

# WORD LIVING

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## OUR PURPOSE

Our purpose is to offer help to families with budgeting and planning. We assist families in obtaining knowledge and awareness of all human resources/ services available to them. We sponsor FREE seminars that coordinate various services to meet changing needs. For more information on events we sponsor visit us on [FACEBOOK](https://www.facebook.com/stewardsinaction) or our website: [www.stewardsinaction.com](http://www.stewardsinaction.com).



Greetings and welcome to another year of Word Living. We hope you enjoyed the blessing of summer as we enjoy the new season, prepared for us before the beginning of time.

We are still here because our work is not completed. So, no matter how you feel or what the weather is doing, ask Jesus for your directions, and step out on faith. With the first step, you may experience some balance issues so reach out and let Jesus take your hand. Each step gets better and now you feel like you are floating on air and you are because He is carrying you in his hands of protection to your job that will help others see him through you. What a Savior! What a friend!

## WORKING FOR THE KING

Our Jesus, is the greatest employer, has the best health insurance benefits, highest rate of return on short-term investments and the retirement plan is out of sight. Jesus provides on-going training programs and you cannot be fired for making mistakes because he forgives and restores. However, there is one important requirement, you must follow His directions even when you cannot see or understand the outcome.



### FROM THE PIT TO THE THRONE



We begin this newsletter year with a question. If you had to choose between living in a pit or sitting on a throne, which one would you choose? Well, unless you have some real insight concerning the pit and your ability to live there in comfort, most would choose the throne, a place of power. However, the one who holds the position is accountable to God for every action taken. God designs the training to meet the demands, disciplines, faith, trust, and obedience necessary to complete the task without failure. The pit – a place/a state of mind.

## **WORKING FOR THE KING - CHOSEN**

Our Lord has a plan for us, (Jeremiah 29:11) and I believe, the plan is such that training is required after which we can achieve the goal.

During the ongoing training, we learn the need for discipline – (order, obedience to our Lord, restraint, and faith); we learn the meaning of trust – (reliance on the Lord, belief in His word and confidence that He never fails); and we learn the power of the enemy - (limited, powerless over Jesus, can tempt us but cannot make us yield)

So what can we learn in the pit that prepares us for our chosen task? To answer that question, we must view some points from the story of Joseph as recorded in Genesis, chapters 37 – 50.

- **Conserve energy;**
- **Call for help;**
- **Never give up hope;**
- **Keep alert so when help comes we are ready to receive it;**
- **Use what is available and don't worry about what you don't have;**
- **Prayerfully think it through and be ready. You may only have one opportunity; and**
- **Accept the help that is available at the time with gracefulness and gratitude.**

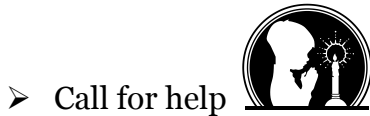
## **WORKING FOR THE KING – THE TRAINING GROUND (THE PIT)**

- Conserve Energy

Some jobs call for years of training because of the magnitude of responsibility that is assigned to the job. Just think of being in a pit, and wanting to get out. Now Satan offers a solution but we have to choose to follow him and that means we stop following God.

Satan offers wealth, opportunity and the list goes on, but he fails to explain that his resources are limited and can be denied based on God's permissive will for Satan's use. Satan fails to reveal that many times his way only causes us to sink deeper in the pit thus prolonging our training period.

As God prepares us, sometimes he limits our ability to get resources so we will learn to rely on him for everything. Knowing we are in his hands, we can be at peace as the Lord sends us what we need when we need it. There is no need to struggle, worry, and/or complain. When we prayerfully wait for his directions, the Lord strengthens us. When our training is complete, he will raise us up. (NOTE: A perfect cake takes time to bake)



In the training pit, we know the source of our help. Our help cometh from the Lord. So during those dark times, when Satan offers alternative plans that look good, seem good and things that we have desired but have not received, we must learn to focus on the promise recorded in Philippians 4:19, But God shall supply all my needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Therefore, his promises are true and proven so all we need to do is ask - call Jesus for Help.

NEVER trust Satan, for he is a thief whose purpose is to steal, kill, and destroy. (John 10:10)

But in our most vulnerable time, when our body is attacked, our mind is burdened, and it feels like we are all alone, know that Jesus is a very present help in time of trouble. (Psalm 46:1) Call his name; feel his presence, He shall preserve thee from evil. Psalm 121 We have all the help we need.



During training, there are days when it seems we should be out of the training by now. From a personal standpoint, “Am I dumb or what?” “Joe and Sally came after me and now they are working and I am still in this pit.” “Lord, did you forget about me?” “How long, Lord, must I stay in this pit?” “Do you have an accelerated version? I want out!” Then Satan speaks, “Does God care?”

We have to read and read the training manual. The words found in Psalm 23 note at the end of the valley, there is a table prepared for us. Fear not the valley and the shadows for they have no power over us. We are preparing for kingdom work and Jesus knows what we need to help those who are struggling, who are sick, tired, fearful and without hope. Our testimony will lift their spirit but His word will give them hope. I Peter 1:3-4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy has begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you. We have hope.

**THE TRAINING GROUND (THE PIT)** will continue in October. Please keep us in prayer as we seek to follow our Lord’s calling in every aspect of life. His servant, Karen Cheatham

**“Echoes of My Life” is a two-day seminar where women of all ages, will have the opportunity to have quality moments of reflection — “What is really dictating the paths I have chosen?...Am I moving toward the fulfillment of my dreams and reaching my life goals?”**

**GUEST SPEAKER**

**Marian Pledger, Cleveland, Ohio**

**September 19-20, 2014**

**Friday (9/19) 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday (9/20) 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Louis McMurray Conference Center, 2624 Sixth Street, Muskegon Heights, MI

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **\*\*ECHOES OF MY LIFE - A TWO-DAY SEMINAR**
  - **September 19-20, 2014 (Details see page 3)**
- **LIVING HOLY – THE VALUE OF YOUR WORD**
  - **Sunday, September 21, 2014 at 3:30 PM**
  - **Zion Blue Lake Baptist Church - Speaker Karen Cheatham**
- **\*\*MEDICAID – ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFITS**
  - **Saturday, October 25, 2014 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM**
- **\*\*ESTATE PLANNING – GETTING YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER**
  - **Saturday, November 22, 2014 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

**\*\*WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD AT  
Louis A. McMurray Conference & Transportation Center  
2624 Sherman and 6th Street, Muskegon Hts., MI 49444**

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October 31 – November 2, 2014

United Conference for Women - Traverse City, MI

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