

PURPOSE

I SURRENDER ALL . . .



As I travel back in time, I am reminded of when I was a very small girl about five or six years old, hearing a song coming from inside of my parents' little church in my small

home town called Pace, Mississippi.

Although I was very small and the church was small, I can remember such a loud and strong sound of a song ringing out very clear from that little place as my Auntie Ella and her friend Willie would rehearse the song "I Surrender All". I even remembered having a record of the same song by a well know artist and psalmist named Gene Martin.

Oh, how I loved to hear that powerful man of God singing that song. I could hear it time and a time again. It was as if nothing else mattered when the song "I Surrender All" would fill the atmosphere.

When I was a little girl, I did not know why that song would resonate in my heart and why the sound was so rich, penetrating and moving. But as I grew up and became more knowledgeable about the meaning of the words to that song, I began to understand the psalmist was singing in a place of true surrender. It was like a desperate earnest announcement of reality in just three simple words that rang like an endless echo, "I Surrender All!"

How can we identify today with this same awe-

struck song? A song I am sure that maybe even was written before many of us were ever born. How can we allow such words in a song today that was written years ago to permeate and captivate our heart and cry for more surrender to the Father?

*Jesus Christ
surrendered to the
suffering and the
intense agony,
knowing that in
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and saying "yes"
to God's will, it would
soon bring Him closer
to His Father.*

To answer that question let me just use Jesus as our perfect example in Mark 14:35-36, "And going a little farther, He fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. And He said, Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

You see Jesus feeling the pain and agony, like we sometimes do in our lives as well, had a well thought out plan and alternative to the cross. He knew His Father could grant Him His request if it was His will, and even in this passage of scripture, Jesus clearly reminds His Father that all things for Him, being His God and Father, were possible; so He asked that the cup be removed from Him.

Although Jesus was weighing out His Father's possibilities by falling on the ground and crying out a prayer of, if possible to remove this cup, yet and foremost, He surrendered and gave up His will by relinquishing His desire to have the cup removed. Jesus Christ surrendered to the suffering and the intense agony, knowing that in Him surrendering His will and saying "yes" to God's will, that it would soon

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Heart to Heart

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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During the time of my mourning, this prayer came to me from "Streams in the Desert," I prayed as I wrote it.

"This is from Me," the Savior said. He bent low and kissed my brow. "I love you and I have led, just rest, be patient and wait. For I have another place for you to tread. Your Father knows you have need of this. Although at first you can not see, grieve not, for things you've seemed to miss. The thing you sent is best for me."

Then when my tears began to flow; "Forgive me Lord, at first I did not know. This won't be hard, since You have tread each path before me here below. And, for my good this thing must be. Your grace is sufficient for each day's test. So, I will wait patiently and live each day knowing God's way for me is always best."

A TIME TO PRAY

Destruction around the world is an everyday occurrence and we are reminded of God's call for intercession in *Isaiah 59:16* and *Ezekiel 22:30*. "He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; and He spoke protest. I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge and stand in the gap before ME for the land . . . but I found none."

Let us be people who will pray and not faint. Even though the world is in great turmoil, do not become distracted from God's call upon His people. We must not be overtaken by bad news (*Psalms 112:6*). In spite of how desperate the situations are in the world, especially in this nation, God's promises will stand. Remember how desperate the situations were in Jerusalem when Nehemiah received the news about the afflictions of God's people and the broken conditions in Jerusalem? He first acknowledged that he was part of the problem (*Nehemiah 1:6-7*). He also acknowledged that he was afraid (*Nehemiah 2:2*) to go to Jerusalem and rebuild it. He overcame his guilt and fear and acknowledged God as the Lord of heaven, the great and awesome God who preserves His covenant and loving kindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments (*Nehemiah 1:5*). Nehemiah believed that as he turned to God in prayer, God would be faithful to intervene according to His own promises.

We must remember that God's promises are true. He does not lie. He will bring righteous judgement in the earth but He speaks to His

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people with mercy because His heart's desire is that none should perish. He tells us that *"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land."* God spoke this to Solomon after he had prayed (Chapter 6) to make provisions for the people when they sinned. God answered with four conditions for forgiveness.

- 1. Humble yourself by admitting your sins.**
- 2. Pray to God, asking for forgiveness.**
- 3. Seek God continually.**
- 4. Turn from sinful behavior.**

True repentance is more than talk; it is changed behavior. Whether we sin individually, as a group or as a nation, following these steps will lead to forgiveness. God will answer our earnest prayers.

These are perilous times and the earth is groaning awaiting the coming of Jesus Christ. Our charge is to obey and prepare for His coming. Join others in the *Houses of Prayer* along the I-5 corridor, in Oregon, Washington, California and Alaska and all around the world who are listening to the clarion call for intercessors. Let none perish for lack of obedience. Rise up intercessors!! God's mercy endures forever.

A Message to Contemplate: **Do we work for God? ... or co-labor with Him?**

PUT OUT TO PASTURE?

A race horse becomes a "champion" by winning races for his owner. The champion is valuable because of his winning, but his greatest value is in passing his championship qualities on through breeding. We, as Christians, are running and winning the "races" for our owner, God. As He is all wise, He knows when we are at peak value . . . we are to quit racing at a point while we are still strong winners to be used as "studs" for future winners. It is a change for us, but it is also true freedom. We have a wise Owner.

What horse would not be happy to run the meadows minus jockey, bridle, bit and time-clock?

Races are exciting and winning is heady stuff. But, how long is the "race" life of a horse? Does a wise owner run a "champion" to death for prize money?

No, the horse's greatest value comes with his greatest freedom . . . being a stud . . . the greatest freedom he has had since birth. And he is to live his years out in this freedom.

We should see the races we run (our life experiences) as our racing years. God has a time for our "retirement" to stud . . . this is how the species is insured . . . racing 'til death robs the world of the colts who would be champions.

Although his performance makes him a champion, it is his capacity as a stud that makes him valuable to the owner and the sport of racing.

Stud, is that intimate relationship with others of the kind, that plants the seed of future champions.

SELECTED

A REMINDER



If you plan to attend Marion Reid and Ron Homa's wedding on May 15th, please contact Sandra Woods at 360-521-8304 by May 5th for planning purposes.

No presents please.

If you desire to contribute to their get-away, bring your *Happy Honeymoon* contributions to the wedding. There will be a Blessing Container there.

Marion has been a faithful servant to the Women of Purpose, Int'l ministries since 2003.

Let's bless her greatly and join together as her family.

Love, Dr. Phillips

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bring Him closer to His Father.

God's desire is to be in closer communion with Jesus daily, so Jesus surrendered all to God. However, so many times our own will, desires, choices and decisions separate us from God. When our will overrides God's plans for our lives, we will not be able to surrender all and take the words spoken against us. So instead of surrendering all, we do the total opposite, allowing our strong will to overpower the Word and Will of God in order to be right. When this happens we gain a setback sometimes that will cost us more than the moment of giving into our own desires.

God's will for our lives when we are in a place where our desire is to quarrel, feud, scream, misbehave, get irritated, furious and give up is simply an opportunity where God gives us another chance to surrender to Him and say, "God, not my will but Your will be done."

I am not sure what you have not surrendered as of today, but I wanted to remind you that surrender is not a bad word. Actually, it is a word of promotion and maturity.

To surrender means to declare to an opponent that he or she has won so that fighting or conflict can cease. It is one of the most selfless, righteous, self-sacrificing places that one can ever be. You see, when surrender meets up with a heart that is coming close to the Father; it is where ones true purpose and destiny meet and God's trust in us increases.

If truth be told, we really do not like the idea of giving up our right or our will. This could cause a threat to our having the upper hand and authority that we like having so badly. I am sure that there are times that you may feel that if you surrender to some other authoritative figure that you feel like you have lost all power—but let us take a look at the scripture.

I am reminded of Paul who was given a thorn in his flesh to remind him of just how God's strength was made perfect in weakness. 2 Corinthians 12: 8-9 reads: "For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And He said unto me, my grace

is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Like Paul, we too today have God to remind us that we need Him to surrender our will. The Word of the Lord comes to remind us that we still have that little bit of flesh to let us know how badly we need to surrender daily to the Father's will.

People of God, I encourage you today to embrace the little song "I Surrender all!" Be like Paul in the latter part of the verse where he goes on to say: "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong".

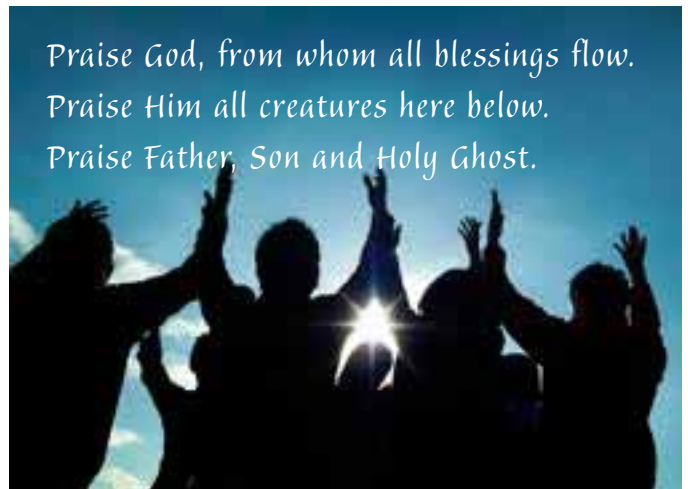
Precious people of the Lord, I encourage you to lift up your heads and lift up your hearts and surrender all to the Lord. Be encouraged to know that as you surrender to the Father, He trusts you to be used for His glory. Be careful not to allow the enemy of your soul to come and rob you of your surrendered heart today. Yes, we will have trials, yes, we will have error and yes we will have an opportunity to fly off the handle daily. But I encourage you to continue to speak the words that Jesus spoke when He fell on His face before the Father and said, "Yet not what I will, but what you will."



Blessings,

Gloria Stidum
Director of
Women of Purpose
International

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*



Coming in June!

A new book by Dr. O. Virginia Phillips!!



“Born to Love”

is a book of memories written in seasons.

In winter, the cold reality of trouble gave me strength to withstand the pain of rejection and loneliness and emerge into a springtime of evolving life.

My ashes became the fire that kindled a springtime of love beyond my natural ability to reach.

I learned to welcome the summer, a time of freedom from tragic memories that took a myriad of colors, like the autumn leaves that change in the fall.

The changes of seasons brought me closer to a God who never changes His love.

That love is constant, steadfast, unmovable – and it brought me to the destiny that was purposed before my birth.

As you read these various seasons, you will read of a life framed by love through a lifetime of challenge and purpose.

Love is clothing worn around a compassionate and generous heart. Love is the home where God abides—our loving hearts are His habitation.

My desire is to share my Friend and Savior with the world in the 21st century. God is the same today as He has always been. God is Love.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

Weekly Prayer - Wednesday - 10-12
at the National Office, Sherwood, OR

Pray for families and marriages.

Pray for churches and pastors.



Pray for those who serve and protect.



Pray for National and World leaders.

Pray for lost souls.



Pray for each other.

Make time for PRAYER.

Call in prayer requests: 503-537-2070
E-mail Prayer requests:
info@womenofpurpose.com

National News/Outreach

MAY 21

10 a.m to 4 p.m.

Leadership and Perspective Leadership Gathering

Sherwood House of Reconciliation

REGISTER FOR LUNCH BY MAY 10TH

Call 503-537-2070

Cost: \$5.00

JUNE 8-21, 2011

A Team from Women of Purpose, Int'l
will be in the Holy Land

The team consists of:
Vicky Haugen, Pam Boggus and
WOP Board Members
Chuck & Sandy Sciarrotta.

*Please pray for them now for finances
and also while they are in the Holy Land.*

July 14

Meeting with Scott Preissler

5:30 p.m. Newport Grill, Tigard, OR (99W)

Call office by July 10th for reservation

NO RESERVATIONS TAKEN AFTER JULY 10TH

July 23

**Women of Purpose
Day Long Conference**
God's Family, God's Direction

Please register by July 5th, call office: 503-537-2070

Registration and lunch \$55.00

Portland Airport Sheraton Hotel

8235 N.E. Airport Way, Portland, OR

Call 503-281-2500

for overnite, if desired, before or after.

PORTLAND OFFICES - We are continuing to connect with other ministries. We began the ministry in Portland and are returning to open an office on Martin Luther King Blvd on the Irvington Covenant Church property. This will provide an opportunity to counsel, mentor and offer a Prayer Ministry on the premises. We will also connect to other ministries for referrals for services we do not offer. More on this outreach on our website.

MENTORING - Oregon - Washington

Monthly Mentoring Training continues with Women of Purpose, Int'l Director, Gloria Stidum.

MENTORING - Columbia , Missouri

Director: Deloris Hill

**Requests for Mentoring Groups - please call
Director Gloria Stidum (503) 490-9002.**



HOUSES OF PRAYER

We are to always pray and not give up.

Luke 18:1

In this season our prayers should be especially focused given the state of the world. In response to this command to pray, we are seeking Prayer Houses in Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California. Each house will receive a prayer plaque to place on their front door from Women of Purpose, International and each month, a prayer list will be sent to each home with prayer requests.

HOUSES OF RECONCILIATION

Sherwood, Oregon - Home for women.

International News

SIERRA LEONE

We are continuing to support orphans at the Children of Purpose School. The Koins for kids containers will help this effort - you can keep a container in your home and teach your children to give as well by placing your loose coins in a jar. We will send you information. If you place it in a store or business we can send you a container and information. Please join in the Mission for the Children.

KENYA

The Koins for Kids outreach to families, businesses and anyplace you frequent is a good way to participate in supporting widows and orphans in Kenya. Call Arianna Moody at Women of Purpose office to get a container and information.



My Dear Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ,

The orphans feeding program that was started on the 15th of February in the village of Bondo through your prayers and support, is doing well and the effect is felt in the lives of the children. We had a day of thanksgiving on April 9th, 2011, with the orphans and the widows who cook for them and the joy in the hearts of the children was amazing, but of course with a few challenges.

Report on Children's feeding program:

1. The children are healthy except for a few who had chickenpox but are getting healed.
2. The children are very active and are spiritually, emotionally and physically.
3. The performances of the children at the school have improved tremendously
4. Surely the stomach controls the brain.



Report on the Sewing School - Nairobi

1. 3 students who did government trade test last year 2010 all passed their exams some are self employed and some are continuing with their studies
2. We urgently need \$120 per month to pay for the premises used by the students
3. We urgently need \$100 to pay the teacher

Report on the 4 plough bulls.

1. The bulls suffered greatly during the drought because there was no food for them and no water to drink.
2. Thanks to God for the rains that finally came, they are improving so well health wise and started ploughing in the farms of the widows.
3. The man who has been grazing the bulls has done a great job, but he is requesting that WOP-Bondo pays him \$50 per month to graze them.

I know that as you read the above list, you may get frightened but with prayers nothing is impossible. We too are deeply in prayer here that what we have started shall bring glory to God and the future of this nation shall be changed by these future leaders that we have chosen to help. Now enjoy the few photos that were taken on April 4, 2011.

Josiah and Judith Selengah

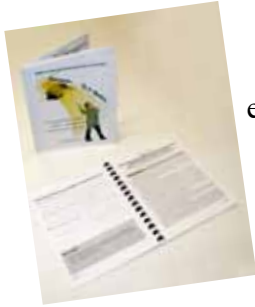


Women of Purpose Store!

To order any of the items shown here, simply send your order with your check or money order to:

Women of Purpose, International, PO Box 596, Newberg, Oregon 97132

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V-neck, black or white T-shirts with full color WOP logo in sizes S-2X.

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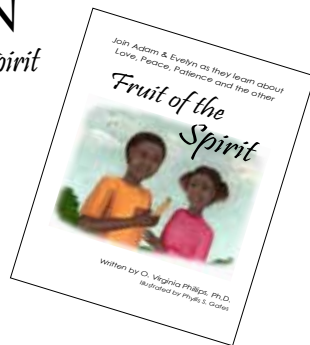
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ADAM & EVELYN

A Teaching on the Fruits of the Spirit

Join Adam and Evelyn as they learn about Love, Peace, Patience and the other Fruits of the Spirit.

Written by Dr. O. Virginia Phillips and illustrated by Phyllis Gates.



\$12.00

ASHES TO LIFE

*Story poems of people who found
Life after despair.*

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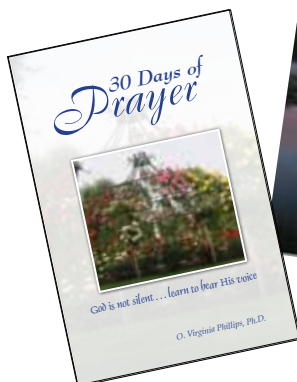
These individuals found life through an impartation of the human spirit given by the supernatural resources of God.



TWO DEVOTIONALS

with beautiful photos to compliment the text

Written by
Dr. O. Virginia Phillips



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CONNECTING To the Heart of God

\$5.00

This pocket size book is an instrument of meditation. An introduction to prayer and a proclamation of love for God.

To seek the heart of God is to pursue life. In this life is the fullness of grace and truth. I want to know the heart of God and connect to His Love for He is Love! I want to share this love with all who need the connection – that is why this little book was written.

Purchasing books by Dr. Phillips helps support her and the ministry. Be blessed and bless others with your purchase!