



**SISTAH'S TESTIFYING ABOUT GOD'S GOODNESS**

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**Praise the Lord My Dear Sisters,**

Here is yet another Sistah's Empowering Sistah's Newsletter publication. For this quarter our Sisters are *Testifying about the Goodness of our God*. We all have something to testify about – what our God has done for us. We can first start by praising Him for waking us up this morning and that we are in our right minds and have not lost our minds in the midst of trying situations.

Now, if I was to testify I would say I thank God for a breakthrough concerning the relationship with my daughter. You know how the enemy can play tricks on your mind having you to think or judge another person; until you really know the whole truth about the situation you cannot accurately judge it. My daughter was thinking I was judging her about a situation, it was not true. She did not realize how much I really understood what she was going through because she judged me thinking I was judging her. But it wasn't until I spoke up and told the enemy enough is enough! I am breaking through this communication barrier in Jesus' Mighty Name. And it was not until I moved out on faith and spoke out that it put my daughter and my relationship to a new level of understanding. I had to let her know I will not judge her but I will speak God's truth to the situation.

A relationship that seemed dead was resurrected to life because God wanted to show me His goodness and told me speak to the situation to bring back life into the relationship according to *Proverbs 18:21* 'What you say can mean life or death. Those who speak with care will be rewarded (NCV)'. So I thank God for moving on my heart and that my daughter's heart was open to receive. Now we are both in a new place in our relationship together.

**Praise God for His Goodness!**

**Now embrace yourself for more from our Sisters as they share by Testifying about the Goodness of God in their lives.**

**Many Blessings of Goodness Come unto YOU,**

**Elder Tammy McNair**

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## Time to testify of God's Goodness

*Psalms 23:6 surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:*

In the face of many obstacles, in the deepest part of the darkest valleys of our life, we can exclaim the Lord's goodness and mercy are upon us. Not only can we exclaim the Light of His love is in our darkest moments, but we can also exclaim His goodness and love will never leave us or fail us. As we live for Him and not for ourselves, His goodness in us follows who we are and what we do. Because of God's goodness, in the middle of the worst times, the good times roll. In the shadow of death, the Father lifts us up by the power of His love into our eternal life. Yes, we experience the goodness of God. We have His joy in us we cannot express. Every day, for the rest of our life, we have the Lord's mercy and forgiveness from His love. Instead of holding our wrongs and transgressions against us, Christ does not see our wrongs because we have turned away from them. We have accepted Him into our heart. In our hearts, we will have goodness and mercy all the days of our life.

**Psalm 145:7 "they will tell about all your goodness"**

We often spend several hours telling one another about our hurt, disappointments, sickness, and trouble, than we do telling of God's Goodness. David says, "They will tell about all your goodness." Therefore we must testify of God's Goodness.

What is meant by the phrase God's Goodness, It is "a perfection of His character which He exercises towards His creatures according to the various circumstances and relations (*Psalms 145:8, 9: 103:8; 1 John 4:8*). Viewed generally, it is benevolence; as exercised with respect to the miseries of His creatures it is mercy, pity, compassion, and in the case of impenitent sinners, long-suffering patience: as exercised in communicating favor on the unworthy it is grace. "Goodness and justice are the several aspect of ones unchangeable infinitely wise and sovereign moral perfection. God is not sometimes merciful and sometime just, but He is eternally infinitely just and merciful." Good is infinitely and unchangeably good (*Zephaniah 3:17*), and His goodness is incomprehensible by the infinite mind (*Romans. 11:35, 36*). "God's goodness appears in two things, giving and forgiving. (Easton's Bible Dictionary)

This is the reason I have to testify of His goodness, for He gave me eternal life. He gave me hope when I was hopeless. He fed me many days when I was hungry. Thou open your hand, and satisfy the desires of every living thing" (*Psalm 145:15, 16*). It is a fact God's Goodness is extended to His

entire creature, whether it be the birds of the air, the beasts of the forest, or fish in the sea, abundant provision has been made to supply their every need. God "giveth food to all flesh, for His mercy endureth forever" (*Psalm 136:25*).

I am a walking testimony of the goodness of God. I am reminded in 1990, when I was out of work because of a job related injury and my compensation had ran out and I had to apply for disability. The only income coming in at that time was my husbands. During that time my apartment was destroyed by fire having no money and no where to go, God's goodness provided shelter for me and my family. Soon after that my husband got sick and had to stop working. The only income we had coming in was his disability check from the military. Again we found ourselves in need of a home. God's Goodness supplied all of our needs according to His riches, *Philippians 4:19*. But His goodness did not stop there. When moving back to Maryland in 1992, one morning after my husband had left to go take care of some business, I began to wash clothes and started praying and praising God as I always do. The Holy Spirit spoke to me and told me to read *Deuteronomy 11:11* "But the land, whither ye go to possess it," and these words stood out. I said to myself, "what land?" we don't have any money to purchase land. As soon as those words left my mouth, my husband came in and said, "The Lord told me to go buy a house." Again, I asked my husband how are we going to buy a house, we don't have any money and we both are on disability? He said, "God told me

to do it and I am going to buy a house." That same day he went to Century 21 Real Estate Agency and began looking for the house God showed him, until he found it. I saw my townhouse being built from the ground up. We were short of funds in purchasing the house, God touched the builder's heart and he provided us with what we needed. Truly God had showed me His Goodness over and over again.

I thank God for all the goodness He gave in supplying my needs for the flesh.

But the goodness of God I am most grateful for is when He sent forth His son "born of a women, born under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons" (*Galatians 4:4, 5*). Goodness was the spring of redemption for the Father to give the life of His only son to death upon the cross for the freedom of lost man kind.

His goodness continues today to all that will accept Him. I am willing to testify as David says, of God's Goodness.

**Reverend Nora Jones**



## God's Goodness Is Everywhere

***Oh give thanks to the LORD, for HE is good; for HIS lovingkindness is everlasting (Psalm 107:1).***

**He is originally good, good of Himself, which nothing else is; for all creatures are good only by participation and communication from God.**

If it had not been for the Lord on my side, tell me where would I be? God's Goodness surrounds us everyday.

My testimony about God's goodness comes from HIS creative work done in the lives of **HIS elect children**. And HIS elect child for me would be Elder Tammy McNair. Even though Tammy is younger in years I have always been able to make a connection with her. Our strongest bond came from sharing and lifting up one another through our marriages. I have three sisters but none are married so it was always hard for me to share my marriage issues with them. I was always taught if someone has never experienced it, it might not be a good idea to go to them for advice.

I've watched and experienced His goodness through the witness of the **Holy Spirit** that Tammy possesses everyday in her life. She is dedicated to her Sister Circle Ministries, Inc.; SC Morning Glory and Prayer, SC Wednesday Inspiration, SC Sermons & Teachings, SC Events, and of course the SC Devotional/Newsletter, while always allowing the Holy Spirit to guide and direct her in each event. Not only does she allow the Holy Spirit to guide and direct her, when led to do so she will pass on what God has allowed her to share with me. There have been many times when I really did not want to hear what the Holy Spirit had ministered to her for me because I was not ready to accept it. Tammy has learned to be obedient to God which in turn allows me to accept what she shares because I know she serves God.

His **spiritual understanding** given to her by HIM allowed her to share with me that we all are worthy. I have been through many trials and tribulations, as well as long-suffering. When she submitted her life to God, she had no problem sharing her spiritual walk and her understanding about God with me. Tammy continued to share her reading materials with me, her words of wisdom, and expressed to me how to let things go and give it to God. This has allowed me to be more open and to be honest about my trials and tribulations. I have always been a person that would not let too many people in because of trust issues. But after Tammy helped me in so many ways by sharing her spiritual walk she has with God it allowed me to know that God still has a purpose for me as well.

His goodness is knowledgeable through **LOVE**. Tammy has a heart of gold and has a way of making you feel loved. I am always praising my children and thanking God for them. Tammy always reminds me that my children are givers because their Mom is a giver. Each time I speak highly of her or someone else, she turns that situation around to not focus on herself but always reminds me that I am truly a person that deserves the same attention. She has a way of leaving me filled with love when I'm down or hard on myself.

His goodness is qualified through the **good works** HIS grace allows her to do. She always puts Him first in her life and because of this it has taught me to do the same. Her good works starts each day with a warm good morning and ending with a good night. In between the start of a work day and the end of each work day I've watched co-workers cast her down by not wanting her to succeed in her career path. But her good works only allows her to pray for them and rely on God to handle the rest.

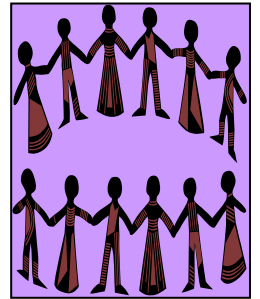
His goodness is experienced in the **HOPE** she carries in her heart. She carries your pain when you're going through some things. By the time you're finish talking with her, you're full of hope yourself. She is definitely an inspiration for me. I always think of her when I hear the phrase "Keep Hope Alive."

I've watched His goodness through her **FAITH** which is a gift from God. And most of all I've experienced His goodness in a yielded and devoted life in the kingdom of God through her by witnessing her dedication, devotion, obedience and love for God. Tammy is a prayer warrior. If you did not have faith when she started praying for you, you will have it by the time she's finish. You would have heard it through her prayer from the Word of God. **"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."**  
**Romans 10:17**

To sum it up she would basically say something like "Keep your dreams alive. Understand to achieve anything requires faith and belief in yourself, vision, hard work, determination, and dedication. Remember all things are possible for those who believe."

As I said before, God's Goodness surrounds us everyday. Always remember to savor the Gifts of God's Goodness. God has planted sweetness in every season just to warm your heart and to speak to you of His lavish love and constant care, because you are His beloved child. Savor the gifts of each season. There is a message of God's love and provision inside each berry you eat... each seashell you hold up to your ear...each person that enters your life... in each sunrise...and in the scent of a rose. Remember **God's Goodness** is everywhere!

**Sister Pamela Gartrell**



### UNITY AND LOVE

**"Love is patient; love is kind and envies no one. Love is never boastful, nor conceited, nor rude; never selfish, not quick to take offense. There is nothing love cannot face; there is no limit to its faith, its hope, and endurance. In a word, there are three things that last forever: faith, hope, and love; but the greatest of them all is love."**



## My Life is Full of Testimonies

Hebrew 11:6 -  
**“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”**

My life would be nothing without the saving grace of God's son Jesus Christ. I can remember my first dream at the age of five. Neither one of my parents were in the church at the time. It was about the rapture. I saw shining bodies lifting up to the sky from my backyard dirt. I would say that God has been dealing with me about His reality ever since.

I gave my life to the Lord at the age of 13. At this time my life was exploding with suicidal thoughts because my father left my mother and five girls. My father was my world. But God stepped in to save me from an error that could have destroyed me eternally. God spoke to me for me not to kill myself. I thank the Lord that I heard His voice. I have listened to that voice ever since - ever growing in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. It's been a journey - learning how to surrender all to Jesus. Making miss-steps here and there but the Lord was leading and guiding me back to Him every time. Every step was building my faith. I have received Jesus' healing power in my body because of my belief - several times. Science can not explain away what I know to be true.

One of my most favorite scriptures is Hebrew 11:6 - **“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”** If we don't use our faith we won't have testimonies. We can know for ourselves that God really does exist. Psalm 34:8 states **“Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him!”** David tasted and he learned to trust God. He was a man of many faults but God forgave him because he really wanted to live right. Only God knows the heart of a man.

It states in John 3:33, **“He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.”** Another version reads - **“He who has received His testimony has certified that God is true.”** Your experiences with God and His Son certify that God is real and true. Don't let anyone tell you different.

The definition of testimony: a firsthand authentication of a fact; a public profession of religious experience; an open acknowledgment.

I can truly say that I have witnessed the goodness, the wisdom, the saving power of God in my life. And no one and no thing can take away the experiences that I have with the all knowing and living God. I openly acknowledge and profess for all to know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He is the only way to the God the Father.

**Evangelist Beverly Goodwin**



**Everyone has something good in him. The trick is to find those good points and encourage them to come out.**



## The Grace of God that gave us Life

**Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—**

**<sup>13</sup>for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come.**

**<sup>15</sup>But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!**

**<sup>16</sup>Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: the judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.**

**<sup>17</sup>For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ**  
**Romans 5:12-17**

When we read this passage we see that it is talking about two men, Adam and Jesus. Adam broke God's commandment and brought sin into the world, which has caused all of us to be born into sin, and by natural instinct to be sinners and die. To do wrong is a part of our DNA because Adam chose to eat of the fruit. But God, and His grace, has offered us a free gift, Jesus Christ. Verse 16 states "the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification" that makes me shout, HALLELUJAH, THANK YOU LORD JESUS! No matter what we've done, we can be justified. The definition of justified is to declare free of blame, to free (human) of the guilt and penalty attached to a grievous sin. WE'RE SET FREE! Don't hold onto the things of your past. Jesus has come to set you free. Forgive yourself; don't allow Satan to hold you bondage to your past.

I am greatly overjoyed in my freedom. I can testify that Jesus has set me free; I don't have to be ashamed of anything I've done, because I'm forgiven. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says

**"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"** I rejoice in my renewal, greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world. I'm not bound by sin and death, I have life more abundantly. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" [John 14:6].

Accepting Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior has afforded me freedom, in God. Though I face trials daily, I am not alone, I have the comforter who is in me, leading, guiding and directing me to victory. And though one day my earthly body will die, I will have life, eternal life [John 3:16].

It's because of you and me when God formed Adam and Eve that He also produced the backup plan, Jesus Christ! For that, I praise Him!

Sister Johnetta Keeve



**I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Psalm 27:13**

**Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord! Psalm 27:14**



**Be strong and of a good courage, do not fear not, nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6**



## About Sister Circle



# Sister Circle Ministries

Sister's Learning and Growing Together in Christ

### Mission

For Sisters in the body of Christ, to dwell together in unity and love one another with the love of Jesus Christ as they learn and grow in the Word of God.

### Foundational Scriptures

- Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Psalm 133:1
- A new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another, as I have love you... John 13:34
- ...for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are they works... Palms 139:14

### Goals

To encourage, empower, equip and spiritually build up Sister's in Christ to grow in their relationship with God by providing different avenues of ministry events:

Bible Studies/Rap Sessions

Spiritual Workshops

Spiritual Advances

Spiritual Conferences

Prayer Breakfasts



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**Morning Glory & Prayer Daily Recording**  
Listen to daily recording (Mon-Tues & Thurs-Fri)  
760-569-6099, Access Code: 895659#

**Wednesday Morning Inspiration**  
Listen to weekly recording  
712-432-0211, Access Code: 958242#

## Upcoming Ministry Events

**Kingdom Sisters Walking in the Spirit of  
Excellence and Book Release Luncheon**  
Date: September 23-25, 2010  
Location: Clarion Inn  
45 Saint Patricks Drive  
Waldorf, Maryland 20603  
[SisterCircle2003@aol.com](mailto:SisterCircle2003@aol.com)  
[www.SCMinistries04.com](http://www.SCMinistries04.com)

**Bible Study/Rap Session**  
Date: Friday, November 19, 2010  
Time: 7:45pm – 9:45pm  
Location: Waldorf, Maryland 20603  
[SisterCircle2003@aol.com](mailto:SisterCircle2003@aol.com)

**Sister Circle**  
**Bible Study/Rap Session**  
Date: Friday, October 15, 2010  
Time: 7:45pm – 9:45pm  
Location: Waldorf, Maryland 20603  
[SisterCircle2003@aol.com](mailto:SisterCircle2003@aol.com)

**Sister Circle**  
**Seasoned Sisters Panel**  
Date: Saturday, December 18, 2010  
Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm  
Location: TBD  
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