

# NEW DIRECTION

Formerly *New Beginnings*

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## What's Happening?

### Sunday, November 8

FarMor Entertainment—an outreach ministry that inspires people through the performing arts—is hosting a Pre-Thanksgiving Celebration from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Pegasus Banquet Hall (located at 6394 Silver Star Rd, Orlando 32818).

You don't want to miss this memorable night of praise, fellowship, food and live entertainment featuring some of Central Florida's finest and anointed performers.

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### Passage to Life:

*"For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith....Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."*

— Ephesians 3:14; 20-21 (NKJV)

Last month (Sept. 24), I had the honor of sharing my testimony with a group of Christian women who attended the Greater Orlando Baptist Association's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Working Women's Luncheon. I admit—I was nervous at first, until the Lord reminded me of the theme He gave me: "Just Be YOU and Let God Do the Rest."

When Sharon Burrow from GOBA told me the topic in March was "Ordinary You; Extraordinary God," I told God, "You must plan on doing some *extraordinary* things between now and then if you chose me to speak." Needless to say, my expectations were extremely high.

Do you remember a few months ago, I told you I kept singing, *I'm looking for a miracle; I expect the impossible; I feel the intangible; I see the invisible...The sky is the limit to what I can have...?* Well, that's exactly what I was doing. I was expecting my finances to turn around and believing that my house and van would come through by Sept. 24 so I could tell these women what an extraordinary God we serve.

Shortly before the luncheon, my godmother blessed me with a book called, *Those Who Trust in the Lord Shall NOT Be Disappointed* by Peggy Joyce Ruth. While reading it, my Heavenly Father reminded me of the *extraordinary* things He has already done:

- ▶ He saved my life and delivered me from so many strongholds and bondages;
- ▶ He has allowed me to walk with my head held high, in spite of my mistakes of the past;
- ▶ He has blessed me with three beautiful (sometimes hardheaded) kids
- ▶ He has given me a ministry that allows me to be free and help others in their calling!

It's like the song says, *If the Lord never does anything else for me, He's done enough!* Everything He allowed me share on Sept. 24 (not half of what I planned to speak on) was just what the women needed to hear. Why? Because He has the Master Plan and sees **the 'bigger picture.'**

He knows our needs and desires, but He wants us to love Him with all our heart and soul; obey His voice and keep His commandments; put all our trust in Him; and live life to its fullest knowing that we serve an *extraordinary* God. So...just be YOU and let Him do the rest!

Be blessed,  
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## ACCEPTING THE BIGGER PICTURE

by Rev. Kenneth T. Glover

Proverbs 3:5 tells us to **“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart”**—yet, this task is sometimes (oftentimes) very difficult to do when we are in the midst of circumstances, trials and issues that are merely testing our faith (James 1:2-3).

However, I am learning more and more everyday—as I continue to keep my eyes on God and obey the instructions that I receive from Him through prayer and simply being lead by His Holy Spirit—**that God is still in control of my life and the circumstances that come up in my life.** Actually, as I have been meditating on this assignment of sharing some insight to the topic **“The Bigger Picture,”** I am seeing where God leads us into trials and tribulations to prove to us **“Again”** that He sees the Bigger Picture and that is why He has given us the instructions in Proverbs 3:5b **“... and lean not unto thine own understanding.”**

Oftentimes, we (as Ambassadors for Christ) will clearly hear from God and receive the **“nugget”** of spiritual wisdom to pass on to others as God has commanded us. However, **we also (oftentimes) step right out of that Holy Presence of God and back into our Carnal state of being** and **“Add”** to that which we have received from God and proclaim it to be God's Will also.

When we come to that point in our lives where we are expecting to **“See the Bigger Picture”** of God's Will, we are treading on dangerous ground. We are not built with the capacity to handle any more than what and how God's reveals His Divine plan to us.

Malachi 3:10 clearly defines the truth to this matter of limited capacity when God said, **“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and Prove Me Now Herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, IF I WILL NOT OPEN YOU THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN, AND POUR YOU OUT A BLESSING, THAT THERE SHALL NOT BE ROOM ENOUGH TO RECEIVE IT.”** Too often, this passage of scripture is referred to tithes (or money). Yet, if you would be honest with yourself and consider this: If God was to give you **ONE HUNDRED BILLION DOLLARS**, you could find a bank or a building big enough to keep all those dollar bills.

However, when we think about how God moves in such a way that you know (without a doubt), what transpired could only be the Moving of God's Holy and Divine Intervention—one in which you are still trying to figure out How and Why you were Blessed in such a Majestic & Glorious manner.

When your **Mind** cannot comprehend or your **Tongue** cannot Thank Him enough to satisfy your **Soul**, then God has done as He said He would: **“Pour You Out a Blessing, where (Your Mind, Body or Soul) would not have room to receive it.”**

Deuteronomy 29:29 says, **“The secret things (The Bigger Picture) belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.”**

Honestly, I am thankful to be reminded that God sees the Bigger Picture, and I need to learn to Trust in the Lord more—with all of my heart—because I am still having a difficult time doing all the words that He has revealed to me and being held accountable for by Him.

There are times that all I can say is, **“Lord, Have Mercy on Me** and continue to teach me to Accept You as Lord God. You See the Bigger Picture of how you plan to Bless me. Correct me and Use me as a vessel to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to this dying world.”