Becoming Woman
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### A 3-DAY DEVOTIONAL

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With an abundance of time to think and reflect amid COVID-19, you may have begun to realize that you been stuck in a rut, stagnant in your thoughts, and repeating cycles that have not yielded peace and an abundance of joy in your life. If you've found yourself stuck and unsure exactly where the halt started, or you know the exact location and moment where time stood still but you're unsure how to reroute your destination, this devotional is for you.

We're going to take a look into our lives and recount our steps to how we arrived at this location. What street we crossed, what road we took too soon, and restart the GPS. You may be saying, "I know I put this location in my GPS, but this is not where I wanted to be." Maybe you didn't put the location in; but perhaps there was a roadblock. You failed to reroute because you THOUGHT you knew the route and proceeded, despite the Voice instructing you on how to get to your destination.

Today, we're rerouting! Rerouting can be scary because you were certain you knew where you were going. But there is new scenery on the new route. There is new paths to be discovered and a new location awaiting your arrival. Don't allow where you've been, to hinder where you're going.

With each hurt, disappointment, lie, life lesson, we strategically lay bricks to a wall that only God can destroy. The issue with the wall, is not only does it keep people out, but it keeps you in. In your own thoughts, in your own hurt, in your own self pity, and your victimization. But we are not victims, we are victors!

This 3-day devotional will help you identify key areas in your life that need to be revamped so that you sis, can stand victorious in the end! It's already in YOU!

Key Verses:

Joshua 6:1-25 John 4:24 Psalms 95:6 Isaiah 55:3

#### DAY 1: WORSHIP

Worship, in addition to prayer is our direct line of communication to God. It allows us to hear His voice and divine instruction for our lives and decisions that are before us.

Many times were praying and praying but are never silent long enough to hear the response from Heaven. This is where worship comes in. Worship not only requires your mouth but your heart and ears so that you can hear God's response to your heart's cry.

A healthy thriving worship life is integral in our path to victory. The enemy knows this truth; therefore he attempts to provide distraction after distraction to interfere with our worship with our Father.

In a recent Bible study, it was said that our

worship is perfected in our tribulation. However, what happens, during tribulation, we often isolate ourselves and turn our faces from God. The worse thing you can do amid a battle, is take off your armor.

Remember the wall of Jericho? The wall tumbled flat at the sound of praise and worship of the children of Israel. They were able to walk in victory through their worship.

There are countless other accounts throughout the Bible that tells of how through our worship, healing, revelation, peace and victory is imminent for God's people.

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#### DAY 2: IDENTITY

It is easy to lose one's identity when life happens. You start to identify more with the heartache, hurt, situation more than you do with what God has said about you. It's common to find yourself more emerged in your situation than in God's promises. It's familiar, it's comfortable. Staying in the lost place doesn't force us to self-reflect and acknowledge how we arrived at this uncomfortable, dark destination. But rather how to remain in a place of self-condemnation.

The greatest component to victory is first acknowledging your identity in the battle. This requires vulnerability and transparency with others and more importantly, yourself.

Vulnerability is defined as, in need of special care, support, or protection because of age, disability, or risk of abuse or neglect. Being vulnerable involves risking being exposed, to others but more so to yourself. Often, we retake the same tests, because we're not willing to be honest with ourselves. Honest about who we are, but moreover, who we were created to be!

It requires exposing the wound for healing. This, for many of us is uncomfortable but this is a very necessary step in identification and healing and ultimately, victory.

Transparency is the condition of having thoughts, feelings, or motives that are easily perceived, easy to perceive or detect. See, these go hand in hand. Vulnerability yield transparency, transparency yields hope, hope yields victory.

## DAY 2: IDENTITY (CONTINUED)

The beauty in discovering our identity is God has already planted our identity deep down in the core of who we are. Our greatest responsibility is to tap into and partner with what God has already declared over our lives. Sis, you are enough. You already are and have been equipped with everything you need to conquer this. You're more than a conqueror!

The enemy already knows who you are and what you're capable of, you must know it too. Do you know you are the apple of God's eye? Do you know you are His beloved? Do you know that He wishes above all things that you prosper, even as your soul prospers? Do you know He thought enough of you, to die and give His life for you? YOU, yes you were created to CONQUER!



# DAY 3: TRUST YOUR EXPECTED END

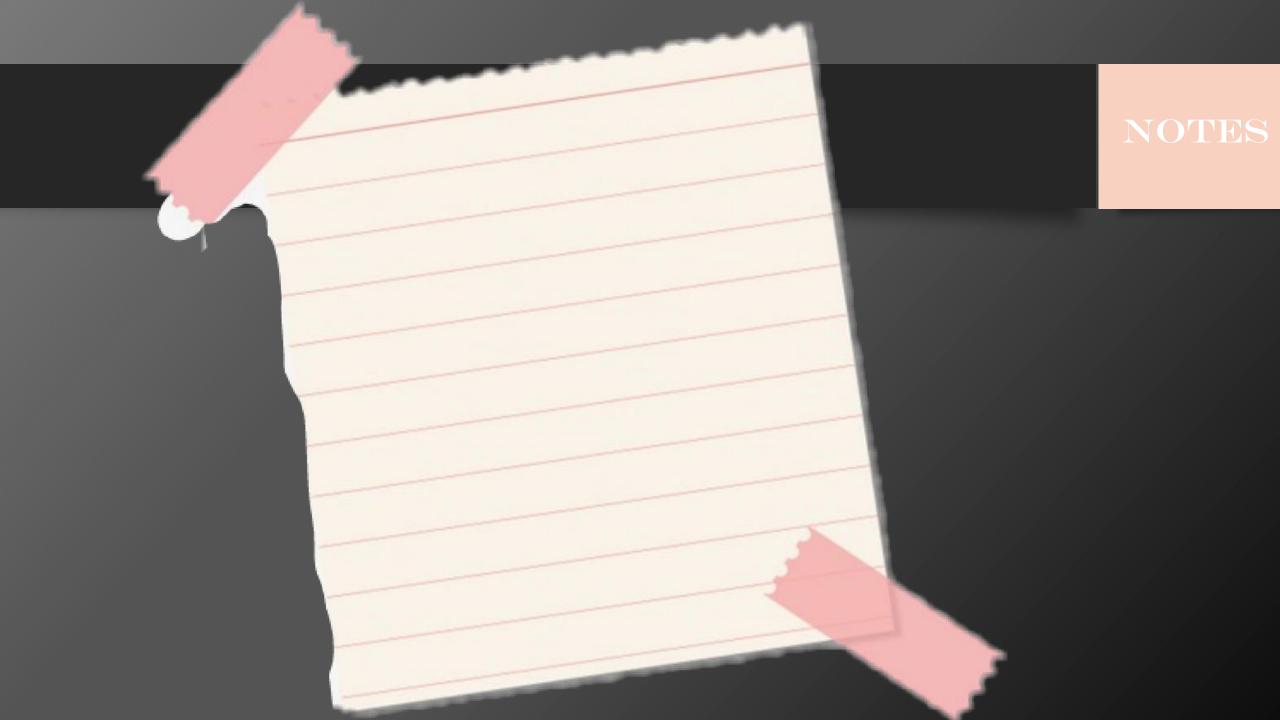
We can walk in victory when we fully walk in the truth, that God has already paved a way for us. It's for us to choose that path and walk in faith and aspire to continue despite life's challenges.

Just as God assures Jeremiah, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end, we have the same assurance.

Before you were formed, God already had plan for you to succeed. Your victory is set. Sometimes the victory looks far away, and you get tired in the middle of a battle, but you win. Your victory is imminent. It's happening NOW! Don't forget it! Every distraction is to create a diversion to your victory!

Reaching our expected end requires us to trust God. Not with just those things we're willing to relinquish control of, but those big things too. You know, that thing that you're struggling with, but you dare not truly give it to God because you don't trust that He knows best. You don't trust that He's able to do anything but fail. You simply don't trust Him.

We all struggle with this in some form, or some capacity a different times in our lives. But we must be able to pinpoint the block. We can't continue to struggle with the same thing year after year, expecting God to do something different when we're not doing anything different. We must trust Him. Victory is in our ability to SHIFT according to the season we're in and trust God! We Are VICTORIOUS!



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