
Press On!

Webzine

A Darcy Spirit
Pride and Prejudice

Calling All Youth — He's a Keeper
Don't allow others to tell you He can't

Changed in 50 Days
Our Expectations May Not be God's

Music Has Meaning
A Tribute to Bishop Walter Hawkins

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Editor's Notes.....	3
A Darcy Spirit.....	4
God Hates It	4
Changed in 50 Days.....	5
Starting Over	6
Tribute to Bishop Walter Hawkins	7
Calling All Youth — He's a Keeper	9
A Minute Can Change Your Life	9
Music Has Meaning.....	10
How Will You Know?.....	10

**FOUNDER, DESIGN DIRECTOR
AND WRITER**

Phenola Moore

EXECUTIVE EDITOR
E. Marilyn Stackhouse

PRESS ON! WEBZINE IS PUBLISHED QUARTERLY: MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER.

CONTACT INFORMATION

E-MAIL: P^MOORE@P^RESSONWEBZINE.COM

WEBSITE: WWW.P^RESSONWEBZINE.COM
VISIT MY WEBSITE TO DOWNLOAD A COPY OF THE WEBZINE.

FACEBOOK: WWW.F^ACebook.COM/PHENOLAMOORE

MYS^PACE: WWW.MYS^PACE/PHENOLAMOORE



EDITOR'S NOTE

Have we allowed the busyness of life to rob us of what we were put here on earth to do? Our destiny is so important that God has a preparation stage that we must go through in order to handle the highs and lows of the journey. If we push out our God time, we can get off course.

In this issue, there are several articles that challenge us to stay focused by remaining level headed.

“Changed in 50 Days” is my confession of how, I was caught up in the hype of the First Baptist Church of

Glenarden 50-Day Season of Sanctification last spring and I almost missed out on receiving something from God that money can't buy. Read it to find out what it was.

Also, “it” can sneak up on you before you know it, especially if you receive something unexpected like a promotion, financial blessing or change in marital status. “A Darcy Spirit” tells you what “it” is and will put everything back in perspective.

Or maybe you just need a little boost to get you back on track. “Starting Over” is a template that can help you get started. And, “He’s a Keeper” reminds us of how we can sustain a strong relationship with God throughout our entire life.

I also wrote an article in tribute to the late Bishop Walter Hawkins, “Your Living Wasn’t in Vain,” that includes reflections from his family and friends.

These are just a few highlights of this webzine’s contents. Please forward a copy to your friends and family.

If you have any questions and/or comments, e-mail me at pmoore@pressonwebzine.com. ■

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*

We want to hear from you! E-mail your comments to pmoore@pressonwebzine.com or write to Phenola Moore, PO Box 7744, Largo, MD, 20792-7744. Include your full name, address and telephone number. Submissions may be edited for length and clarity.

And, if you haven't become one of my Facebook friends, what are you waiting for? Log onto www.facebook.com/phenolamoore and request to be my friend!

Phenola Moore Copyright © 2010 *Press On! Webzine*

A Darcy Spirit

By Phenola Moore

I love to watch the miniseries, “Pride and Prejudice,” based on Jane Austen's novel that revolves around five sisters – Jane, Elizabeth, Mary, Kitty, and Lydia Bennet. One of the wealthy male characters, Mr. Darcy, has a double portion of both pride and prejudice.

He was initially rejected by the woman who would later become his wife, Elizabeth, because he proposed to her in such an insulting manner that she told him no. He was in love with her, but felt that falling in love with someone who wasn't in his class was distasteful.

How many of us have the spirit of Darcy? We reject what comes our way because it doesn't come from a notable person or the way we expect.

An acquaintance of mine was looking for a job, and I offered her tips and advice about her job search. The moment it came out of my mouth, the Holy Spirit told me she was going to reject my advice (and she did) because she didn't feel that I had a position high enough in the church to help her (she told me so). Her prejudice toward me and pride may have blocked a great opportunity. Only God knows.

How many opportunities are we missing because “big shot #1” didn't deliver it to us? What about the relationships we are rejecting because it isn't an alliance with “high society?” Or how many conversations will never begin because we are full of both pride and prejudice?

It only takes a promotion, financial blessing, or perhaps a change in marital status, etc., to put us in this frame of mind. However, if we keep a close relationship with God and ask him to keep us humble, we can combat this.

Humility happens when we remember that God is the supplier of everything that we've accumulated or gained in life (Philippians 4:19). Without Him, we are nothing.

Genesis 3:19 states, “*for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*” There isn't any rich dust, poor dust, high society dust, or low-class dust. Just dust.

In God's eyes, one person isn't any better than another. When we die, back to the dust all of us will go.

That perspective alone should keep us level headed. ■

Meditation:

“Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.” Proverbs 15:18

God Hates It

By Phenola Moore

It can keep us from saying I'm sorry when we know we are wrong.

It can keep us from doing what God told us to do and, therefore, miss out on our blessing.

It can lift us up to the point where we can't stand ourselves, but we are too puffed up to admit it.

It can ruin a meaningful relationship because our way becomes the only way.

It has destroyed nations, kingdoms, businesses, churches, and households.

It can creep up on us and take over us until it squeezes out every ounce of humility.

How can others detect it?

They'll hear it in our talk (boasting and bragging).

They'll see it in our walk (head up in the air, looking over common folks).

And in how we treat others (callous and/or disdain).

Pride – God hates it (Proverbs 6:17).

Therefore, we need to get rid of it. ■

Meditation:

“A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,” Proverbs 6:17

Changed in 50 Days

By Phenola Moore

“I can’t change your season until I get you to change your mind,” said Dr. Harold Woodson speaking from Joshua 3:4-5 at First Baptist Church of Glenarden’s Tuesday, April 6, Bible study. After receiving this prophetic word, our church entered into a 50-Day Season of Sanctification.

Throughout the 50 days, we were in palpable anticipation of the great move God was going to perform in our individual lives and corporately as a church. Would it be a great career move, a financial blessing or what?

As I journeyed through those days, God told me that some of us would miss out because we were looking for a tangible blessing for all to see; something we could show off to others. But for some, He was going to make an inner change. Wow!

Oh yes, I was among those who was looking for the tangible. However, in the midst of one of my fasting days, God gave me an inner peace that I didn’t realize I needed until then. It was the type of contentment that Paul wrote about in Philippians 4:11.

I needed that peace because some of my goals and dreams have not yet come to pass and I didn’t realize that the delay was agitating me. God revealed that if I wasn’t mindful, I would be so focused on the future that I wouldn’t enjoy the present.

The peace God gave me from that day forth is priceless. No, inner peace isn’t tangible, but you may be able to detect it in the little twinkle I now have in my eyes and the extra broad smile on my face.

Whatever God did for you during those 50 days, don’t devalue it because He knew exactly what you needed. ■

Meditation:

“Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore. And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.”
Joshua 3:4-5



Starting Over

By Phenola Moore

Sometimes changes in our life can get us off track and to the point where we may become discouraged and push our goals and dreams to the back burner. However, we will never get to our destiny by procrastinating or giving up.

Therefore, starting over or picking up where we left off may be a good alternative. Use this form to write down your goals and dreams, and where you are in the process. Remember to pray for direction before you begin.

Ponder these questions while you write and journal your process daily, or at least weekly. ■

Question	Answer
What is God telling you to do about your future?	
What are your strengths and talents?	
What can you do daily to get closer to your goal?	
Do you need to partner with anyone to get you there?	
When do you think you will get there? Create a timeline.	
Where do you see yourself in five years? ten years?	
How do you plan to get there? Has God showed you the steps?	

Tribute to Bishop Walter Hawkins

(May 18, 1949 – July 11, 2010)

Your Living Wasn't in Vain

By Phenola Moore

Bishop Walter Hawkins' vocal range was so vast that it could ascend from tenor to soprano in a matter of seconds. "He didn't start as a singer, because he couldn't stay on pitch, but he later became one of the greatest tenors in the world," said Edwin Hawkins about his brother on the "Life and Legacy of Bishop Walter Hawkins" on Trinity Broadcasting Network.

On the broadcast, family and friends talked about Bishop Hawkins as a gospel music legend, friend, pastor, and father. I've shared some of their comments in this article. Although I didn't know him personally, I've read about his life, listened to his music and watched him perform on television too many times to remember.



(left to right: Bishop Walter Hawkins and Edwin Hawkins)

As a girl, Sunday mornings consisted of the sounds of my mother in the kitchen cooking breakfast while gospel hits written by Bishop Hawkins rang throughout the house.

Bishop Hawkins got his start in 1969 when his brother, Edwin, founded the Northern California State Youth Choir of the Church of God in Christ and recorded a two track that included the song penned by Edwin, "Oh Happy Day."

Donnie McClurkin, pastor, Perfecting Faith Church, Ny., and gospel recording artist, said there are probably billions of people who sing "Oh Happy Day," and some are not necessarily Christians. He always gets requests to sing this song when he is in concert, especially overseas.

The Hawkins family was one of the first cross over gospel groups to perform at secular concerts with artists such as the Isley Brothers. But Edwin said being raised in the church they didn't see themselves as celebrities because their church upbringing kept them grounded.

Bishop Hawkins was a confident leader and singer. He allowed dynamic singers like Tramaine Hawkins, Lynette Hawkins-Stephens and many others to lead his songs.

Hawkins was also the pastor of the Love Center Church and his family fondly remembers him as serious about his ministry and concerned about others. Bishop Hawkins answered the call to preach when in Europe for a concert. He felt the need to reach out to people the world rejected, but he didn't want to be bound by denominational ties.

His sister, Lynette Hawkins-Stephens, said, "His ministry saved my life. I don't know where I would be today if my brother hadn't started the ministry."

(continued on page 8)

Tribute to Bishop Walter Hawkins

(continued from page 7)

She said she was a rebellious kid who was fed up with the church. "One day he preached about 'Dragging the Net' and elaborated on when you cast your net out into the ocean, not only do the pretty fish get caught in the net, but the ugly ones, too," said Hawkins-Stephens. "That message made me pray, love and think differently about people."

Daniel Hawkins was playing piano in the club before he joined the gospel group because he grew tired of the criticism in the church and left. Bishop Hawkins assured him that they were not going to condemn or judge him because God loved him just as he was. "Growing up in the church, I never felt loved," said Daniel. "They talked about love but I never felt it. My brother's ministry was a new revelation to me that God loves me as I am."

Walter "Jamie" Hawkins, Jr., said his father had a built-in compassion system that allowed him to love God because he knew how much he needed Him. Before he died, his father talked to him about becoming the pastor of the Love Center Church and he is going to take up the mantle.

The life and legacy of Bishop Hawkins touched lives in a way that may never be documented. Pastor McClurkin quoted 1 Corinthians 9:22 to sum up Bishop Hawkins' life, "*To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.*" ■

Accomplishments (www.wikipedia.org)

Albums

- *Do Your Best* - Solo Album (1972)
- *Love Alive - Love Center Choir* (1975)
- *Jesus Christ Is the Way* - The Hawkins Family (Light, 1977)
- *Love Alive 2 - Love Center Choir* (Light, 1978)
- *The Hawkins Family Live* (Light, 1980)
- *Gospel* (Savoy, 1982)
- *I Feel Like Singing* - Solo Album (Light, 1983)
- *Love Alive 3 - Love Center Choir* (Light, 1984)
- *Special Gift* - Hawkins Family (Light, 1988)
- *Love Alive 4 - Love Center Choir* (Malaco, 1990)
- *New Dawning* - Hawkins Family (Bellmark, 1996)
- *Love Alive, Vol. 5: 25th Anniversary Reunion 1* - Love Center Choir (Interscope, 1998)
- *Take Courage* - Hawkins Family (Bellmark, 2000)
- *A Song In My Heart* - Solo Album (Coda/Red-Sony, 2005)

Compilation albums

- *The Lord's Prayer* (featuring various guest artists; duet with Tramaine Hawkins on the song, "Thy Kingdom Come") (Light, 1980)
- *Only The Best* (Light, 1990)
- *Light Years* (Polygram, 1995)
- *The Hawkins Family Collection* (Platinum, 1995)
- *The Best of Love Alive* (Light, 2002)
- *Legends of Gospel* (Light, 2002)
- *Mega 3 Collection: Love Alive* (Light, 2002)
- *The Very Best of Walter Hawkins and the Hawkins Family* (Artemis Gospel, 2005)

Calling All Youth — He's a Keeper

By Phenola Moore

There is a perception that a person can't be used by God unless he or she has been through a traumatic experience or delivered from a deep, dark habit. I don't know where this notion came from because God doesn't discriminate. He uses all kinds of people for His purpose.

Yes, in the Bible he used what we could call "bad girls/boys," but he also chose Mary, a virgin, to birth the Savior and David, a shepherd, to become a king of Israel, just to name a couple. When they were chosen they were living clean, wholesome lives.

Recently, I spoke with a mother who was concerned that her son would stray while he was at college. I told her that God has the power to keep him and that if he allows God to lead him, he doesn't have to succumb to the wiles of the world.

She was flabbergasted because her concept of Christianity was if a person accepts Jesus into their hearts at a young age, he or she would eventually leave God and the church and maybe come back when they got older. Is that what the church is teaching? If so, it isn't biblical.

It's wonderful how God can deliver someone from a sordid lifestyle. It is also wonderful to hear someone say that they were saved as a youth and God is continuing to keep them.

Jude 1:24 says, "he has the power to keep you from falling." If you let Jesus into your life at an early age, you don't have to stray because He's a keeper. ■

A Minute Can Change Your Life

By Phenola Moore

Ok, you know you are wrong because the first time you did it your conscious beat you up to the point where you couldn't look folks in the eye.



Days, weeks and months
went by.
Nothing!

No one's looking.
So you tried it again.
But you know it's wrong
because it's putting you in a
compromising position.
But you say you aren't hurt-
ing anyone but yourself.

Yea, right!
You are your brothers/sisters

keeper?
But you think it is ok as long as you don't get
caught.

But because God sees you.
And it's all over you every time you look in his/her
eyes.
It's so evident when you tell the half truth (lie).
And when you pretend nothing has happened.

How did you get to this point?
"But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away
of his own lust, and enticed." (James 1:14)
It only takes a minute.

How can I get back?
"Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray
God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be
forgiven thee." Acts 8:22
It only takes a minute.

A minute can change your life. ■

Creative Corner

Music Has Meaning

By Phenola Moore

When I heard the lyrics “never thought I’d be so happy” from BeBe and CeCe Winans song, “Never Thought,” my mind immediately went back to a season when I couldn’t have muttered those words. It was during the time I was grieving my eldest sister’s death.

Through those dark days, a fake smile was all I could muster. There were days when I didn’t care about my appearance and it took everything within me to make it through the day.

After that experience, I became sensitive to the struggles others go through because the feelings of gloom and entrapment sometimes aren’t easy to shake off. But with the help of God and the prayers of others, I was restored.

Now, when I hear songs of affirmation like “Never Thought,” it takes everything within me not to break down and cry with joy because I remember when.

To listen to this song, copy and paste <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XiISX8CCI10> onto your browser. ■

Meditation:

“Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.” Psalm 51:12



How Will You Know?

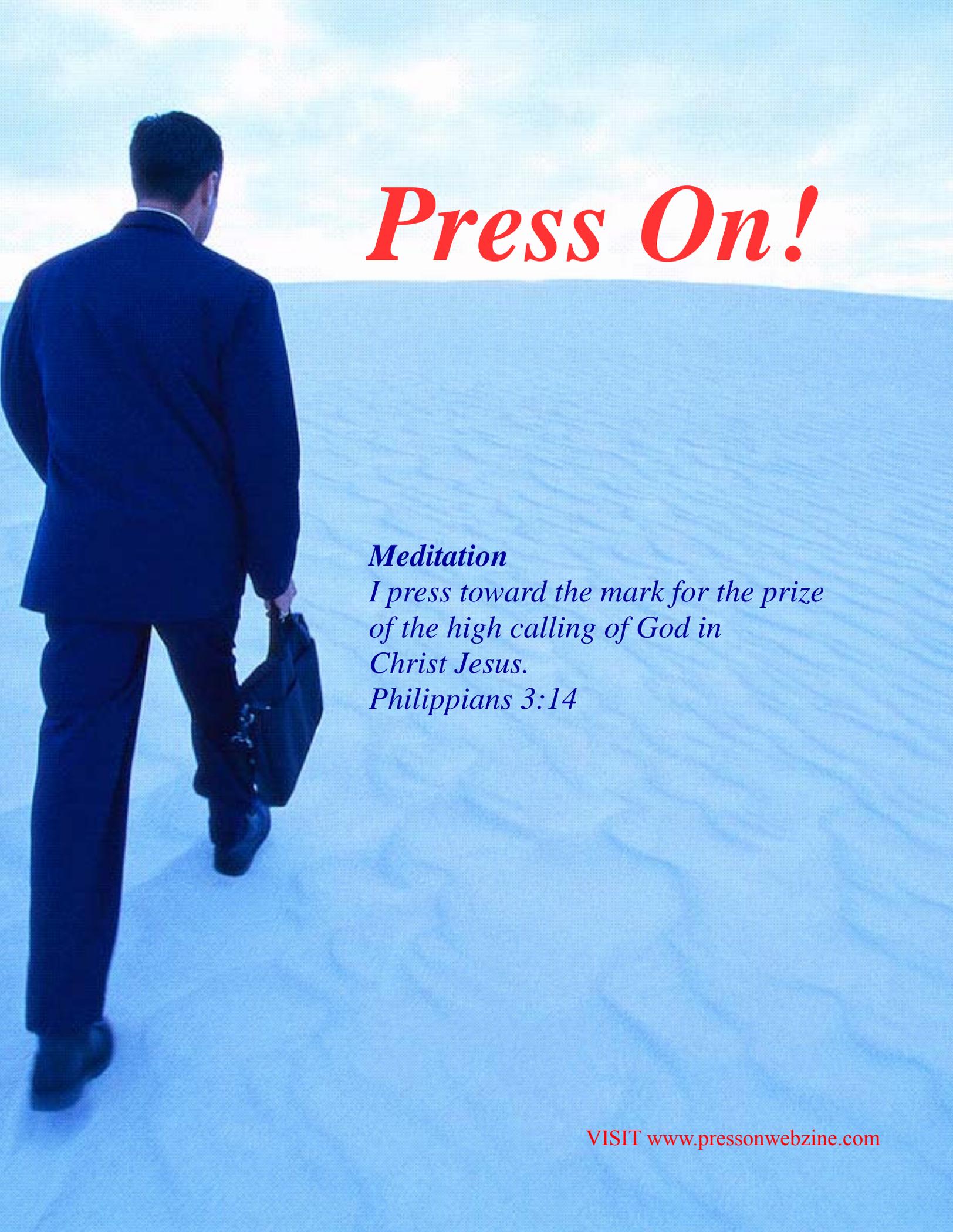
By Phenola Moore

How will you know him/her?
Do you need a sign?
What do you look for?

In the Bible, Jacob knew when he “*kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.*” (Genesis 29:11) And Boaz knew when he saw Ruth gleaning in the field (Ruth 2:5).
Some say it’s the first encounter while others say it takes a while.

How will you know him/her?
We have so many choices every day.
Men, you will know because it will go beyond the physical.
Women, you will know because it goes deeper than an emotion.

In the meantime, wait with great anticipation.
And it will come when you least expect it. ■



Press On!

Meditation

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

Philippians 3:14

VISIT www.pressonwebzine.com