

THE STRENGTH OF A WOMAN IS IN HER PRAISE

We must praise God when we feel like it and when we don't. Somehow we must utter unto God praises of Thanksgiving. We may feel as if our lives are shattered but it's not broken and we still have a praise! "Each morning and evening they stood before the Lord to sing songs of thanks and praise to Him." (I Chronicles 23:30)

How do you bless the Lord at all times? How do we magnify His name when we are hurt by our present and our past. Hurt in the church. Hurt at home. Hurt by our loved ones. Just HURT!!! You have prayed about it, turned your plate down about it ... but you still feel like life is just passing you by.

BUT, there is a PRAISE that will keep us (if we want to be kept)! A Woman's Strength is in Her Praise! Our praise will keep our mind, body and soul. It may not feel right, it may not look right, and it may not even sound right ... but we have to give God the praise in spite of what is happening. And, there is so much happening. The sky doesn't look blue and the sun isn't shining. Our boats just keep on rocking and we are ready to get out of the rocky boat.

We must learn how to encourage ourselves through our PRAISE! Our strength lies in our PRAISE, PRAISE moves God. PRAISE is necessary. PRAISE will set us free. We must PRAISE God through the rough and tough times. Our PRAISE will take us there. We are women of strength. We are more than conquerors. We are somebody. The devil thought he had us but we got away!!!

We still have our "right" minds. We can't give up. That is not even an issue. The Lord rejoices when we give Him the PRAISE! The devil will try to destroy your home, your marriage, your children, your finances, and the list goes on. It may look hopeless and you may get a pink slip and your best "sister friend" may turn her back on you ... but we must let nothing, or nobody, take away our praise. We must have an "attitude" of praise!

Isaiah 40:31 declares "but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary, they shall walk, and not faint." The promise that we have been waiting for ... it's in our PRAISE. We all know that when praises go up, blessings come down. They may not fall like we want them to fall, but if we just wait and see In God's timing our blessings will be fulfilled.

We have to have a PUSH PRAISE: This is a praise that we have to do all by ourselves. Can't nobody help you with this one. This praise has to come from your belly. It has to come from the pain that you have had to deal with. PUSH your way to your blessing. PUSH through the pain. PUSH until you feel relief and release. Every time that you did not think you would make it, but you did ... PUSH! Every time you feel like giving up, PUSH! Every tear shed, PUSH! For every miracle that you have already received, PUSH! Knock the enemy down and PUSH your PRAISE OUT! "I will praise Him from the bottom of my heart." (Psalm 35:10) PUSH!

We have to have a FAITH PRAISE: FAITH has us standing today. We are standing on the promises of God. He has never failed us. Your FAITH praise can move mountains. Your FAITH praise is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. It will take you from here to there. You must have a FAITH praise to even face another day. Our FAITH is what keeps us going! "Sing new songs of praise to him, play skillfully on the harp and sing with joy." (Psalm 33:3)

And, we cannot make without a JUST BECAUSE PRAISE: What a magnificent praise! JUST BECAUSE you love me, Lord, I praise you. JUST BECAUSE I am alive, I praise you. JUST BECAUSE you are a God of a second chance, I praise you. JUST BECAUSE it could have been

the other way, I praise you. Nothing specific or extra-ordinary ... JUST BECAUSE ... Let's praise the Lord JUST BECAUSE!

The Lord has kept us for a reason. We have survived because He has plans for our lives. Others may give up, but we must keep praising the Lord. The Strength of a Woman is in Her Praise ... "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the most high" (Psalm 92:1)

It matters not who we are. What position in the church we may hold. Who we are married to. Where we live. What we drive. Our bank account. What matters is ... your PRAISE ... it is where your strength lies. Don't take it for granted ... we may not get everything that we want or deserve in this life, but whatever we do we must PRAISE the Lord!

"We are troubled Yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed." (II Corinthians 4:8-9). Yes, we are gonna make it because we are WOMEN OF STRENGTH AND WE HAVE A PRAISE!