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# EDITOR'S NOTE

Life won't always be easy on this journey, so how do we deal with oppositions without allowing them to stop us on the road to our destiny?

"My Testimony — Pearls" is about God reminding me how trials shape us into the pearl He desires us to be. Sometimes we want something (or someone) so bad that we will do almost anything to get it. "Don't Lose Your Soul" is a reminder that we need to set boundaries for how far we will go.



And we quote that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made," but what happens when we are judged by this? Read "Judging Outer Appearances" to find out how pop singer, Jessica Simpson, was judged in the church.

I've included two devotionals, "But a Faithful Man, Who Can Find?" and "Buried Treasure" in this issue. Also, "Breathless" is a poem that I dedicate to the memory of my late cousin, Harold Moore, Jr.

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers! The poem, "That's Daddy's Kind of Love," is dedicated to my father, Randolph Moore, and to all fathers. I hope you will find some truth in the poem for yourself. Also, click on the link with the poem to view a video of me reciting it.

Take care and I pray that something within these pages will inspire you to continue on your destiny journey. And, thank you for circulating a copy to your family and friends. ■

*Phenola Moore*

Unless otherwise noted, all scripture is King James Version.

*I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 3:14*

## But a Faithful Man, Who Can Find?

By Phenola Moore

**Read:** Proverbs 20:6-7

*“Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?”*  
Proverbs 20:6

I liked this guy, and later found out that he liked me, too. But, I wasn't convinced that he really liked me because he always flirted with women in my presence. I thought if he behaved like this with women in my face, what would he do behind my back? Needless to say, the relationship never went beyond a friendship because I didn't trust him.

A few nights ago, while reading my Bible, Proverbs 20:6 seemed to leap off the page. I've probably read it many times, but immediately, I thought of the Proverbs 31 Scripture about a virtuous woman. If finding her is equated to a price far above rubies (Proverbs 31:10), is it the same to find a faithful man? One who is strict or thorough in the performance of duty: true to his word, promises, vows, etc., reliable, trusted or believed ([www.dictionary.com](http://www.dictionary.com)).

Was God telling us in the Scripture that there would come a day when it would be hard to find a faithful man? Yes, because we live in a society where dishonesty is the norm, keeping one's word is almost obsolete and people jump in and out of relationships like they change clothes.

Is it impossible to find a faithful man? No, but finding one may be like finding a buried treasure. Challenging. :>) ■

## Buried Treasure

By Phenola Moore

**Read:** Matthew 25:25—28: *“And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.”*  
Matthew 25:25

“Girl, you have guts putting your voice out there like that,” said my friend, Sheila (name changed). She was referring to the acapella song I recorded on a Smilebox greeting card and circulated to my family, friends and posted on my social media websites.

I said, “guts maybe; passion, definitely!”

What are you hiding deep down inside like a buried treasure that you haven't let out?

Don't be like the man in the Bible who had one talent and instead of using it, he buried it (Matthew 25:25). Because he didn't use it, the talent was taken from him and given to the one who used his ten talents (Matthew 25:28).

If God told you to do it, go forth! Don't allow what you think others will say hinder or stop you from what God has birthed in you. Let it out because God is the one who will be well pleased!■

# My Testimony: Pearls

By Phenola Moore

“There is something good inside of every bad situation that happens; we just have to unearth it,” said Pastor Keith Battle as he preached from the subject, “It’s Not All Bad,” Romans 8:28-29, Sunday, May 20, at First Baptist Church of Glenarden.

I thought to myself, “God, this is the same Scripture that Pastor Alfred Blount, Tried Stone Missionary Baptist Church, Ashville, N.C., preached at my cousin, Harold Moore, Jr.’s, funeral a month ago.”



It all came crashing down on me when he said, “God didn’t say all things would be good, but that all things would work together for our good.” Tears rolled down my cheeks. The good is that our trials will draw us closer to God, and groom us into a beautiful pearl.

“If life was filled with only positive situations, we would be ‘flashy Christians’ (professing Christ without any power because trials and tribulations are what draw us closer to God and give us power),” said Pastor Battle. He illustrated how we, like a car battery, need both positive and negative energy to run properly.

Like agitations in a clam produce pearls, trials and tribulations make us like this fine jewel and can reveal itself in the form of a relationship, wisdom, compassion or prayer pearl.

Ask yourself these questions.

**Relationship Pearl.** Who do you know now that you wouldn’t have known if God hadn’t allowed this situation to come into your life? What relationship was strengthened through this trial?

**Wisdom Pearl.** What do you know that you didn’t know before the trial?

**Compassion Pearl.** How do you feel about this situation now that it has happened in your life? Do you have more compassion toward someone who may have or is going through it?

**Prayer Pearl.** How many more conversations have you had with God since this trial came into your life?

Now, when I think about my situations, I will remember what Pastor Battle said in his closing remarks, “I am rising because of this. I’m closer to God and someone else because of this.” ■

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**Meditation:**

*“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28*

## Draw From Within

By Phenola Moore



According to “Science Daily,” the world population surpassed seven billion in 2011 ([www.sciencedaily.com](http://www.sciencedaily.com)). With so many people in the world, why should anyone have to encourage themselves? Whatever the reason, sometimes we need a little boost to get us back on track, and it may not come from an outside source.

As a child, I thought reaching adulthood would be the greatest thing. I soon realized that adulthood has lows as well as highs. There have been times in my life that I’ve felt like closing the curtains and pulling the covers over my head. You probably have, too.

Thank God, a still, small voice (Holy Spirit) told me to get up and get myself together. Life isn’t like fairy tales or what is depicted on television and in the movies, and our experiences mold and shape us into His image.

In 1 Samuel 30:6, David had to encourage himself. The men were angry at David because the army had burned their city, and taken their wives, sons and daughters captive. In the midst of the turmoil, God told David to pursue and he recovered all (1 Samuel 30:18-19).

God is there to lift us when we go through low points in life, and to encourage us to go on.

So get up and start all over again. ■

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Meditation:

*“And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people as grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.”* 1 Samuel 30:6

## Breathless

By Phenola Moore

It knocked the wind out of me.  
Staggering, gasping for breath.  
What did you say?  
No, I can't believe it.

Doubled over, trying to catch my breath.  
I sat down, trying to catch my breath.  
Crying, wailing.  
Why! Why! Why

Huffing and puffing!  
Breathe in.  
Breath out.

Calm down.  
Reflect and remember.  
Because all things work together for our good.

Good?  
How can good come out of this?  
Watch and wait.  
You'll see. ■



Harold Moore, Jr.

This poem is dedicated to the memory of you, cousin Harold Moore, Jr., who passed away April 13, 2012.

## That's Daddy's Kind of Love

By Phenola Moore

Twelve-hour shifts to make ends meet.  
Tired going, tired coming.  
Can't make the event because I've got to make the green.  
That's daddy's kind of love.

You may not say it every day.  
But I know it every day.  
Wouldn't trade you for the world.  
That's daddy's kind of love.

Small talk, laughing.  
Sharing during the NFL games.  
Respectable to your girls.  
That's daddy's kind of love.

God knew who I needed.  
And He sent me the best.  
And I love you for being you.  
That's daddy's kind of love.



Randolph Moore

This poem is dedicated to my father, Randolph Moore, and to fathers everywhere.

Click on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0xA3SJQD-m8> to hear me recite the poem.

# Don't Lose Your Soul

By Phenola Moore

"I want to go home because I am losing my spirit," said contestant Alisha. I was watching cycle 18 of "America's Next Top Model: British Invasion." The cycle started with 16 girls, and when Alisha made this statement, they were down to five contestants.

My first thought was, "Girl, you are crazy."

In previous episodes, the judges said that she was the only one left with a high fashion look so it appeared that she had a good chance at winning.

On this particular episode, Alisha and Eboni were the bottom two contestants, and ANTM Creator Tyra Banks flashed Alisha's photo, which meant she wouldn't be eliminated. To my surprise, Alisha, through tears, said she wanted to go home.

Later, I thought about her words -- "losing my spirit," -- and concluded that she had made the right decision. On our road to destiny, we can't forget that the most important thing is not to give so much of ourselves that we lose ourselves, whether it's our integrity, values or standards.

God doesn't want us to get to this point to devalue the gift He put inside of us by compromising.

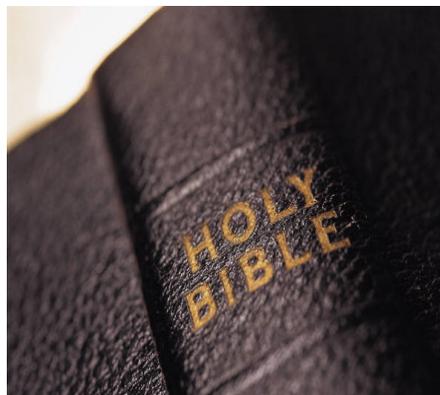
If the situation doesn't feel right, don't stay in it thinking that it will get better because sometimes it will get worse. It may not be a bad thing, but it isn't the road that God wants you to take. ■

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## Meditation:

*"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"*

Mark 8:36



## Reflecting

By Phenola Moore

One of my favorite preachers came to town, and God used him to preach exactly what I needed to hear.

But before he gave the altar call, he asked for an offering of \$1,000 as an act of faith to solidify that God would do for us what he preached in the message.

That figure literally knocked the breath out of me because at the time I was unemployed and didn't have 1,000 pennies. The woman in front of me turned around, looked at me, shook her head and held it down until he finished making his 25-minute plea.

He asked for only willing participants, and gave a testimony about how his act of faith in the past had gotten him to a point of financial wealth. That didn't make me feel any better because I was at such a low point in my life. The longer he spoke, the worse I felt.

To tune him out, I shut my eyes and prayed to God. I heard a still, small voice that said, "If you don't have it, you don't have it, but my Word is settled on earth as it is in heaven."

I exhaled and relaxed. ■

# Judging Outer Appearances

By Phenola Moore

“I had very big boobs at a young age and it kept me from doing a lot of things in the church,” said pop singer, Jessica Simpson. “I couldn’t sing solos because supposedly the men lusted when I would get up there. I was a teenager in overalls, and I didn’t even really know what sexy was, but they were telling me I was too sexy to sing,” ([www.contactmusic.com](http://www.contactmusic.com)).

“I was always criticized for my looks in the Christian world,” Simpson continued. “Judgmental is the absolute worst thing about Christianity, I believe.”

Growing up in the church, I’ve been in the midst of many discussions about physical appearance (especially women) as a distraction. Yes, we should dress modestly, but as in Simpson’s case, it wasn’t her boobs or clothing that was the problem, but an anticipated lust issue on the part of onlookers.

“Lust of the eyes” isn’t limited to men because women share this issue, too. Just let a man pass by flexing his muscular arms in a tight t-shirt and jeans. My Lord! LOL

But 1 John 2:16, states that lust of the eyes is one of the things that we have to combat while we are in the world. The Holy Spirit has the power to control this area of our lives, but we have to give it to Him, right? ■

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## Meditation:

*“For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.”*  
1 John 2:16

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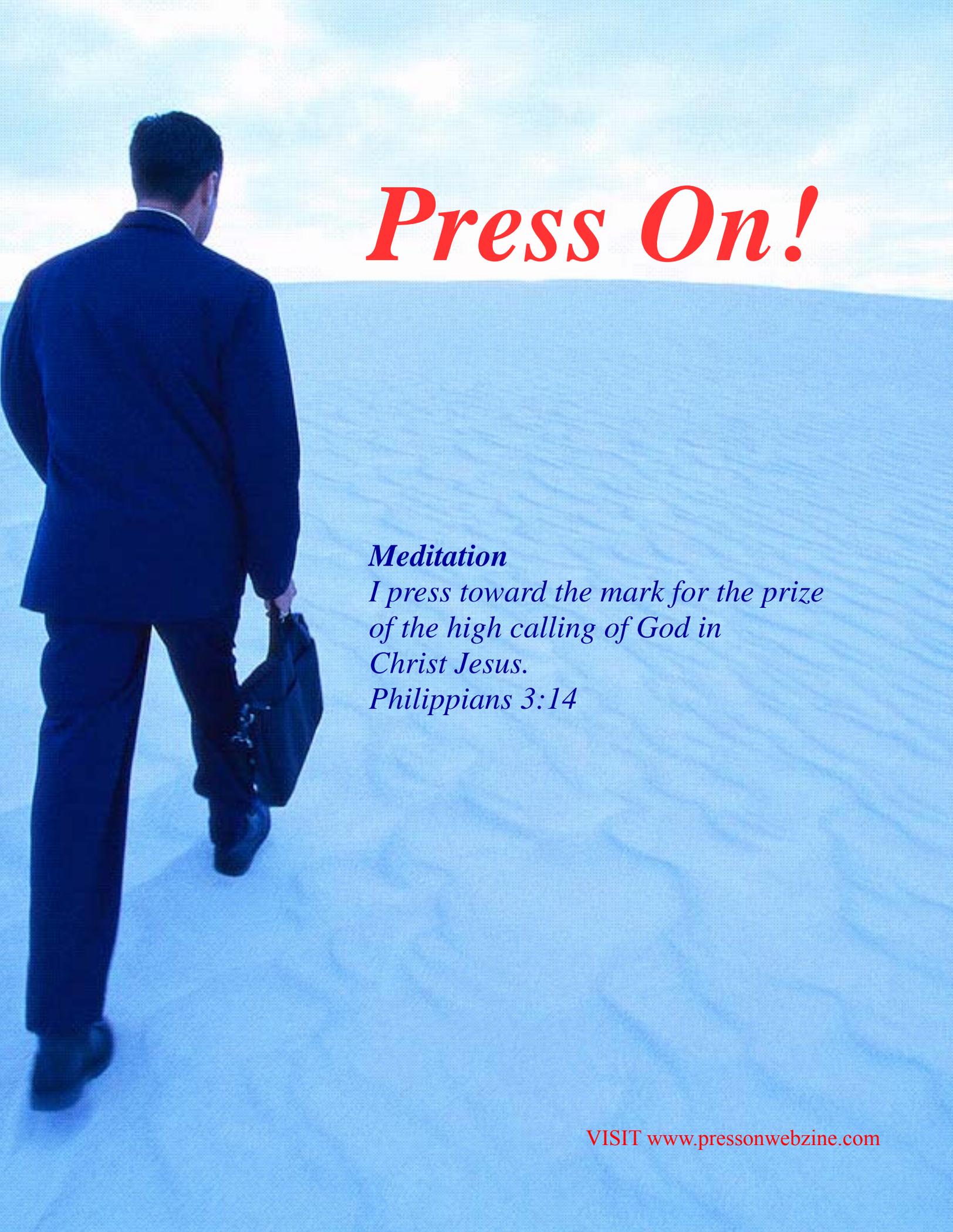
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## *Meditation*

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*Philippians 3:14*

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