

# The Christian Global Harvest

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## Welcome to a newsletter that has you in mind!



*“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”*

**G**reetings! And welcome back! We have another exciting edition for you. I pray that you are well and enjoying life to the fullest.

In this edition, I want to talk about what to do to overcome fear. Many people live in fear, and it's a terrible thing because one is never truly at rest. And let me say here that the spirit of fear is not of God. It's a tool that the devil uses to keep us in torment so as to not focus on the power of God. We can argue that there are different types of fear, but I want to deal exclusively with fear from the bible's perspective.

**2 Timothy 1:7 declares, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”** First we see here that the spirit of fear is not from God. I repeat: Not from God! This knowledge alone is worthy of a shout. Let's break the verse down and understand it in its Greek context.

The word *fear* means timidity, fearfulness, and cowardice. This certainly does not sound like God. Instead, He is just the opposite and desires the same for us. On the contrary, the devil wants us to flee from the presence of the Lord, running and shaking in our boots as this world grows cold and uncertain. Keep in mind that the writer is writing to the church. Some saints are just plain fearful! In other words, we are cowards when it comes to facing daily challenges. Some of us are just plain scared about everything.

So then, if God has not given us the spirit of fear, let's see what He has given to us. The writer goes on to say that He gives us the spirit of power, the spirit of love, and the spirit of a sound mind. Let's examine this carefully, starting with the spirit of power.

*Power*, in the Greek, is defined as strength—power and ability.

It's inherent power, that power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth. In other words, this power dwells within the believer by the Holy Spirit. This is why it is so important to be filled with the Spirit.

The disciples were commanded to not leave Jerusalem until they had received the promise of the Father. And that they shall receive power after the Holy Ghost had come upon them. And it is this power that brings about miracles and causes us to not fear for our lives. Good God Almighty!

On one occasion, Paul expressed that he didn't care for his life in the face of danger, even after the Holy Ghost had revealed unto him that trouble was waiting ahead of his journey. Can we say the same today, considering the things we are faced with?

We'll start with the spirit of love and of a sound mind next month. I can hardly contain my excitement. The power - *dunamis* - of the Holy Ghost: strong, fearless, and confidence! Stay prayerful and I'll see you next month!

Sincerely,

*Bishop Dr. Willie J. Moore*

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# Evangelist Kathryn Butler

PK3 Ministries - Oceanside, California

## Achieving Your Dreams in 2017

### “Maintain Your “Stick-to-it-ive-ness”

In the last edition, I dealt with the theme “The Best is Yet to Come.” In this edition, I will focus on the thought: “Maintaining Your Stick-to-it-ive-ness.” God creates everyone with a purpose in mind and a divine destiny (Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations...**Jeremiah 1:5**)

From the time children can walk they are often encouraged by their parents (and other adults) to do their best and be the best. From grades in school to sports on the football field, children work hard to achieve success. Unfortunately, on the path to success and achieving your dreams, losses and setbacks may occur more often, leading to disappointment and despair. The greater the failure, the greater the setback.

Children are resilient and possess the ability to rebound quickly from setbacks. They have what many call “Stick-to-it-ive-ness,” a quality of sticking with something, no matter what. Perhaps it is because their emotions and feelings are not mature, and failure doesn’t have as big of a consequence. However, as we grow older, we seem to become less resilient and succumb to failure without fighting back. Regardless of what happens to us or in us, the good news is God doesn’t forget the purpose of His creations. He wants us to prosper, succeed, and achieve our dreams. But we have to maintain our “Stick-to-it-ive-ness.” So how do we stick to it?

As you journey towards your destiny and encounter obstacles pretend you are a track athlete...more specifically, a hurdler. A hurdler’s objective is to jump over hurdles as quickly as possible and cross the finish line before anyone else. A hurdler works diligently on his or her technique to jump gracefully when approaching each hurdle in his or her path. At first, jumping over the hurdle is scary, but after much practice it becomes easier and the fear begins to subside. I have seen hurdlers fall after tripping over a hurdle, but they get up and do it again, and again, and again. They refuse to let a hurdle stop them from getting to the finish line. They become focused on finishing the race, no matter what.

I challenge you from this day forward to have the mentality of a hurdler. When you fall, get back up and keep going. Don’t mistake a fall for failure. David proved that even when we are heartbroken and distraught, we can yet be encouraged (**I Samuel 30:6**). As born again Believers, we don’t have to run the race alone. As a matter of fact, we cannot run the race without our Almighty, Omnipresent, and Omnipotent God.

In life, we are often confronted with hurdles we must clear in order to win the race, obtain the prize and achieve the dream. Take comfort in knowing that what God has for you is for you. You just have to cross the finish line. The race is not given to the swift, nor the strong (**Ecclesiastes 9:11**), but to those who finish. Like you, I have jumped over many hurdles by the grace of God, and I believe we have many more to clear as we boldly move towards achieving our dreams. Just maintain your stick-to-it-ive-ness and jump over the hurdles!

Dare to dream,

*Evangelist Kathryn Butler*



# First Lady Classie Reeder

First Christian Apostolic Church - Spring Valley, California

## Together We Thrive!

### *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

The Women's Fellowship was a powerful event. First Lady Moore treated everyone to a delicious continental breakfast and called the meeting to order. The message was *"I am my sister's keeper and together we thrive."*

Both speakers were survivors of cancer but are now walking in divine healing and carrying out kingdom-building ministries.



Our first speaker was Elder Charlene Waddell from Liberty Temple. She spoke to us about *Relationships* and *Isolation*. God made us social creatures, which is why we strengthen each other when we gather in fellowship as the Body of Christ.

But the Enemy wants to keep us isolated. Isolation gives him the opportunity to keep us in darkness. Out of darkness stems confusion, which often leads to depression. Toxic guilt and shame comes from the devil and he is good at beating us down, especially when we are isolated from the Body of Christ. For it is in the shadows of darkness, when we are alone, that we are most vulnerable to his attacks.

Elder Waddell also taught us that it is important to know our worth and to understand that relationships are necessary to challenge us and help us grow. Scripture teaches us that as iron sharpens iron, we learn and grow from those experiences that can only come from our relationships.

It is only through relationships that we can see our reflection through someone else's eyes. And although it takes courage to expose oneself to this type of scrutiny, the benefits are well worth it.

So, let us remember to value our relationships. Do not lose a relationship over petty stuff. Do not let pride get in the way. Get rid of the anger—forgive and move on—because we need each other. Decide today to connect with friends, family and neighbors. Share your wisdom, gifts, talents, love, resources and whatever God has blessed you with. *When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when a wicked man rules the people mourn (Proverbs 29:2).* **Together We Thrive!**



Our second speaker, Pastor Shanell Morrison, moved us from *Surviving to Thriving!* We learned that in life we must decide if we want to be a survivor or a thriver. The choice is up to us. If we are going to thrive we must be a friend of God and be willing to change some things in our life: the way we think, the way we eat, and the way we do things—and we must know and believe the Word of the Lord.



Thrivers believe "I am in to win it." They know there will be challenges and that the battle begins in the mind, but like warriors they are ready to fight.

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Pastor Morrison focused on the effects of isolation, where we often hear our own voice instead of God’s voice. In a scene from the movie *Castaway*, the main character had made up his mind that he was not going to die in isolation. This type of sheer determination is needed to survive and to thrive.

If we want to thrive, we must embrace a different mindset. Pastor Morrison spoke about the favor of God and shared the story of Joseph in **Genesis 39**. Joseph was sold into slavery but he was right where God wanted him to be. Joseph did not forget God amid his situation. He thrived because he had a different mindset. Like the character in *Castaway*, Joseph refused to see himself as a victim regardless of the circumstances surrounding his life.



Pastor Morrison admonished us to refuse to be stagnate, to not accept the bad or let sin come in. She challenged us to believe that there are new things, better things that God has in store for us. She shared **Proverbs 31**, which illustrates the virtuous woman who was working, doing things, thriving. Her message encouraged us to thrive by growing, developing, blooming, prospering and succeeding. Let us push ourselves beyond what we feel, knowing that we cannot lose with God. We know that our redeemer lives and that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.



Toward the end of the event, Pastor Constance Wilson led us in a group activity where we were able to share our gifts. She helped us connect our talents so that we could grow in the areas of business and leadership.

Lastly, the fellowship concluded with a healthy, refreshing brunch while we continued our fellowship in the Lord. New friendships were made and old relationships were strengthened. It reminded us of the Scripture that declares, “Oh how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.”



**Together we thrive!**

*First Lady Classie Reeder*

# Upcoming Events

*Join us for*

**Sunday  
October 29  
11AM**

## **5<sup>th</sup> Apostolic Assemblies of Christ's Southern California Sunday Fellowship**

**Spirit Filled Worship,  
Dynamic Speaking & Wonderful Fellowship.**



*District Elder Paul and  
First Lady Classie Reeder,  
Facilitators*



*District Elder Jessie and  
First Lady Terese Tate,  
Facilitators*

**VOICES OF VICTORY CHRISTIAN MINISTRY**  
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Bishop Willie Moore, Host Pastor  
Dinner will be served immediately after service

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*Dr. Gloria J. Forward* - President

## Voices of Victory National Fellowship



Our purpose is to assist small churches in developing programs and leadership skills so as to be effective workers and witnesses in their communities and beyond.

Once developed and effective, bring those churches together to do impact ministry on a national level in collaboration with other churches and supporting agencies to meet the spiritual and physical needs of God's people everywhere.

To learn more, visit us at [www.vovnf.org](http://www.vovnf.org) and contact us at your earliest convenience. We look forward to hearing from you!

*Bishop Dr. Willie J. Moore* - Presiding Prelate

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### Videos

Weekly Broadcast - Hosted at Voices of Victory Christian Ministry

### Teleconference Teaching (6 p.m. PST - 9 p.m. EST)

*Patience*. Taught by: Prophetess Monica Harris. Recorded payback number is: 1-641-715-3848. Access Code is: 206521#. Course number 103.

Contact Dr. Gloria J. Foward for more information about classes at: [gjforward@hotmail.com](mailto:gjfoward@hotmail.com) or visit [www.iaugt.com](http://www.iaugt.com).

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- To provide a venue for ministries to share what they are doing to enhance the Kingdom of God.
- To make these resources available electronically to God's people globally.

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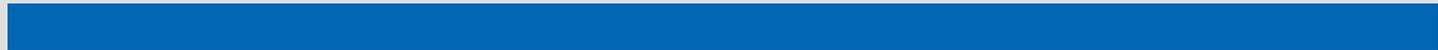
Welcome to October! For some of us the weather is starting to cool considerably, which isn't bad. I'm ready for a little relief, especially for the pre-holiday mood that cooler weather brings. Speaking of which, let's continue to keep the hurricane victims in our prayers as they recover and rebuild.

This month starts a new series on how to deal with fear. This is something we all have to deal with, sooner or later if not now. Fear is very real and we must deal with it. I'm sure you will enjoy the teaching.

Evangelist Kathryn Butler is still out front with *Achieving Your Dreams in 2017* and presents us with another powerful article, *Maintain Your "Stick-to-it-ive-ness"*. This is a must-read! Too many are giving up over failures and not holding fast to the Word of the Lord. Also, 1st Lady Classie Reeder shares an article about a power-packed women's fellowship that was held at Voices of Victory Christian Ministry and hosted by 1st Lady Joyce Moore. The teaching sessions were invaluable and packed a serious punch. You are going to love it!

Please keep in mind that we are striving to make a difference in the lives of others. Again, we can only do so much without your help. We don't have any gimmicks or anything to offer you in exchange for your support, other than the love of God and our sincere gratitude. If at anytime you are led to make a monetary contribution to our mission work, please visit our website at: [www.voices-of-victory.com](http://www.voices-of-victory.com). There you will find a PayPal link to make a contribution. Thank you so much!

Remember, we are striving to bring you the best in gospel content while building a holistic ministry. Continue to look for articles on family, health, wellbeing, and finance. **3 John 1:2** declares, *"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."* Until our next edition, send us your story for publication. It will bless the hearts of many. Contact us at [admin@vovnf.org](mailto:admin@vovnf.org). *WJM*



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