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Happy Women's Day and Month to all our women readers. God bless you, a very special shout-out to our women contributors and Contributing Editor Gerda for all the hard work and great reading articles!



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WOMEN OF FAITH

Women of faith: Celebrating decades of faithful service to the Lord to inspire readers to appreciate and follow their example of service.

By Gerda Potgieter

Women's Day celebrations are part of the August calendar. At Testify, we share stories of women of faith who serve quietly and sacrificially to motivate others to follow their example of faith-driven service.

LIDIA DUBE

Lidia Dube's life story exemplifies transformation through faith, inspiring readers to see faith-based service as a powerful and rewarding journey. She is now in her late seventies, but started a youth development programme in 1974, which still benefits thousands of young people and will continue to do so for many years to come.

In the early days after she accepted the Lord as her Saviour, she travelled long distances to lend a helping hand to neighbours in need. When the KwaSizabantu Mission was founded, she helped clear the station's land of wattle trees. She helped plant cabbage and sold it to sustain the small group of missionaries. The number of people seeking help at the mission station grew rapidly, and the dedicated handful of workers attended to their many needs. Over time, KwaSizabantu

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developed into a self-sustaining mission that realised its vision of helping thousands of people through outreach initiatives, various humanitarian and missionary activities, and a wide range of programs benefiting the community it serves.



Lidia began reaching out to young people by sharing her testimony with them at small gatherings. Some parents asked her to include their children, and the gatherings started to grow. She then approached the founder of the KwaSizabantu Mission, the late Rev Erlo Stegen, to start a youth conference at the mission station. He agreed, and as they say... the rest is history.

And the history of the legendary youth conferences at KwaSizabantu is

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filled with inspiration, hope and restoration. As a result, it grew into the most sustainable conference of its kind. It is held twice a year for one week, and thousands of young people attend regularly. The recent conference held in July this year attracted over 6,000 young people, and many of them also shared heartwarming testimonies of accepting the Lord as their Saviour.

During the youth conferences, Lidia became aware of the addiction issues and social challenges in the community. With a small group of helpers, the CYP SA restoration programme, which stands for Concerned Young People of SA, was launched in 2009. The programme focuses on sharing the Gospel and helping young people escape the clutches of substance abuse and other social challenges. It offers healing, reconciliation, and a renewed sense of purpose. To date, more than 20,000 young people have been assisted by the programme at no cost to the participants. The CYP SA programme was registered as a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO), and over 20,000 young people have already been helped through it.



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Since opening her heart to the Lord, Lidia has reached out to her communities and has become a respected community leader. Many community leaders, and even members of the royal household, still visit her for counsel and advice.

ELSA BOSMAN

Dr Elsa Bosman loves joining the Doctors For Life International (DFL) team on outreach trips to Africa, even though the journey to the destination is often gruelling and takes days. Last year, she celebrated her 80th birthday during an outreach to Mozambique. She made sure that all the staff were properly fed. She said: "I was blessed to have the opportunity to once again go to Mozambique for an outreach with the DFL team. The work of the Lord is very often a team effort. I was the cook. For the doctors to be able to do their work in the theatre, they also need to eat. It was my privilege to ensure that they had enough to eat and drink, and thus they could do their work well and to the glory of the Lord. Just as all the parts of the body form one body, so all the team members also form a team. As a unit, the team can function well if each member does their part".

And she is always doing her part. Beyond the outreaches to Africa to help where she can, Dr Bosman has dedicated her life to education. She holds multiple degrees, including a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work, a Bachelor of Education, a Master of Education in Psychology, and a PhD in Educational Psychology with a focus on Counselling. She earned her doctorate in her late Seventies. Additionally, she has earned a certificate in Remedial Education, enabling her to provide exceptional support to learners in need. It is a familiar and heartwarming sight to see her with a young child bent over a book,

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explaining with the greatest patience something that the child struggles with.



She has primarily taught intermediate phase and high school students at various schools throughout Pretoria, South Africa. She concluded her career as a lecturer at Cedar International Academy (NPC) in KwaZulu-Natal, where she tutored students pursuing a Bachelor of Education (BEd) degree.

Her love for the Lord runs deep. The life and crucifixion of Jesus profoundly transformed her life, and she has a deep desire for everyone to encounter Him and experience His saving grace. Last year she published a book, *The Life and Times of the Greatest Man Who Ever Lived: Jesus, the Messiah*, to introduce this extraordinary individual to the world straight-forwardly and clearly.

Asking her why she found it necessary to write about the life of this

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great Master, she said: "Not only do I want to bring glory to Him, but I also want to proclaim His greatness to the world. Other more experienced and famous writers could probably do it better, but this is a modest attempt on my part to praise Him for what He has done for me and all the world. All the honour and glory belong to Him forever. Even the angels sang His praise when He was born. Too much can never be said or written about Him. However, words can never do full justice to this man, Jesus Christ. He is the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega. May it also be so in our lives".



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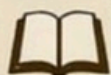
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HAVE YOU ACCEPTED JESUS
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Romans 3:23 ESV

"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 thin king 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.

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