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THE DESIRE TO GROW

From Pampers to Pants

Key Texts

1 Corinthians 13:11 (NKJV)

“When I was a child, I spoke as a child... but when I became a man, I put away childish things.”

Hebrews 5:12-14 EASY

[12] After all this time as believers in Jesus, you ought to be teachers. Instead of that, you still need someone to teach you the first lessons about God’s message. You have become like babies, who need milk instead of proper food. [13] Anyone who still thinks like a baby does not yet understand God’s message about what is right. It is as if they are still drinking only milk. [14] People who have grown up eat proper food. In the same way, people who have been believers for a long time should understand more about God’s message. They should have learned about what is good and about what is bad. They should know the difference between these.

1 Peter 2:2-3 EASY

[2] Instead, you should want to learn about God more and more. New babies always want their mothers’ milk, which makes them grow strong. God’s message is like good food that will make you strong in your spirits. Then you will continue to grow as believers so that God saves you. [3] Do this, because you have already begun to know how kind the Lord is to you.

Ephesians 4:11-15 NKJV

[11] And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, [12] for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, [13] till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; [14] that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, [15] but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

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Colossians 1:28 AMP

[28] We proclaim Him, warning and instructing everyone in all wisdom [that is, with comprehensive insight into the word and purposes of God], so that we may present every person complete in Christ [mature, fully trained, and perfect in Him—the Anointed].

INTRODUCTION

Every child starts life in pampers. Pampers represent dependence, mess, immaturity, and constant assistance.

But as a child grows, they move to pants — independence, discipline, responsibility, and maturity.

In the same way, every believer begins as a spiritual baby — but God never intended us to remain there.

Salvation is the beginning — growth is the expectation.

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1. Pampers Represent Spiritual Infancy.

Characteristics of Spiritual Babies

Hebrews 5:12–13

Always needing to be fed, not feeding others.

Easily offended and emotionally unstable

Dependent on people instead of God

Lack discernment

Struggle with obedience

Comfortable in sin and excuses

Spiritual babies want comfort more than change.

They want miracles but avoid discipline.

They want blessings but not responsibility.

Just like a baby cannot feed itself, walk properly, or clean itself — a spiritually immature believer needs constant help.

2. Milk Is Good — But It Must Lead to Meat

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1 Peter 2:2 – Desire the sincere milk of the Word so that you may grow.

Milk is necessary for beginners:

Basic salvation teachings

Prayer basics

Faith foundations

Understanding God's love

But Hebrews 5:14 says mature believers eat solid food.

If a 10-year-old is still drinking only milk, something is wrong.

If a 10-year-old is still wearing pampers, there is a serious problem.

Spiritually, many believers have been saved for years but still:

Easily offended

Still gossiping

Still unforgiving

Still prayerless

Still unstable in commitment

Growth must be intentional.

3. Pants Represent Spiritual Maturity

Pants symbolize:

Ø Responsibility

Ø Self-control

Ø Discipline

Ø Clean living

Ø Stability

Ø Fruitfulness

Ephesians 4:14–15

No longer tossed by every wind of doctrine

Speaking truth in love

Growing into Christ

A mature believer:

Feeds themselves from the Word

Prays consistently

Walks in love



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Controls emotions

Serves others

Lives holy

Makes disciples

Maturity is not about how long you've been in church – it's about how much Christ has been formed in you.

4. Desire Is the Engine of Growth

You will never grow beyond what you desire.

Psalms 42:1 – “As the deer pants for the water...”

Matthew 5:6 – Hunger and thirst for righteousness

If you desire comfort, you will stay in pampers.

If you desire growth, you will embrace discipline.

Growth requires:

- ✓ Hunger for the Word
- ✓ Prayer life
- ✓ Obedience
- ✓ Accountability
- ✓ Fellowship
- ✓ Service

No one grows accidentally – growth is deliberate.

5. How Do We Move From Pampers to Pants?

1. Accept Responsibility for Your Spiritual Life

Stop blaming pastors, church, or circumstances.

Your growth is your responsibility.

Philippians 2:12 –

Work out your salvation with fear and trembling.

2. Develop Spiritual Disciplines

Daily prayer



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Bible reading

Fasting

Worship

Fellowship

Discipline creates maturity.

3. Practice What You Learn

Knowledge without obedience produces pride, not growth.

James 1:22 – Be doers of the Word.

4. Allow God to Change Your Character

Let God deal with:

Anger

Pride

Unforgiveness

Laziness

Sexual purity

Integrity

Character is the evidence of growth.

5. Start Feeding Others

When you can teach, encourage, disciple – you are growing.

Healthy believers reproduce.



CONCLUSION

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I pray this message encourages you to want to grow in the areas of your life.

Amen!!!

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EXPLORING GOD'S WORD

Exploring God's Word

The Importance of Biblical Foundations to Mentoring within
the Church

*How to Finish the Race well as a Believer and as a
Spiritual Leader!*

Introduction

Not everyone who begins the race finishes it well. That is a sobering truth. Many start with zeal, passion and a sincere sense of calling, yet somewhere along the journey they falter. The tragedy is not merely personal failure; it is the families, congregations and the testimony of Christ in the watching world.

In our generation we have witnessed leaders fall financial ripple effect that damages through moral compromise, misconduct, abuse of authority and spiritual pride. When this happens, the wound extends far beyond the individual. Sheep scatter. Young believers stumble. The sceptic feels justified. And the Name of Christ is dishonoured.



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Many believers, wounded and disillusioned, placed their trust in a personality rather than in the unchanging Christ. Yet Scripture reminds us that Jesus alone never fails, never disappoints and never abandons His own. Men may fail. Systems may fail. Institutions may falter. But Christ remains faithful.

The Bible speaks with gravity about falling away. Some depart because they were never rooted in genuine faith (1 John 2:19). Others, though once vibrant, drift into immaturity through false doctrine, unchecked sin and a shallow understanding of repentance (Hebrews 6:4–6; 2 Peter 2:20–22). These passages are not written to frighten sincere believers, but to awaken them.

God is loving and merciful, yet He is also holy and just. He cannot tolerate sin. The Cross reveals both His hatred of sin and His relentless love for sinners. At Calvary we see mercy and justice meet. We see that grace is not cheap — it cost the blood of the Son of God.

Only through deep intimacy with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit can we grasp this divine balance. God loves His creation, yet He refuses to sanctify rebellion. The Gospel is not merely an invitation to begin well; it is a call to endure faithfully to the end.

Why So Few Finish Well

The Apostle Paul declared with confidence, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith” (2 Timothy 4:7). Those words were not spoken lightly. They were spoken by a man beaten, imprisoned, betrayed and misunderstood — yet unwavering.

History and Scripture show that few can echo those words with integrity.

Dr J. Robert Clinton’s extensive study of biblical leadership revealed a startling conclusion: only about 30% of leaders in Scripture finished well. Seventy percent fell short of their potential. That reality should arrest every believer, especially those entrusted with spiritual influence.

Finishing well is not accidental. It is intentional. It is cultivated through daily obedience, hidden faithfulness and long-term perseverance. The Christian life is not a sprint driven by emotional momentum. It is a marathon sustained by disciplined devotion.

How Biblical Leaders Finished

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1. Running Leaders such as Abraham, Joshua, Daniel, Paul and Peter deepened in intimacy with God throughout their lives. They remained teachable. They repented quickly. They endured hardship. They never outgrew their dependence on God. Notice this carefully: they were not perfect — but they were pliable. They allowed God to shape them. They grew older, but they also grew deeper.

2. Walking

Leaders like David and Hezekiah finished in relationship with God but carried lasting consequences from earlier compromise. Forgiveness does not always remove consequences. God restores, but scars sometimes remain. Their stories remind us that sin leaves a mark — even when grace abounds.

3. Limping

Gideon, Eli and Solomon declined in their later years. Their earlier victories did not guarantee lifelong faithfulness. Spiritual momentum, if not guarded, slowly erodes. Yesterday's obedience does not excuse today's negligence.

4. Disqualified

Samson, Absalom and Ahab were removed prematurely because their lives contradicted God's purposes. Talent without character is dangerous. Anointing without submission is destructive. These categories are not merely historical observations; they are mirrors. Each of us is moving in one of these directions.

Six Barriers to a Good Finish

The barriers that hinder leaders are not primarily external — they are internal.

1. Misuse of Money Financial compromise erodes credibility and invites destruction. Scripture repeatedly warns that the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Transparency and accountability are not optional; they are safeguards.

2. Abuse of Power Leadership without accountability becomes tyranny. Christ leads as a Shepherd, not as a dictator.

Authority in the Kingdom is exercised through service, not domination.

3. Pride

Success quietly feeds ego. Applause can intoxicate the soul. Pride blinds leaders to correction.

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Humility, on the other hand, keeps the heart teachable. As James writes, "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up."

4. Sexual Misconduct

Moral failure devastates families and ministries. No one falls overnight. Compromise begins in the mind long before it manifests in behaviour. Guarding the heart is not legalism — it is wisdom.

5. Family Dissension

A fractured home weakens public ministry. Scripture is clear that leadership begins at home. A neglected marriage or estranged children eventually surface in ministry effectiveness.

6. Complacency

When growth stops, decline begins. Spiritual life requires continual renewal. Prayer cannot become mechanical. Scripture reading cannot become routine. We must never rely on past victories to sustain present battles.

Each barrier is rooted not in lack of skill, but in lack of character. A leader may preach powerfully yet fall privately. Integrity must precede influence.

You Cannot Lead Where You Have Not Gone

Vision fades when leaders stop growing. Spiritual stagnation breeds conflict. When leaders are not advancing in prayer, Scripture and holiness, the people sense it. Congregations often reflect the spiritual temperature of their leaders.

Paul reminds us in Romans 15:4 that Scripture was written to teach us endurance and hope. The wise leader studies both the triumphs and the failures of those who came before.

There are practical disciplines that help us finish well:

- * Consistent personal prayer beyond public ministry
- * Serious engagement with Scripture, not merely sermon preparation
- * Honest accountability with leadership and a strong relationship with other churches and religious bodies
- * Regular seasons of reflection and repentance
- * Guarding rest and family life

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Finishing well requires guarding the inner life. Public ministry flows from private devotion and building a consistent, humble, servant heart both in your personal life as well as in your ministry.

Final Reflections

How will you finish? Running with passion? Walking faithfully? Limping with regret? Or disqualified before the end?

God desires that every believer finish well. You do not need titles or positions to fulfill your calling. You need surrender. You need humility. You need daily communion with Christ.

The race is long. The pressures are real. Temptations are subtle. The applause of men fades quickly. But God's grace is sufficient for those who cling to Him.

Let us commit — today — to live with integrity, lead with humility and pursue Christ with unwavering devotion until our final breath. May we, by God's mercy, one day echo Paul's words with confidence: "I have finished the race." And may the generations that follow us find faith strengthened — not weakened — by the way we ran.

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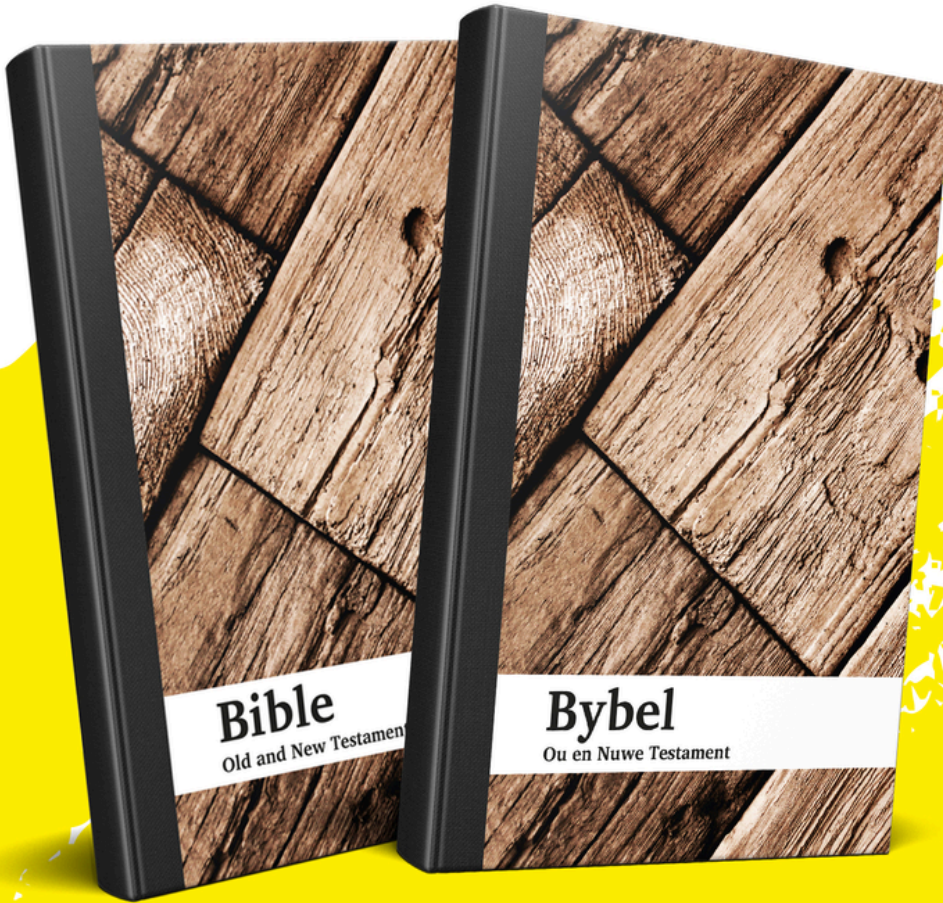
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KwaSizabantu, which translates to “the place where people are helped” in isiZulu, truly lives up to its name in every way!

By Gerda Potgieter

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RESTORED LIVES

For years, I have been writing stories about restoration to inspire others. During this journey, I have encountered incredible individuals—those who have completely transformed their lives and those who have aided them in that process. One organisation that stands out among the many caring and selfless groups is the KwaSizabantu Mission in Kranskop, KwaZulu-Natal. The name means “the place where people are helped,” and it truly lives up to that meaning. This remarkable community is dedicated to making a difference by offering support and compassion to all who seek assistance.

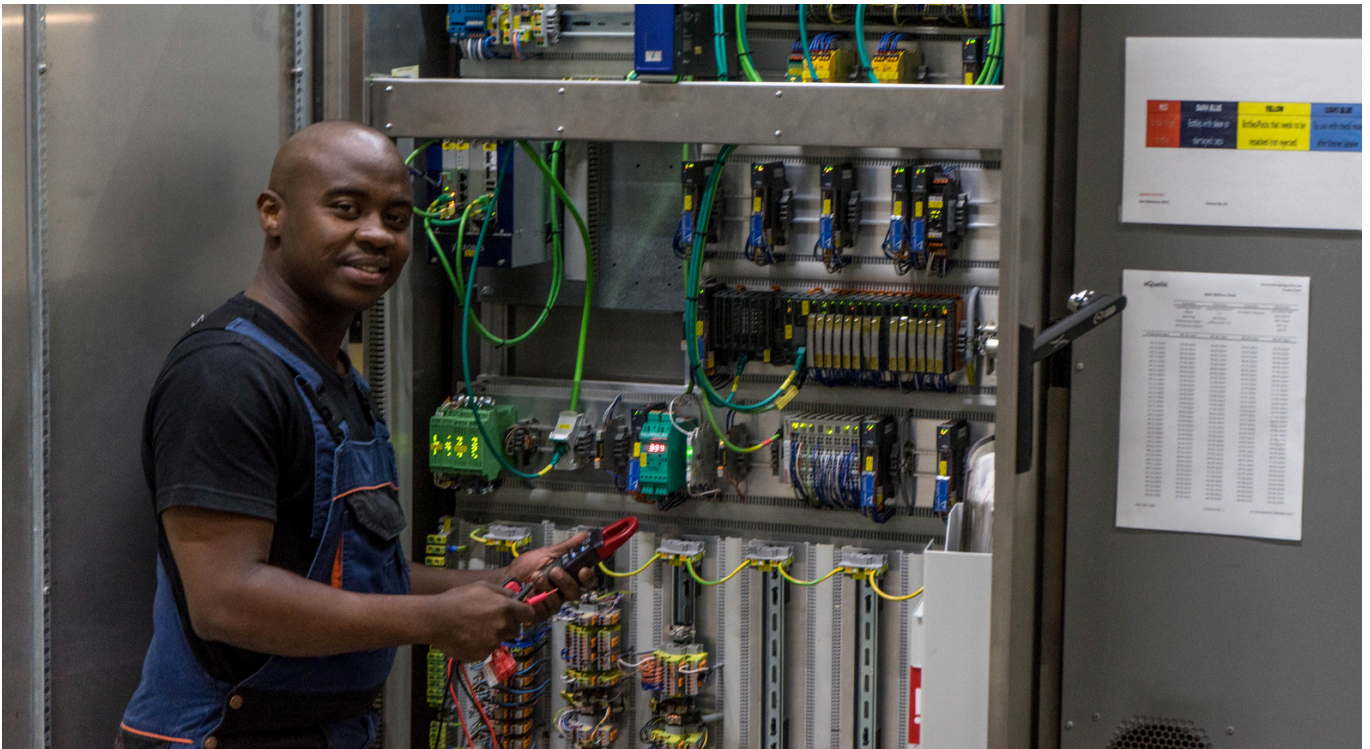
KwaSizabantu initiated the CYPISA restoration program several years ago to assist individuals in need. This impactful initiative has supported over 20,000 young people facing a wide range of challenges, from personal struggles to socioeconomic difficulties. In my journey to understand the program’s impact, I have had the honour of interviewing more than 40 young men who completed the program, each of whom has transformed their lives in remarkable ways. These inspiring individuals have shared their profound experiences, showcasing their resilience and determination to overcome adversity. It is a true privilege to tell their stories, as they not only inspire others facing similar challenges but also demonstrate that genuine help is readily available for those who are sincerely committed to making meaningful changes in their lives. Each narrative is a testament to hope and the possibility of a brighter future. Bullying is a harmful social ill that has taken root in schools. It is dangerous because it damages a person’s mental health, self-esteem, and sense of safety. It can lead to anxiety, depression, poor schoolwork and performance, and it can also cause long-lasting trauma. It creates a culture of fear that harms everyone around the victim, not just the victim. The normalisation of cruelty and silence hurts society. It reduces productivity and learning and breaks trust in communities. It makes places like schools and workplaces less safe, less fair, and less cooperative. In short, it is a social ill that has to be rooted out, to the benefit of society at large.

THE STORY OF QINISO SITHOLE

Like many South Africans, Qiniso was raised by a single mother who was a domestic worker. Growing up, he was one of the smartest children in his class. Sadly, like too many other children with the same experiences, he was a victim of bullying.

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Qiniso said, “In high school, I decided to join a group of guys I thought were ‘cool’ to avoid being bullied. They were smoking cigarettes, so I began smoking to try to fit in. In Grade 9, we started smoking dagga, and by the following year, we had progressed to smoking mandrax, and I began to neglect my schoolwork. Because I could not afford to buy drugs, I became a very active thief at school and in my community, and I also began stealing from my mom.

“I was given a condoned pass at the end of Grade 10, but I failed Grade 11 and decided to quit school and live a life of crime. I was arrested, and once inside prison, I joined one of the ‘number gangs’. Because of the covenants of the gang, I regularly found myself back in prison in the years that followed. “One day, I robbed someone whose family members were hazardous, and I was targeted for assassination. From that day on, my world started shrinking as none of my relatives wanted me near them - not even the

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drug lords wanted me near them. I realised how drugs had ruined my life, and how they were dragging me to my death.

“Then I heard of KwaSizabantu Mission and the organisation CYPISA, which provides help to people like me who feel hopeless. I decided to go to CYPISA seeking refuge and to quit drugs. When I arrived (at the mission station), I was told that the name of Jesus Christ would be my remedy. At the time, this sounded like a fairytale, but I decided to try it out because I had no other option. “I was taught that the way to reconcile with God is through the confession of sin. I started confessing my sins and felt the burden of being a drug addict, criminal, and the weight of hopelessness being lifted from my shoulders. “Today I’m free from drug addiction and a life of crime, thanks to the name above all other names, Jesus Christ. I now work with CYPISA, assisting and supervising those who arrive with the organisation seeking help. Friends, family, community, prison and even the threat of death could not save me – but God did not fail me”.

WHAT IS THE CYPISA RESTORATION PROGRAM?

Umphakathi Okhathazekile, more commonly recognised as the Concerned Young People of South Africa (CYPISA), was founded in 2007 by a passionate group of young visionaries. Officially registered as a Non-Profit Organisation in 2010 and later granted Public Benefit Organisation status in 2018, CYPISA emerged as a strong response to the moral decline and urgent social issues affecting communities across South Africa. This organisation firmly believes in the potential of young people as crucial agents of positive change. By empowering young leaders, it aims to harness their creativity and energy to influence societal progress significantly. Through various initiatives, the organisation fosters an environment where youth can thrive and play key roles in shaping their communities and society at large.

CYPISA’s mission is fulfilled through a broad range of activities, which include:

□ Education and awareness: CYPISA runs nationwide awareness campaigns in schools, correctional facilities and communities to raise awareness about social ills, thereby preventing crime.

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□ Restoration: Its Restoration Programme offers free support to individuals battling addiction or other social ills. The programmes are focused on prostitutes, drug addicts, street children, prisoners, and learners to overcome their challenges.

□ Prevention over cure: CYPISA aims to reach young people with a message of hope for a brighter future.

□ Voicing the needs of various communities: CYPISA ensures every community is heard and considered.

CYPISA aims to provide young people with well-researched insights and practical guidance to help them make considered decisions about their lives. The counsellors firmly believe in the transformative power of peer-to-peer engagement, which fosters genuine connections that resonate deeply with young people and promotes meaningful conversations.

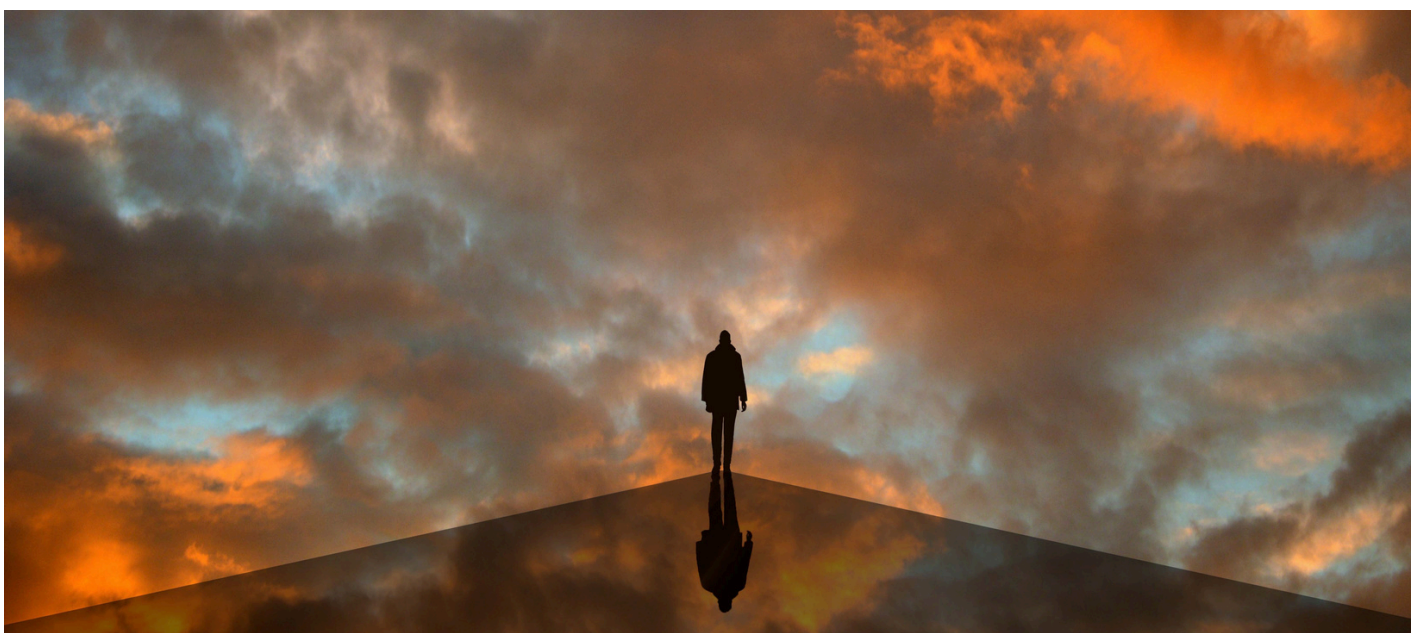
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School principals requested the continuation of effective programmes, as students actively engage and pay attention during presentations. The life stories shared by participants in the CYPISA Youth Restoration Programme (YRP) leave a lasting impression. These young men, who have overcome significant adversities, share stories of resilience that resonate with learners facing similar issues. By openly discussing their recovery journeys, they create a supportive environment that encourages youth to confront their challenges and seek help, thereby inspiring them to make positive changes.

For countless individuals, the CYPISA program has become more than an exploration of faith; it has blossomed into a vibrant community that nurtures connections, provides a robust support system, and offers a chance for rejuvenation. It has become a sanctuary where attendees experience a profound sense of belonging and purpose.

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HAVE YOU ACCEPTED JESUS
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Romans 3:23 ESV

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

The abovementioned verse is an extremely well used verse and many people know it and can even quote it off by heart, but the significance of it is the reality that every single person needs to contemplate.

If you have not accepted Jesus as your Personal Saviour yet or are thinking about it, you have to start here. The reality of your sin problem cancels and disqualifies you from the very presence of God and this bars you from eternal Life. Your choices are simple here, either an eternity with God or an Eternity without God. I would think that the logical answer would be an Eternity with God. Why? Well let's look at this:

2 Thessalonians 1:9

"They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might"

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This is the reality of a choice that omits Jesus as your Personal Saviour -

- = **Everlasting Punishment**
- = **Destruction**
- = **Shut Out**
- = **No Godly Presence**
- = **And no Glory at all**

This is not something to take lightly and by the way this is not scaring you into making a false decision, God is love, thus we as His followers are love, this means if I say I have the love of God, it is my duty to tell you the truth and point you into the right direction.

So in looking at the sin problem and the reality of this, what is the answer then? Let's look at this:

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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What a wonderful solution to an immense problem, God has made a way and in making the way He has also made it very clear that this is the only answer to the problem. You have to accept Jesus His Son in order to obtain Eternal Life and ward off all the destruction and other bad things spoken about in the previous Bible verse.

It also makes it very clear that this can only be done through JESUS CHRIST His Son, there is no other way to salvation or Eternal life other than through Jesus, NONE!

Let's look at this too:

John 1:12-13

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

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Wow! Just look at this, not only do we get Eternal Life but we become Children of God. The impact of this is massive as it speaks to the fact that we now belong to the family of God and receive the benefits of being part of a family, and not just any family but a royal family (1 Peter 2 vs 9).

So in looking and understanding all of this, How do you accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour?

Romans 10 vs 9-10

"that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."

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Let me just make one point very clear before we look at the above verses, your salvation cannot be obtained by good works, you cannot go to Heaven or be part of God's family because you are a good person, or you do good deeds, No! The Bible makes it clear, if you want to accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour then it gets done on the basis of two things. These two things are critical because it will also help you on your work with the Lord and attain righteousness and a life pleasing to God.

Firstly, you have to confess with your mouth that Jesus is your Lord, this is very important because by your confession God will know and people in the world will know. This is significant because one does not hide a light under a bowl. Everyone must see and hear that you are a child of God.

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And secondly you must believe in your heart, with your whole being and understanding that Jesus was raised from the dead and is alive and is your only Saviour.

So if you have read all of this and the Holy Spirit is directing you to accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour please pray the prayer on the next page, God loves you so much.



ACCEPTING JESUS IS EVERYTHING!

PRAYER FOR SALVATION

Dear Lord Jesus,

I understand that I am a sinner and in need of desperate saving, The Bible tells me clearly that the only answer is for me to confess with my mouth and believe in my heart. I am now confessing with my mouth that I am accepting You as my Personal Saviour and believing in my heart that you are alive and well and dwelling within me. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the fellowship of other Believers and allow me please to follow in your footsteps. Amen!

Wow! Congratulations if you have just prayed this prayer, and know that you are now part of the family of the Kingdom of God. Please tell someone about your decision, pray all the time and read and study your Bible. Find a Holy Ghost, Bible preaching church and join.

Please let us know if you have made this decision and allow us to point you in the right direction.

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WHO WILL STAND FOR HER?

“Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.” – Psalm 82:4

This is not gentle advice from Heaven. It is not a poetic line meant only to inspire emotion for a moment. It is a command from a righteous Father who sees injustice clearly and expects His people to respond. When God says rescue, He is calling for intervention. When He says deliver, He is calling for protection. When He speaks, He is expecting obedience.

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Psalm 82:4 does not ask whether we feel concerned. It tells us what Heaven expects. And that expectation rests not on buildings or institutions, but on us, His people, the living Church. Because the church is not brick-and-mortar, it is breath and bone. It is hearts surrendered to Christ. Buildings shelter gatherings, but believers carry His presence into streets, homes, schools, workplaces, and communities. God is not speaking to walls. He is speaking to us.

And His instruction remains clear: **Rescue. Deliver. Stand.**

When Hunger Quietly Steals Destiny

A young girl wakes up in one of our communities. Shoes worn thin. Water cold. Breakfast absent. She walks to school carrying hope but also hunger. By midmorning, pain replaces concentration. By afternoon, exhaustion sets in. Teachers may see a distraction. Classmates may see silence. But God sees everything. Scripture reminds us in Proverbs 22:9 that those who are generous to the poor are blessed because they share their bread with the needy. Jesus Himself showed this compassion when crowds were hungry. He did not dismiss them. He fed them. And then He told His followers to do the same. Hunger is not only physical discomfort. It affects development, education, emotional stability, and future opportunity. A hungry girl becomes vulnerable long before any visible threat appears.

Psalm 82:4 speaks again here: Rescue the weak. Deliver the needy. Sometimes rescue looks like food on a plate. Sometimes deliverance looks like consistent provision that restores dignity.

Faith that prays but never feeds misses the heartbeat of God.

Poverty, Vulnerability and the Call to Protection

Desperation creates openings that predators exploit. Many girls facing economic hardship become targets for manipulation, false promises, and exploitation. What appears to be an opportunity often hides danger.

Scripture urges vigilance. Proverbs 31:8 calls us to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Isaiah 1:17 calls us to seek justice and defend the oppressed.

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This means awareness. Education. Mentorship. Job pathways. Community protection. Digital safety conversations. Practical involvement. Because Psalm 82:4 is not symbolic. It is practical. Deliver them from the hand of the wicked. God expects His people to interrupt harm wherever it appears. Silence is not neutrality. Silence often becomes permission for wrongdoing to continue.

Violence Is Not Normal. It Is Sin.

Too many women and girls live with fear where peace should live. Abuse, intimidation, and violence contradict everything Christ modeled. Love does not wound. Protection does not threaten. Authority does not dominate. Ephesians 5:25 reminds husbands to love sacrificially, as Christ loved. Christ's love protected. It healed. It never coerced. Micah 6:8 calls every believer to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. Justice is not theoretical. It shows up in how we treat others daily.

Psalm 82:4 echoes again: Rescue. Deliver. Protect.

When violence is ignored, cycles deepen. When truth is spoken, and action follows, healing begins.

Men Rising as Protectors

Men have a crucial role here. Strength is not aggression. Strength is restraint. Strength is accountability. Strength is correcting harmful attitudes among other men and raising sons to respect dignity. Christ demonstrated strength through humility, compassion, and self-control. That example still stands. Imagine communities where men collectively refuse abuse, challenge disrespect and actively protect women and children. That shift alone would transform families and neighborhoods.

And it would align directly with the call: Deliver them from harm.

Faith Must Be Seen, Not Only Heard

Scripture does not allow passive faith.

James 2:16 warns: "If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?"

Then verse 17 states plainly: "**Faith without works is dead.**"

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And Paul adds another piercing image in 1 Corinthians 13:1. Without love expressed in action, words become noise, like a clanging cymbal. Our daughters are tired of the noise. They are listening for the footsteps of compassion. They are watching for visible protection. They are longing for faith that shows up in practical ways.

Feeding programs. Safe reporting channels. Counseling partnerships. Mentorship initiatives. Honest teaching about dignity, consent, and identity in Christ. This is not institutional responsibility alone. It is the responsibility of every believer. The living Church. The moving Church. The Church that carries Christ beyond Sunday and every day.

Psalm 82:4 keeps calling: Rescue the weak. Deliver the needy.

Mothers, Fathers, and Identity Anchored in Christ

Girls grounded in identity become stronger against manipulation. Psalm 139 reminds them they are wonderfully made. 1 Peter 2:9 reminds them they are chosen. Those truths shape confidence and discernment. But safeguarding daughters is not only a mother's task. Fathers, brothers, mentors, and communities all share responsibility. Protection is strongest when families stand united. Identity rooted in Christ becomes both shield and compass.

This Is a Moment for Courage

Awareness alone will not change realities. Conferences alone will not create safety. Online discussions alone will not rebuild wounded lives. James 1:22 calls believers to be doers of the Word, not hearers only. Obedience shows up in consistent action, even when it costs comfort. Real change often requires difficult conversations, honest repentance, structural accountability, and sustained commitment. Silence may feel easier, but it never produces healing.

And still Psalm 82:4 speaks over us: **Rescue. Deliver. Stand.**

A Call That Cannot Be Ignored - Who will stand for her?

That question cannot sit on the page as a slogan. It must land in the heart. It must move from thought into action. Because if we truly say we are moving with Jesus, then that movement cannot stop at songs, services, or gatherings. It must show where real life

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unfolds, in homes, streets, schools, workplaces, and communities. Real faith carries justice, compassion, protection, and provision wherever believers walk. When a girl is nourished, her mind awakens to possibility.

When she is safe, her imagination begins to breathe again.

When her identity is rooted in Christ, leadership quietly rises from within her.

Our communities are not short of words. They are short of lived faith. They are waiting for believers whose actions line up with their prayers, whose compassion becomes structure, and whose love creates safety that can actually be felt.

The need is undeniable. The responsibility is clear. Scripture has already spoken:

“Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.” – Psalm 82:4

This is not a verse for reflection alone. It is a call to participation. The response belongs to us, not as spectators, not as commentators, but as the living Church led by the Spirit, carrying the Father’s heart into places where fear, hunger, vulnerability and silence still exist. So, the question returns, closer now, more personal: **Who will stand for her?**

Who will protect when protection is inconvenient? Who will speak when silence feels safer? Who will act when obedience costs comfort?

May our answer move beyond conversation into visible obedience. May compassion take shape in action, courage settles into daily habit, and justice become part of how we live, not something we occasionally discuss. And through it all, may the glory return fully to God as His daughters are valued, safeguarded, and given room to flourish in the destiny He has prepared for them.



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The Making Process of the Prophetic Word

In every generation, the Bible affirms that God speaks. The prophetic ministry has never been a decorative addition to the Church—it has been foundational to her direction, correction, and destiny. Yet in our present time, as concerns about false prophets and manipulative voices increase, many have responded not with discernment but with rejection. Instead of refining our hearing, we have at times silenced our expectation.

But Scripture does not permit us to discard what Heaven has ordained. It calls us to test, weigh, and discern—without despising prophecy (1 Thessalonians 5:20–21). In previous reflections, we explored what I term the “Eight Prophetic Processes” using the Abrahamic model found in Book of Genesis 12.

The first process was The Voice:

Identifying the Voice – Who is speaking?

The Voice Instructs – Every voice carries an instruction requiring obedience.

The Voice Directs – Every voice provides direction that shapes destiny.

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However, beyond the voice, instruction, and direction lies another essential dimension of prophecy—what I call The Making Process.

“And I Will Make of Thee...” – The Divine Workshop

In Genesis 12:2, God declares to Abram: “And I will make of thee a great nation.”

The promise was glorious. The process, however, was grueling.

Notice the language: I will make. God did not say, “I will instantly display you,” or “I will immediately promote you.” He said, I will make you.

This same language appears when Jesus calls His disciples in Gospel of Matthew 4:19: “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” The call carried voice, instruction, and direction—but also transformation.

The prophetic word is not merely predictive; it is formative. It does not only announce destiny—it develops capacity.

Prophecy Is Not Just Spoken—It Is Grown

The making process begins the moment the prophetic word is received. When Abram heard God’s promise, he did not immediately see a nation—he saw barrenness. When the disciples heard Jesus’ call, they did not immediately see apostolic authority—they saw nets and boats.

The prophetic word plants something invisible before it ever manifests something visible.

This is why Gospel of John 1:14 says of Jesus: “And the Word was made flesh.” The Word did not merely visit humanity—it became embodied.

Likewise, when God speaks a prophetic word over your life, it is not meant to hover above you as inspiration; it is meant to become substance within you.

The Prophetic Word as Seed

The making process is much like conception. When a woman receives seed, there is no outward evidence at first. Yet something divine has begun. Growth is happening invisibly before it becomes visible.

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The seed stretches her.
The seed changes her appetite.
The seed alters her emotions.
The seed disrupts her comfort.
So it is with prophecy.
When a genuine prophetic word is conceived in your spirit:
It stretches your faith.
It disrupts complacency.
It confronts insecurity.
It exposes immaturity.
It challenges your environment.
The Holy Spirit waters that word daily. But watering does not mean comfort—it often means conviction.

The Tension Between Promise and Process

Abram received a promise of a nation, yet he walked through famine, delay, conflict, and apparent contradiction. The making process often feels inconsistent with the promise.
You may be prophesied as a leader but walk through seasons of obscurity.
You may be called as a healer yet endure personal weakness.
You may be declared blessed yet experience financial pressure.
The prophetic word announces what shall be.
The making process develops who you must become.
Without the making, the promise would crush you.

Why Many Reject the Process

In an era of instant gratification, the Church can be tempted to celebrate the prophetic word while resisting the prophetic shaping. We love the declaration; we resist the discipline. We desire destiny; we avoid development.
But the making process cannot be bypassed.
Consider Abram:
He had to leave his country (separation).
He had to dwell in tents (pilgrimage).
He had to wait decades (patience).

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He had to face barrenness (testing).
He had to lay Isaac on the altar (surrender).
Every stage was part of the making.

The Word That Works on You

A true prophetic word does not merely excite you—it works on you. It becomes a mirror, revealing areas that must change. It refines character, confronts pride, and builds endurance.

Just as iron is forged in fire, prophetic destiny is shaped in process.

The tragedy of false prophecy is not merely inaccurate prediction—it is the absence of process. False words often promise elevation without transformation, greatness without grinding, authority without submission.

But God’s authentic voice always carries a making.

The Evidence of the Making Process

How do you know a prophetic word is genuinely shaping you?

1. You are becoming more obedient.
2. You are growing in humility.
3. Your character is deepening.
4. Your dependence on God is increasing.
5. Your comfort zones are shrinking while your capacity expands.

The making process may feel like contraction before expansion. Just as labor precedes birth, spiritual pressure often precedes manifestation.

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For this cause, we must not reject the prophetic ministry because of counterfeits. Instead, we must mature in discernment and embrace the full process of prophecy.

The voice identifies you.

The instruction aligns you.

The direction positions you.

But the making process transforms you.

The prophetic word is not an ornament; it is an assignment. It is not applause; it is

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architecture. It is not hype; it is holy construction.

If God has spoken over your life, do not be discouraged by the stretching. Do not interpret discomfort as abandonment. The very tension you feel may be evidence that the Word is working within you.

The seed is growing.

The Spirit is watering.

The Maker is forming.

And when the process is complete, what was spoken will not merely be seen around you—it will be seen within you.

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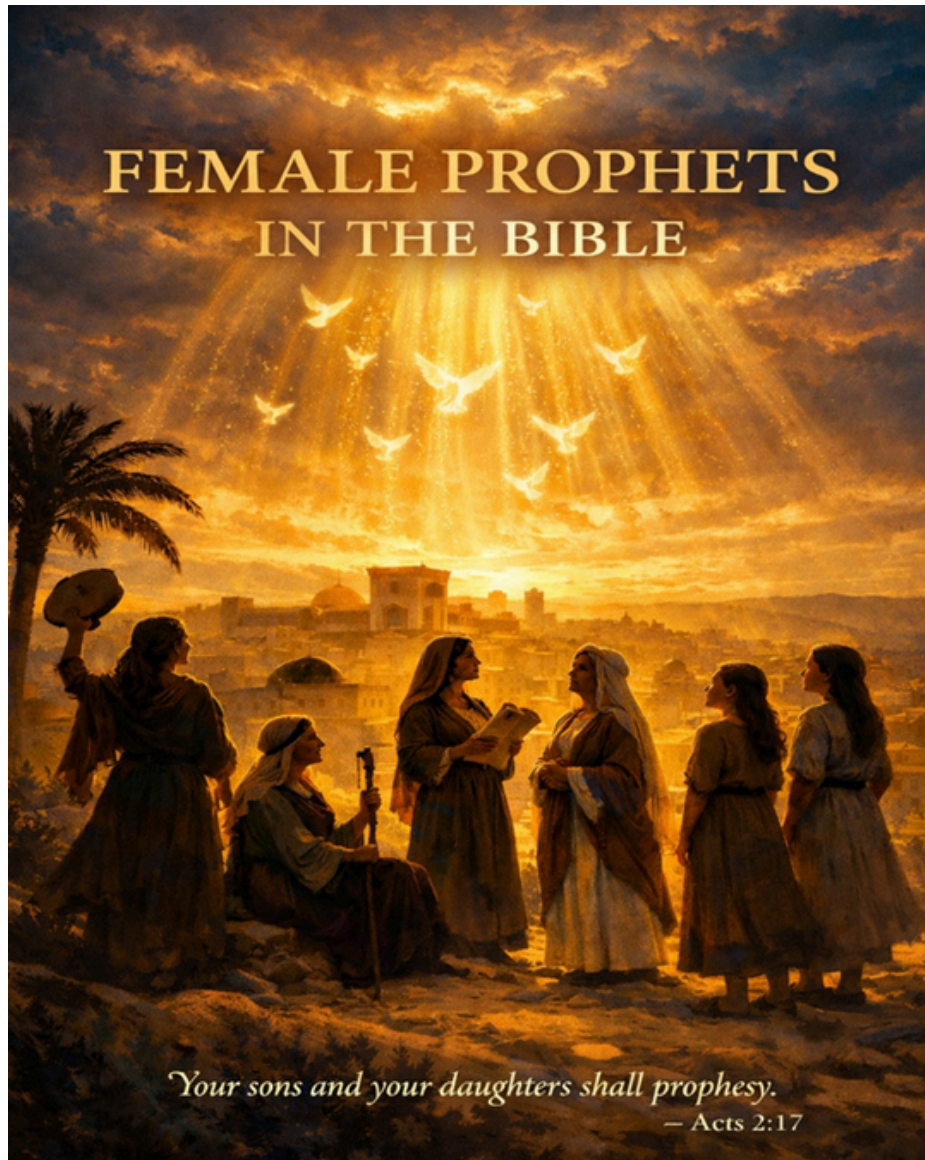
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For centuries, some have claimed that leadership and prophetic ministry belong exclusively to men. Yet Scripture tells a richer, more beautiful story. From Genesis to Revelation, God calls, fills, and commissions women to speak His Word, guide His people, and reveal His purposes.

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The Bible consistently shows that spiritual authority flows not from gender, but from calling and obedience. As Peter the Apostle declared on the Day of Pentecost, quoting Joel:

“Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy...” (Acts 2:17; cf. Joel 2:28)

From the wilderness of Exodus to the temple courts of Jerusalem and into the early Church, women were among those chosen to carry God’s voice. Let us journey through Scripture and rediscover these remarkable women.

The first woman explicitly called a prophetess is Miriam, sister of Moses and Aaron.

“Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took the timbrel...” (Exodus 15:20)

Miriam emerges in the great redemption story of Israel’s deliverance from Egypt. After the crossing of the Red Sea, she leads the women in worship and prophetic song.

Her background is deeply rooted in faith and courage—she once watched over baby Moses among the reeds (Exodus 2:4).



Though she later faced discipline (Numbers 12), her life reminds us that prophetic voices are human—yet still chosen.

How God used her:
To celebrate and interpret God’s victory.
To lead worship in a national moment of deliverance.
To stand as a visible spiritual leader among Israel.

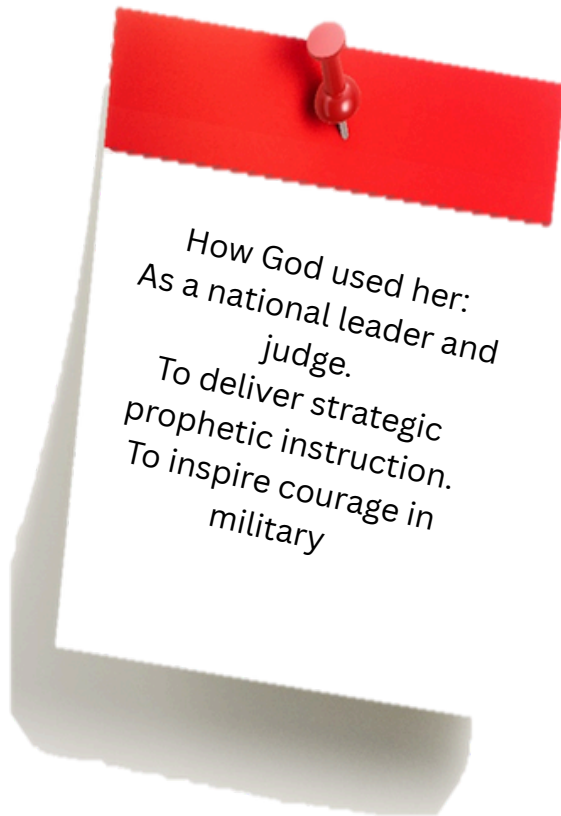
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2. Deborah - Judge and Prophetess

In the turbulent era of the judges, God raised up Deborah, both judge and prophet.

“Now Deborah, a prophetess... was judging Israel at that time.” (Judges 4:4)
Deborah lived during a time of spiritual decline. She held court under a palm tree, where Israelites came for judgment and counsel. She summoned Barak and delivered God’s command to go into battle.



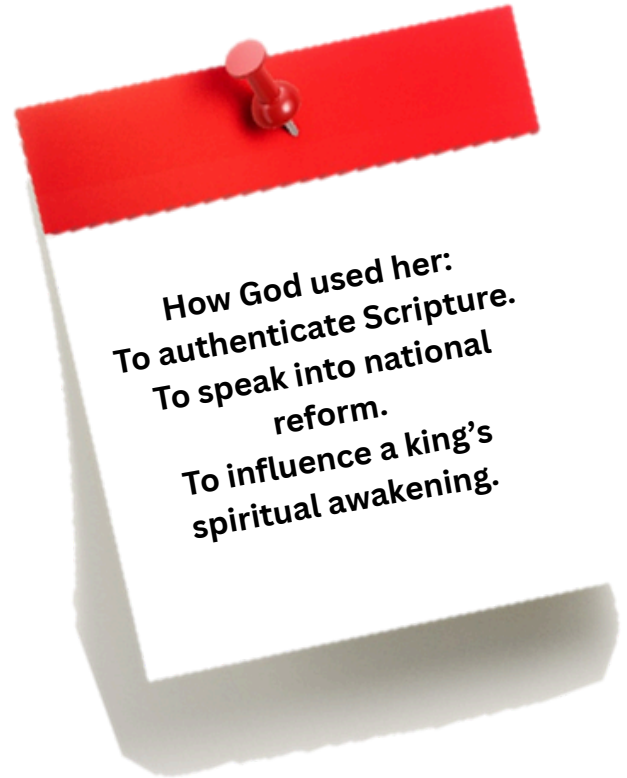
How God used her:
As a national leader and judge.
To deliver strategic prophetic instruction.
To inspire courage in military

Deborah’s story (Judges 4–5) shows that when men hesitated, God did not hesitate to call a woman.

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3. Huldah – The Prophet Who Confirmed Revival

During the reign of King Josiah, a forgotten Book of the Law was discovered. Instead of consulting the more well-known prophets of the time, the king's officials went to Huldah. "So Hilkiah the priest... went to Huldah the prophetess..." (2 Kings 22:14) Huldah lived in Jerusalem and spoke with clarity and authority. She confirmed God's coming judgment but also affirmed Josiah's repentance.



Her prophetic word helped spark one of Judah's greatest revivals (2 Kings 23).

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4. Isaiah's Wife – A Quiet Prophetess

Isaiah 8:3 briefly mentions:

“Then I went to the prophetess...”

Though unnamed, Isaiah's wife is called a prophetess. Whether by independent ministry or by shared prophetic calling within her household, she stands as part of God's redemptive message to Judah.

Sometimes Scripture records only a line— but even one line confirms God's recognition.

5. Anna – Prophetess of Expectation

After centuries without recorded prophetic voices in Israel, the New Testament opens with a faithful woman named Anna.

“There was one, Anna, a prophetess...”
(Luke 2:36)

Anna was elderly, widowed, and devoted to fasting and prayer in the temple. When Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus, Anna recognized Him immediately.



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Her prophetic ministry flowed from decades of quiet faithfulness.



How God used them:
As Spirit-filled voices in
apostolic times.
As evidence of Joel's
prophecy fulfilled.



6. The Daughters of Philip – Prophetic in the Early Church

The Book of Acts continues the pattern. “Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied.” (Acts 21:9) These daughters of Philip the evangelist ministered in Caesarea during the explosive growth of the early Church.

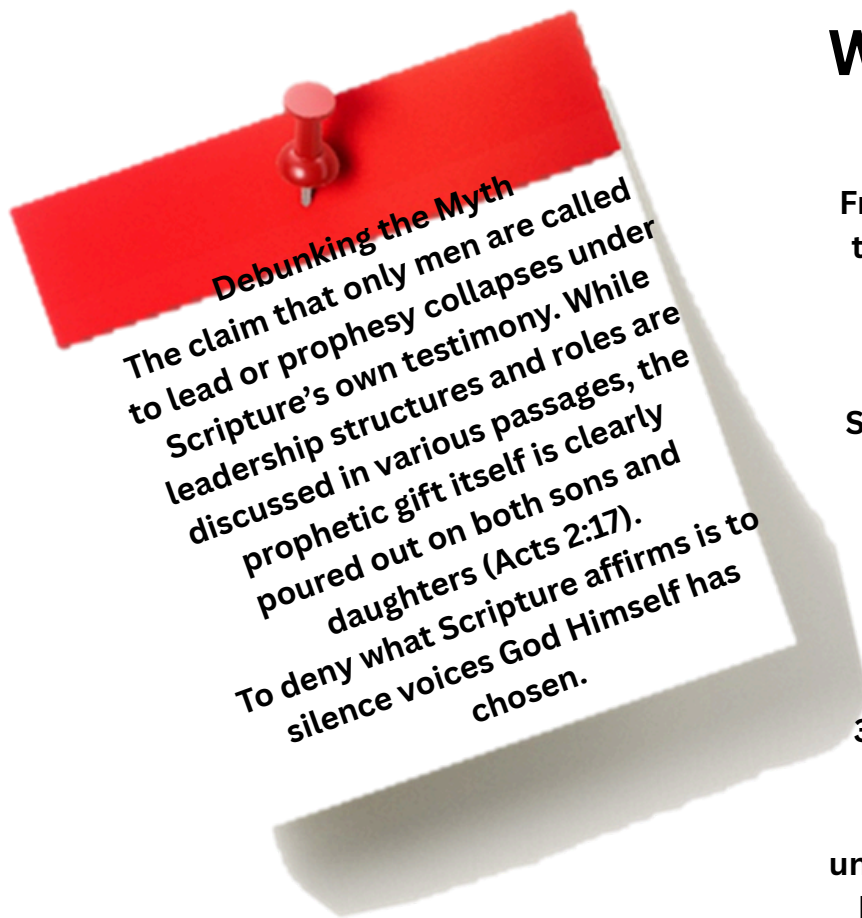
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7. Women Praying and Prophecy in Corinth

In addressing church order, Paul the Apostle writes:

“Every woman who prays or prophesies...” (1 Corinthians 11:5)

Paul does not forbid prophecy—he regulates it. The assumption is clear: women were actively participating in prophetic ministry within gathered worship.



Debunking the Myth

The claim that only men are called to lead or prophecy collapses under Scripture's own testimony. While leadership structures and roles are discussed in various passages, the prophetic gift itself is clearly poured out on both sons and daughters (Acts 2:17). To deny what Scripture affirms is to silence voices God Himself has chosen.

What Did We Learn?

1. God's Calling Is Based on Obedience, Not Gender

From Miriam to Philip's daughters, the pattern is unmistakable: God pours out His Spirit on willing vessels.

2. Women Spoke into National, Spiritual, and Apostolic Moments

Miriam in deliverance

Deborah in governance

Huldah in revival

Anna in Messiah's arrival

Philip's daughters in Church expansion

3. Prophetic Ministry Flows from Intimacy

Anna fasted. Deborah listened under a palm tree. Huldah knew the Law. None sought prominence—only faithfulness.

A Word of Encouragement

To women: If God has placed a burden, insight, or calling in your heart, seek Him faithfully. He is the One who appoints and anoints.

To men: Celebrate and discern the gifts of your sisters in Christ. Kingdom strength grows where obedience flourishes.

And to all believers: Do not be swayed by modern-day Pharisees who elevate tradition above the Word. Test everything by Scripture. The same Spirit who moved upon Miriam, Deborah, Huldah, Anna, and the daughters of Philip is still at work today.

May we be a generation that listens more to God's voice than to human limitation—

For in Christ, obedience is greater than prejudice, and calling is greater than culture.

“Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.” (Acts 2:17)