maybe we just don't want to do it, period. Either way, making excuses will only hinder our breakthrough. The question is: How badly do we want this testimony? How much are we willing to give up in order to receive? Our excuses can even sound really legit, but God isn't interested in our excuses. He wants willingness to sacrifice what He's commanding us to sacrifice. I f it's our ego, sacrifice it. If it's our fear, sacrifice it. Is it our pride? Sacrifice it. If it's a monetary amount that God has nudged your heart to offer to Him, sacrifice it. Stop making excuses!

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THE SACRIFICIAL COVERING

"The blood shall be a sign for you on [the doorposts of] the houses where you live; when I see the blood I shall pass over you, and no affiiction shall happen to you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt" Exodus 12:13

There is a covering over a sacrificial life that another life does not have. When a believer lives sacrificially in obedience to the Word of God, there is a "blood covering" that protects him/her from all harm! What blood covering is that? For the Israelites, it was the blood of a young goat or lamb placed on the doorposts of their homes, but today, it is the precious Blood of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, placed over the doorposts of our hearts in ways that we're not even aware of!

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GROWING THROUGH OPPOSITION

"But the more the Egyptians oppressed them, the more they multiplied and expanded, so that the Egyptians dreaded and were exasperated by the Israelites" Exodus 1:12

When a child of God has a purpose over his/her life, there is no sacrifice too big, much less any opposition too strong! A believer who sacrifices is a believer who knows what he/ she is entitled to and will press through any form of opposition and keeps bearing the fruit he/ she is called to bear!

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God Is A Faithful God Britney Barker - Brooklyn, NY

As my favorite month, "The Month of Sacrifice" approaches, I feel as if it is time to share my testimony because it is long overdue. 2021 was my first year learning about the month of sacrifice. I was in my last semester of nursing school and praying that God would see me through. My prayer point for that month was to pass my NCLEX and graduate college without any balance on my tuition before I became a nurse. I wasn't working during the semester, so I only had money saved up from when I would work during the summer. I decided that I was going to save all of the money I had left so that I could pay off my tuition. That was the only money I had to my name at that time. After going to multiple services, I recall hearing different pastors say that a sacrifice is not supposed to be easy when you give it. I didn't know how much I was going to give for my seed at that time, but I knew I wasn't going to give all of it. Well, so I thought. I remember going to church on Tuesdays and Pastor Grace saying "Cry out to God for what you want." So, I did just that.

Fast forward to the day of sacrifice, I remember on my way to church, it was like God told me, "Give all or don't give nothing at all." I tried to ignore it because I thought to myself that must be the devil. Why would God want me to give all and be left with nothing? When I got to the atm to take out the amount that I had planned to give, the atm didn't allow me to take it out. It wasn't until I went to a different atm and put in the entire amount that I had saved for my tuition that it worked. I placed my seed in the envelope and presented it to God. A month or two after, I received an email saying that someone donated a large amount of money to the school, and my tuition was paid in full. In August of that year, I sat to take my NCLEX and passed on the first try with 75 questions.

God is so good, but it didn't end there. A few months after, I asked God to bless me with a job where I would have good benefits and a great pension. And He did just that. In 2023, I had the job and the car, but I wanted a raise. So, I made that my request to God for the month of sacrifice. I prayed and prayed to God for this raise. I remember going to work and hearing people say that they had been at the job for years and they knew a raise was not possible, but I didn't listen. I trusted God. Week after week, they would send emails saying no progress was made, but that just made me pray harder. Bishopppp!!!!! Before the summer was over, the contract was finalized, and we got a raise! And now, every year I will be getting an increase as well. God is so good.

I must say, I am blessed to call TTOR my home. I thank God for the leaders of this house and the teaching that I receive.



FROM LITTLE TO PLENTY

"So I have come down to rescue them from the hand (power) of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a land [that is] good and spacious, to a land flowing with milk and honey [a land of plenty] - to the place of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite" Exodus 3:8

One thing you can be sure of is this: When you sacrifice unto the Lord, what comes back to you is never the same measure that you sowed. It will always come back to you multiplied. From little to plenty is where you're heading. When your sacrifice speaks for you, it cries out on your behalf, and it makes a way to take you from where you are now to where God has designated you to be. Know this: Where you are now isn't your final destination. God has so much more in store for you. Do you believe this? Even before your requests reach the top of Mount Sinai, God is orchestrating ways for greater opportunities, testimonials, and miracles! It is He Who directed your steps to participate in this sacrifice month. He ordered your steps up that altar, and there you took your leap of faith. He is here to take you from little to plenty, to a sweet life.

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ALL THE "ITES" EXCUSE ME!

"So I have come down to rescue them from the hand (power) of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a land [that is] good and spacious, to a land flowing with milk and honey [a land of plenty] - to the place of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite" Exodus 3:8

There are many "ites" that fight to make your life as miserable as possible, but they cannot resist the power of sacrifice. There is so much power in sacrifice that it confuses the enemy without you having to say a single word to them. There are the Jealousites, the Bitterites, the Offendingites, the Stagnationites, the "Who does he/she think they are "ites," etc. The list goes on and on. To all the "ites" in life, God, Himself, will cause them to move out of your way, placing you where you belong. There is no need to address them or answer them, for your sacrifice is already at work on your behalf.

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I AM FOREVER **GRATEFUL!**

Carl Homward - Brooklyn, NY

"I am living my best life with every new day. When you believe in God to do great things, and you stay focused on the foundation which He has built for you, you will walk a successful path. "

I am forever grateful that God guided me to The Temple of Restoration. In 2017, I was the dry bones in the valley, a broken man. But the Lord used the Temple of Restoration family to pray over me to bring new life to my dry bones, and through deliverance, I was healed. Glory to God. But He was not finished yet.

2020 was undoubtedly a challenging year for many. COVID hit, and many lost their jobs. God had blessed me in the workplace, allowing me to continue working through the pandemic. Even during the pandemic, I was believing in God to bless my path abundantly. June 16, 2020, the Director of Operations reached out to me saying, "Expect a \$4,700 bonus on your next paycheck." My team was blessed with bonuses as well. I stand on Hebrews 10:24 and promote this scripture with my team, believing the Lord to provide much success in our department. Also, it showed them that through God, the impossible was made possible. During the pandemic, I was put in charge of running the department and keeping the team focused and not distracted by the COVID situation. There were many challenges, but I called on my Lord and Savior for every one of them. He guided me through every challenge.

In October of 2020, I received another call from the Director of Operations. They were very pleased with how the department was being led, so I was blessed with two additional bonuses, one for \$3,750 and the other for \$3,850. There's more!



Also, during the pandemic, the Lord created a very special moment for me. On September 7, 2020, Cherylann and I were married at The Temple of Restoration, 490 Pacific St., after the Winner's Night Service. Judith created a beautiful song for us, on the spot, that included both of our names. God made a way for me to be married to someone with whom I am equally yoked. There's still more!

June 2021, the Month of Sacrifice started. I knew what I initially wanted to sacrifice, along with my prayer request. Then God instructed me to put more, so I did. In the middle of that month, my Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration at my job called me. Because I had just graduated with an Associate's Degree in accounting, he asked for my grades and the payment information for my student loan. The next day, I received a confirmation email that my student loan was paid in full! Glory to God! The SVP also sent me a congratulatory email. Hallelujah! Wait, my God wasn't finished!

The last week in the month of sacrifice, I received notification that there was an additional deposit

in my account. On top of the boost in my raise, I was blessed with another bonus of \$2900. Thank you, Jesus! But wait, there's more!

Bishop Angelo put this word out on Facebook, "I declare and decree Over everyone reading and sharing this, that Today, the Lord Jesus is Going To Heal Your Body, bless your home, Multiply Your Money, Increase Your Dominion, Favor Your Relationships, And Open a new door in your life. Say Amen!!!" "And you will also decree a thing, and it will be established for you, and light will shine on your ways" (Job 22:28). I believed it and received it. AGAIN, the SVP of Operations called to let me know about a raise that he gave me.

A few days later, I received another call from the same SVP. His boss bumped my raise up higher than what it was initially. And, they officially announced my promotion and new title at a staff meeting later that day, Director of the Sanitation Department.

I am living my best life with every new day. When you believe in God to do great things, and you stay focused on the foundation in which He has built for you, you will walk a successful path. One thing I try to keep in mind is the Lord builds us up for each upcoming challenge, and we need to call on His strength and courage to push forward and continue to be vigilant in our walk. I thank GOD for leading me to the Temple of Restoration. May GOD continue to bless this awesome spiritual hospital. All the glory, honor, and praise to our mighty GOD!

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).



THE WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE

"When Pharaoh heard about this matter, he tried to kill Moses. Then Moses fled from Pharaoh's presence and took refuge in the land of Midian, where he sat down by a well" Exodus 2:15

There is no escaping the wildernesses of life. Sooner or later, everybody will find themselves in a wilderness. It's a place of desolation but not despair. It's a place of sacrifice but also serenity. It is in the wilderness that God molds us and makes us who He desires us to be. Don't run away from your wilderness; you just might find yourself there longer than you have to be. Keep a good sacrificial attitude in the wilderness. Know that God is there with you, and He knows exactly what you need and how long you need to be there. Grow in your wilderness!

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GET UP EARLY AND SPEAK UP

"Then the Lord said to Moses, Rise early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh, and say to him, Thus says the Lord God of the Hebrews: Let My people go, that they may serve Me" Exodus 9:13 NKJV

When we're in a battle, it calls for strength, courage, and much sacrifice. Sometimes, we just have to get up early in the morning and address the problem that is before us! Speak to the problem rather than about it. The more you speak about it, the stronger it becomes. But the more you address it, the weaker it becomes. It takes sacrifice to step out of our comfort zone and walk into the battle and fight. It's so much easier to have someone else fight for us, pray for us, fast for us. But remember, it's those who fight who will receive the victory of the battle and not the bystanders. It's the one who speaks that gets heard.

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SACRIFICE IS THE HIGHEST FORM OF WORSHIP

"And God said, 'Certainly I will be with you, and this shall be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve and worship God at this mountain' " Exodus 3:12

There is no greater act of worship than sacrifice! Worship isn't songs sung on a Sunday morning nor neatly fit Biblical memorization To worship is to give up oneself and all one's desires to pick up God's will and way. God desires true worshippers who worship the LORD in Spirit and in truth. One can never be a real worshipper if he/she is not willing to live sacrificially for the LORD.

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IF IT DOESN'T COST YOU, IT ISN'T A SACRIFICE

"But the king said to Araunah, 'No, but I will certainly buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God which cost me nothing.' So David purchased the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver" 2 Samuel 24:24

Listen up! Sacrifice costs us. If we don't feel the pain of what we're doing, then it isn't a sacrifice at all. It really is that simple! Sacrifice costs! David understood sacrifice, and he knew God. He wanted to offer unto the Lord sacrifices, and it was nice of Araunah to offer so willingly to help David out. But sacrifice is personal, and David knew this. It had to come from him, from his resources, from his heart, from his sweat. When we fully understand this and do it, great results follow. Sacrifice costs.

Notes



I want to testify of God's faithfulness and awesome power by blessing my husband and me with a home. In 2018, we wrote the vision and the amount we could pay down, then began budgeting and setting financial goals toward the down payment. I have been attending the Winner's Night services for quite some time and participated in a service where we walked in faith on pictures representing the things we wanted in life. I claimed everything I stood on in Jesus' name. Another time, I received an anointed key and instructions on where to put it. I received two keys. I placed one where I desired to work and was hired there some years later. The other key I kept and trusted that the Lord would tell me where to put it.

I wrote in my "dream book" that in 2023, my husband and I would be living in our home. When 2022 arrived, we didn't have all the finances to purchase a home. I desired to buy a home in Brooklyn as an investment property; however, they were very expensive. I participated in the Month of Sacrifice in 2022. In faith, I sowed a sacrificial seed that God would give us direction on how and where to buy the home. That August, my friend's relative was selling her home. We looked, and although not the best home, with faith, we saw much potential. I always bring everything to the Lord to bless it and get His approval/direction. I showed it to Pr. Rosalie; she said, "Nice, but I know God's got more homes out there for you!" I was utterly surprised and asked myself, "Is Pastor going nuts? I'm showing her the home God has for me, and that's her response." Nonetheless, she prayed over it. We put in an offer, but the owner took another higher one. Disappointed, I decided maybe that was the Lord, and we weren't to buy right now.

A few weeks later, a beautiful, spacious twobedroom apartment was available across from us. I pitched the idea to my husband that we could move in without U-Haul or movers. He said that was going backward, and my spirit agreed. We viewed three more homes, but they didn't feel right. Then, one night, the Lord planted in my heart to increase our price. We viewed a beautiful home with no realtor and fell in love with it. Again, I brought it to Pr. Rosalie. Her exact words were, "Now that's a home!" She prayed that it was ours. In faith, I placed the other anointed key I had kept for almost 7 years at the home.

The next week, we were told that Bishop was going to Israel to the place where he received the vision for the church. He said anyone led by God to participate should sow the seed of \$152.00 and place the seed with our prayer request in a net. I sowed the seed for the home. Now, the house cost was well above our saved down payment. I was hopeful that after the inspection report, the owner would deduct some of the repairs; however, she refused. The realtor didn't help because she was working both sides. She said we could only put in an offer if we used her because we didn't have a realtor when we viewed the house. I said, "God, you know we are new to this process. Please be our realtor and real estate lawyer in this process. Help us not to lose any money and to have the right people in our corner."

I began having doubts since we had money for a down payment but not the closing. I refuse to borrow because the bible tells us not to. I remembered reaching out to Deacon Marcus with my doubts. He told me it was my house. It was on the market for 152 days, and I sowed the seed for \$152. He said, "Alicia, that's your BIG catch! Now it's time to reel in your net. Don't worry about the cost; trust God and continue the process". I took his word and continued in faith. God began to cause things to work in our favor. We received a locked-in rate for the home that went down 1.5%. God began to show us avenues where we had the money without borrowing.

I gave birth on Jan 20th, 2023, and expected to close afterward, but the underwriters refused to give us the loan. They said they weren't sure I was returning to work, and also, I was now on disability and not receiving the same income. God had also blessed me with a \$10,000 salary increase after only being at the job for one year. I presented the documentation with the salary increase, but they still refused.

It was now mid-February; I had already put in our 30-day notice in faith to evacuate the apartment at the end of the month. Pr. Rosalie and Pr. Sherwin prayed and stood in faith with me to close. I kept saying, "God, I know you would not make us put in our notice to become homeless with two children." To God be the Glory, the bank consented to the loan. The day before the contract ended and the lock-in rate expired, we closed and received the keys to our beautiful home in Brooklyn.



Exodus 23:20

God has a place of victory prepared for you; do you believe this? Now, if you indeed believe this, you will obey whatever He tells you to do, yes or no? If He tells you go to the right, you'll go to the right. If He tells you not to move, you'll stand completely still even if you really want to move. Our conquest (our testimony, breakthrough, and miracle) will come through our sacrifice. Nothing good comes free, there's a price to be paid. Even the finished work of the cross for our salvation did not come free. It cost the Father His only begotten Son. And for us to maintain our salvation, we need to sacrifice daily to make sure we're living in the Word of God.

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SACRIFICING SELF

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" Galatians 2:20 NKJV

There is no greater sacrifice than the sacrifice of the flesh and its desires. We, who have accepted Christ into our lives, must be willing to sacrifice self daily. Self and all of its fleshly desires cannot go before the Lord's will. He now lives in us. His Holy Spirit abides in our hearts, and when we open our hearts to hear His Voice, we will begin to live by faith, trusting in God to see us through any and all circumstances of life! Our

flesh will shout, scream, and have a fit, but nevertheless, put it into full submission to God's Word, and you'll see the manifestation of great things in your life!

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RESCUE IN THE WORKS

"So I have come down to rescue them from the hand (power) of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a land [that is] good and spacious, to a land flowing with milk and honey [a land of plenty] - to the place of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite" Exodus 3:8

As soon as you took this step of faith to sacrifice unto the Lord, He heard your cry!Yes, you can believe this with all your heart. He is coming down to do what? To rescue you from what is oppressing you, what is hurting you, and what has become an impossible mountain before you. Stay focused this month on what you're asking God for. Why did you make your vow? Rescue is in the works even now as you read this word for you today. The Lord is here to rescue you from the hand(s) that have tried very hard to keep you in bondage in life. Break free!

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THE MIRACLE WORKER 15 STILL IN EFFECT! Kerrian & Courtney williams

My husband and I spent years trying to conceive but always had devastating miscarriages. Overwhelmed with all the losses and desperate for answers, I had several surgeries and learned that I had fibroids, polyps, and was born with only half a uterus. This increases the risk of miscarriages, makes it difficult to conceive, and causes breech births. I also learned that I had only one functioning fallopian tube. I was shocked but knew if God still allowed me to have monthly cycles, He also had the power to bless me with a child. I had the unconnected tube, fibroids, and polyps removed and started In Vitro Fertilization (IVF). However, after 2 cycles of IVF, we still experienced miscarriages.

Still determined, with finances exhausted and nowhere else to turn, a year ago, we made a vow to sow our seed, fast, and pray together for the entire month of June before doing IVF again. We were believing God to bless my womb and cancel the spirit of miscarriages, standing on Hannah's story, who was once barren, but God blessed her with Samuel. We faced severe complications, including emergency surgery, and I required complete bed rest. In December 2022, after six pregnancies, God blessed us with a beautiful baby boy who forever changed our lives. His name is Carter Jerome Nathaniel (Meaning Gift of God).

He was born a micro preemie, with only skin and bones, transparent-like skin, and weighing only 1lb, and was in critical condition. He was in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for 4 1/2 months before being transferred to another facility for additional treatment. The journey was long with many ups and downs, but thankfully, Carter is no longer on a ventilator, doesn't require oxygen, and weighs over 15 lbs. We're so fortunate that Carter is home in good health after 6 months in the hospital. All thanks be to God for our miracle baby. God is truly amazing.

We waited to share until Carter was in a better, promising, and healthy condition. This journey has taught us to keep hope alive, to trust God's plan, and to pray and protect the blessing God is giving us with all our might. It took us years and many down moments, but we are here to testify of God's greatness. Also, sometimes it's best not to speak prematurely about what God is doing for you until His work is complete, as stated in Ephesians 6:12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

I thank God for my spiritual home, TTOR, which has taught us the power of fasting, praying, and sowing seeds to move the hands of God. I also thank my pastors, their wives, and my mother, who prayed and encouraged me. I pray our story brings hope, faith, and encouragement in anything you're believing God to do in your life. God is able. All thanks be to God! He is truly a miracle worker!



HUMILITY

"My [only] sacrifice [acceptable] to God is a broken spirit; A broken and contrite heart [broken with sorrow for sin, thoroughly penitent], such, O God, You will not despise" Psalm 51:17

There is nothing more beautiful than humility. When we are humble, we understand fully that it is God in us and through us and not that of ourselves. This in itself is sacrificial. Anyone can be proud, but it takes sacrifice of self to be humble. When we come before the Lord in humbleness, He will always be ready to listen and answer the requests of our heart.

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A GOOD SACRIFICE

"Do not neglect to do good, to contribute [to the needy of the church as an expression of fellowship], for such sacrifices are always pleasing to God" Hebrews 13:16

When we set our hearts to do good, the enemy isn't happy at all. No matter how small or big that good may be, you can ready yourself to receive criticism from others and words of discouragement from those who do not have the same heart as you. But fret not thyself. Keep doing good, keep contributing, for all that you do will be honored by the Lord Almighty!

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THE LORD'S PROVISION ACCOMPANIES OUR OBEDIENCE

"Then he cried to the Lord [for help], and the Lord showed him a tree, [a branch of] which he threw into the waters, and the waters became sweet. There the Lord made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them" Exodus 15:25

God will always provide for those who sacrifice to Him. But at times, He will ask us to do something before He performs the miracle. You see, this is called collaboration. When we collaborate with God by doing our part, He comes through and does His. What is our part usually? It's sacrificial prayer/fasting, forgiving, loving, obeying, etc. Sometimes, God will ask us to do something in order to see just how much we're trusting in His command. If we obey, we're showing Him that we believe and we trust; thus, in return, He honors and provides the answer!

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MY STORY HAS CHANGED

Before I came to the Temple of Restoration, I was lost, broken, and thought that God had forgotten about me. I was living in Minnesota and after graduating with a masters degree, I could not find a job. I asked myself is this it? My apartment lease was up, so I had to decide to either move back to Jamaica, W.I. or New York. I felt empty and knew for the first time that something was missing from my life. In my desperation, I cried out to God for help; that prayer led me to New York. Once in New York, I stayed with complete strangers. With no job and no money except the little that people gave me, I couldn't enroll in school. As an



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international student, this led to immigration issues. If that wasn't enough, I became pregnant; I was bitter, frustrated, and angry with God.

One night in anguish, I asked God to direct me to a place of worship, and that's when I found TTOR's website. I read the testimonies and called the prayer line in curiosity and was surprised when a prayer warrior picked up the phone and prayed with me. She encouraged me to attend the church. I took her challenge, and a few days later, I visited TTOR. That one call changed my life completely! I started attending weekly services at TTOR in Mount Vernon, NY. I was determined in my faith, believing for my break-through. I stayed committed to my links of prayers and fasting whenever possible.

Today, I can say God is God! My story has change. He has blessed me with my beautiful daughter, Sienna, who reminds me every day of God's grace, with a job at Fordham University, and with my own apartment. I also got my green card by faith. Before the Month of Sacrifice, I challenged God. I made a financial vow and wrote out my naturalization card with my name as if I had already gotten it. I had IRS issues, so I hired one of the best lawyers in NY. He told me I wouldn't get my citizenship because I was faced with a \$10,000.00 IRS bill. The enemy was using that to discourage me. It was a fight, but in my heart, I knew I had a heavenly legal team working for me. God granted me uncommon favor. I pay less than what was owed, and I am now a US citizen!

I want to thank my pastors for their dedication and constant prayers, and for teaching us how to apply the unchanging Word of God in our lives. I can truly say I am not just hearing about God's miracles, I am a living miracle, living in His favor, and determined to go forward. This is just a glimpse of what He has in store for me. Thank you God and TTOR.





GOD'S FAVOR ON YOU

"And I will grant this people favor and respect in the sight of the Egyptians; therefore, it shall be that when you go, you will not go empty-handed" Exodus 3:21

What a mighty God we serve! When you give to Him sacrificially, you will receive back in abundance! Not only is your sacrifice speaking for you, but God's favor rests upon you as a result of your obedience. Yes, that step of faith you took that day on the altar is a first step toward uncommon favor amongst others. Even your enemies will hand over to you what God has ordered them to give you without a grumble or complaint! When God's favor is on you, it's evident to everyone around you. Get ready, for you will certainly not go emptyhanded!

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PRAISEFUL SACRIFICE

"Through Him, therefore, let us at all times offer up to God a sacrifice of praise, which is the fruit of lips that thankfully acknowledge and confess and glorify His name" Hebrews 13:15

A thankful heart does wonders! It not only makes us feel good, but it is a sweet aroma unto the Lord! Now, it's easy to praise God when everything is going well. However, it's not so easy to open our mouths and glorify Him when all hell is breaking loose. Tough seasons of life call for tough attitudes, and a grateful attitude is one of the strongest attitudes to obtain! When the devil tries to make you focus on what is against you, remind him of Who is for you! Be grateful!

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GOD HONORED MY FAITH

I waited three years for my immigration interview to receive my green card. I kept praying, coming to church, planting seeds, and standing on the Word of God that he didn't bring me this far to leave me. Last year, I had put away three thousand dollars that I owed my immigration lawyer; but when the month of sacrifice came, I told God I was going to sacrifice one thousand dollars.



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After putting that money in the envelope, fear came over me and I heard the devil saying that this wasn't going to work. I told the devil to go to hell, and I cried out to God to give me strength and increase my faith. Then I said to God, "I'm not going to sacrifice one thousand dollars; I'm going to give it all! "I put all the money in the sacrifice envelope and began to claim my blessing. I continued to read **Hebrews 11**, coming to church, and asking the pastors to pray with me along with my friend.

At the end of May, I received my interview letter for June 1st. I asked God to be my interviewer with no questions asked. The day of the interview came, and we had a long wait; my husband and I were also the last ones left there. Finally, my name was called, and it was a female that would be conducting the interview. She only asked me two questions, which were where I lived and if anyone ever petitioned for me before. I answered the questions and that was all. Then she said I would have her decision within a month. When we left, my lawyer congratulated me.

On Saturday June 5th, I opened the door and there was mail in between the door. It fell on the ground, and I opened it and there it was—my green card approval. I thank God for increasing my faith and believing that all things are possible when we pray and believe. I want to thank the pastors for teaching us to stand on the promises of God and have faith. Up until now, my lawyer hasn't asked me for a penny!



ETERNAL BLAZING FLAME

"The Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing flame of fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was on fire, yet it was not consumed" Exodus 3:1

The Lord your God is the Eternal Blazing Flame. Hallelujah! Know this, dear month of sacrifice participant: As this fire burned bright, you will burn bright for the glory of the Almighty! Nothing will be able to consume you. NOTHING! The Living Fire that burns within you will cause heads to turn, and when they do, they will see nothing less than the glory of the Almighty in your life!

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WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN YOUR HAND?

"And the Lord said to him, ' What is that in your hand?' And he said, ' A staff' " Exodus 4:2

You can only offer unto the Lord what you have. Yes, a sacrifice is giving unto the Lord what you have that is very difficult to let go of. God will never ask you for what you don't have. It will cost you, but if it's in your ability to give, He will use what you give Him. We often think this is too hard to give up, or it's too insignificant for God, and this is where we go wrong and lose out in life. God will ask us for the very thing that we have in our possession. If we're willing to let it go for a greater purpose, He will use what we release to Him, and He will bless us tremendously as a result of our obedience.

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NOW YOU WILL SEE!

"Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for under compulsion he will [not only] let them go, but under compulsion he will drive them out of his land" Exodus 6:1

Compulsion simply means the action or state of forcing or being forced to do something. Pay close attention to God's Words to Moses: He will see to it. My God! Do you know that when you obey His Voice and step out in faith, He will see to it? He will make sure. He will cause things to work together in order for your breakthrough to happen! It doesn't matter how it looks right now. It doesn't matter what others are saying about it. It doesn't even matter how you feel right now; it's about FAITH! TRUST in God that He will do it for you. Your testimony will not only come to you, but it will run to you! Hallelujah!

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TRUST BEFORE THE SEA OF TURMOIL

"As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up and saw the Egyptians marching after them, and they were very frightened; so the Israelites cried out to the Lord" Exodus 14:10

How many times have we been before a sea of turmoil? It could be a sea of family problems that seem to be so huge and never-ending. Maybe we're before a sea of negative/fearful thoughts that seem to be drowning out good sense over and over again; no matter how much we try to keep our heads above the waters, we're constantly going down. At times, we feel the devil and his demons right behind us and coming at us in full force! What do we do? Trust God.

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GOD ANSWERED My Sacrifice

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10 years of marriage and seeing multiple doctors who couldn't figure out what was wrong. Some said my husband was the problem, while others said it was me. Everyone gave up on us including my husband, family, and friends, except me. My husband had accepted spending the rest of his life with me without children. Despite doing many procedures, the doctors said they were not sure if I could have children. In June 2018, I sacrificed by praying, fasting, and sowing the same amount of seed the doctors charged for my treatments. During the 7:30am service on Sacrifice Sunday, I couldn't stop crying, and I didn't understand why. Several months later I found out that I was pregnant with twin girls. God is good. Thank you Ms.Liz for always encouraging me and praying for me. I pray that He continues to strengthen you so that you can continue doing what you do for others.





REMAINING STILL

"Moses was willing to remain with the man, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah [to be his wife]" Exodus 2:21

Sometimes, the sacrifice may not be in going somewhere but in staying right where you are. How many are those who run from a problem rather than remain and try to fix it? Do you know why? It takes sacrifice to remain. It may take self-denial and maybe even a little humbling in order to remain. How willing are we to sacrifice and stay right where God wants us to be? I can assure you that if we stay when God says "Stay," we will reap the harvest of our sacrificial obedience.

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A GOD THAT SEES AND HEARS

"The LORD said, I have in fact seen the affiiction (suffering, desolation) of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters (oppressors); for I know their pain and suffering' " Exodus 3:7

From the top of Mount Sinai, the Lord assured Moses that He is a God who hears and sees. Don't think for a moment that what you're going through cannot be changed, healed, restored, etc. God is All Powerful! He saw you when you made your vow. He sees you now as your faith and trust is in Him continually. Stay in the spirit of expectation as your requests are making their way to the very top of Mount Sinai. As surely as God sees and hears you, He is approaching you with the answer to your cry out.

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A HUNDRED-FOLD REWARD

"Then Isaac planted [seed] in that land [as a farmer] and reaped in the same year a hundred times [as much as he had planted], and the Lord blessed and favored him" Genesis 26:12

There is a hundredfold reward for all those who plant sacrificially and believe God for the increase. Hallelujah! A harvest awaits us when we trust in the LORD, even in times of drought, for we have understood the power of sacrificial planting. Letting go of our seed brings forth our harvest. We cannot have a harvest if we don't let go of the seed. If God did it for Isaac, He will do it for you. Take hold of your seed and look at it well. Will that seed do anything for you in your hand? If you know that it won't (and you know that it won't), sow it. A hundredfold reward will follow.

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THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD

"Now Moses was keeping the flock of Jethro (Reuel) his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb (Sinai), the mountain of God" Exodus 3:1

There are mountains many mentioned in scripture: Mount of Temptation, Mount of Beatitudes, Mount of Transfiguration, Mount Zion, Mount of Olives, Mount Carmel, etc. So what is so important about Mount Sinai that it is called "the mountain of God"? It was here that the Lord Almighty, the I AM that I AM, appeared to Moses and summoned him to return to Egypt and deliver His people. Here, the commandments are given Hand written by God on tablets of stone. Here, the glorious fire of God burned the top of the mountain. And as your requests are being carried to the top of this mountain, know that the same fire that fell upon this mountain will fall upon your requests, consume everything that is not of God, and purify/strengthen with His glory what is good.

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A COVENANT-KEEPING GOD

"So God heard their groaning and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel)" Exodus 2:24

God is a covenant-keeping God. We have been brought into a covenant with God through the finished work of the cross, through the Blood of Jesus! Know that God is faithful to His promise. His Word can never and will never return to Him void. It must accomplish what it was sent out to do. When we do our part, He certainly does His.

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He Did It For Me!



Blessing to my TTOR family and loved ones, I would like to share my testimony with you about the Month Of Sacrifice. Last year, during the month of sacrifice, I was praying to God for a piece of land back in my country so that I could start to build my house. During my sacrifice, it was challenging, but I kept the faith and believed that God would bring me through.

I went to my country to start the process. This was the first time I was going to apply. I was told by many that I could not get the land. Words that were spoken by others were: 1. I applied 15 years ago, and I haven't received my land. Some have applied 1 year, 5 years, 20 years ago, etc. 2. Because you came from New York, you think you can get the land in 2

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weeks 3. It will take you years, so just forget about it, and even more negative words. I remember asking if you believe that God can do it. The reply was yes, but this is how the process goes. I said NO if you believe, you will not have doubt in God. I prayed to God with all my faith that what happened to them shall not happen to me. I locked myself out from all the negative words that were spoken, and I keep the faith believing that with God anything is possible. I remember going every day to the housing office checking and asking questions, hoping that I could receive the land before I left the country. The secretary at the office gave me such a hard time in the 2 weeks that I spent. It was hard, no courage. Everything I saw with my eyes was possible that I would not get the land. Yes, I started the process but did not receive the land. It was a joy and joke for others because I didn't receive the land. They were asking me where my faith was and saying I didn't listen when they were trying to tell me how the process is.

My people, God had a better plan for me, 2hrs before my flight, I received a message saying my flight got canceled. I was asking God what was this because I had to start a new job the next day, I called the company to tell them that the flight got canceled and I am not getting a next flight out till in 4 days. They told me not to worry whenever you come back. The job is here for you, and things happen, so we understand. I give God thanks because I started to wonder what was happening. For the 4 more days that I had to spend in my country I went back again to the housing office letting them know my flight got canceled and if we can continue, sutill nothing isn't working for me.

I left the office and remembered connecting online while Bishop Angelo and the team were on the journey praying over our sacrifice. I say lord, I place it in your hands and also the team, I did my part, you do the rest. I stopped going to the office. On the 2nd day, I received a call to come down to the office. I went to the office where I had the chance to meet with the CEO of the company. He told me he saw me keep coming to the office and he ask his secretary what was the issues and she explain to him that I now come to apply for a land and I wanted to get it right away and she told me that it take time, he told me I do not know you but never change who you are keep being persistent, he said I like you faith you never stop giving up and with that sprit you will go far.

My people, the man, gave me a bag with numbers to pull and asked me which area I wanted the

land. I put my hand in the bag. The lot number I pulled out was 490. I started to smile, and he asked what happened. I said this number was the same lot number for my church. To God Be The Glory, I received my land before I even traveled back to America. The same ones that were asking where my faith is, I turn around and help them before I leave. we all end up with our land. On May 20th, 2024. I closed on a 3-family house in New York. He didn't just bless me with a land in my country but also with a house. From that day the secretary, the CEO and all the staff we are good friends. People you can be nothing to people but with God he can take you to high places, to high people, never see your self that you can not do it you are strong enough to do it. My loved ones never let doubts, fears, and negative words of others affect you from what you believe and pray to God. just believe, have faith, and stay focused during your sacrifice. he did it for me, and he can do it for you, just believe. TO GOD BE THE GLORY.



A PUSH BACK

"Let the labor be heavier on the men, and let them work [hard] at it so that they will pay no attention to [their God's] lying words" Exodus 5:9

Before it got better, it got worse. There was a pushback not because Pharaoh didn't believe Moses' words but because he became afraid of what those words could do amongst the Israelites. The enemy today is no different. He's in fear right now as you've taken your step of faith and vowed before the Lord in this Month of Sacrifice. He's coming at you with doubt, frustration, fear, worry, etc. Don't give in to his tactics. There may be a pushback, but it's only to throw you further ahead when it's released! A pushback is not a defeat; it's a strategic positioning to soar further than you thought possible! Stay focused on the breakthrough you're expecting from God.

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I AM WHO I AM

"God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM'; and He said, 'You shall say this to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you' " Exodus 3:14

There is no other explanation needed. Don't waste your time trying to make others understand your sacrificial vow. You cannot. Why? Because there are things in life that make no sense to others, only to the one who is invested in them. Your vow is between you and God. Your request is between you and God, and the Great I AM is the One you're trusting in. Some around you may not understand you. Some around you may not agree with you, but that's okay. Just keep your heart and mind connected with the Lord. Know why you're doing what you're doing. And know that our God, the I AM WHO I AM, is with you.

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In 2021, I bought a home, expecting it to be a fresh start. But what followed was anything but peaceful. The mortgage company drained me financially, and the seller—who had agreed to fix the house—refused to do anything.

I spent thousands on lawyers trying to resolve the issue, but nothing changed. The seller wouldn't release the money needed for repairs. I was stuck with a broken house during the heart of the COVID pandemic and every legal door seemed to close in my face.

Fast forward to 2024. During our church's month of sacrifice, Bishop was teaching about the power of sacrificial giving. Even though I didn't have much, I felt led to give. I wrote down my prayer request, sowed what little I had, and trusted God to do the rest.

That Sunday, Bishop took our requests to Israel. And by Tuesday—just two days later—my phone started ringing nonstop. When I finally answered, it was the seller. He told me something unbelievable: God had told him to call me. He said he wanted to release the money to fix the house—something he had never done before. I was in shock.

By Thursday, the money was in my hands. I paid my tithes and even sowed tithes on the seller's behalf for his business.

That moment changed everything for me. Sacrifice is real—and it works. To God be the glory.



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