



April 2010 ~ It's Easter!



ARISE! He is RISEN!!!

Do you ever feel that you are bound, buried and sealed in a hopeless situation? There is nothing too hard for God!!! Hallelujah!!! Arise!!! He is Risen!!! Be blessed as you read ***He's Calling You***. Walk in the newness and power of the Resurrection. In Christ we are forgiven, reconciled to God, cleansed, justified, sanctified, complete and being transformed into His image. ***Sheila B.***



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## **HE'S CALLING YOU!**

**Cokiesha B. Robinson**

Who was the last person that called your name? Was it your mother? Your children? Your spouse? Your best friend? Supervisor, roommate or team mate? Isn't it special to hear our name being called? It makes us feel special, significant and set apart.



In John chapter 20 our risen Savior took the time to call the name of one of His children. He saw that Mary Magdalene was at the tomb where He had been buried. She was distraught. She recalled his tortuous murder on the cross 3 days prior and stood there weeping. She was probably hysterical and confused. She felt as though Jesus' body had mysteriously come up missing.

Mary stood there nervous, bewildered and sorrowful. Then, Jesus saw her condition, her posture and her tears. He responded like a compassionate father and like a loving teacher. He gently said, "Mary."

By simply calling her name, he changed Mary's perspective. He changed her perception and He gave her renewed passion. Guess what? He desires to do the same thing for each of us today.

Sometimes problems or pain causes us to develop spiritual tunnel vision. At times we only see what seems to be missing from our lives or we look for "dead things" in a place where hope should reside. Jesus has come to give us a better perspective. Today, stop looking for "dead things" in a place where life lives. God wants to exchange your tears for joy. Mary perceived that Jesus was a gardener. Little did she know that the Savior of the world was standing right before her eyes. He had been risen! When Jesus called her name, she gained a new perception. The blinders were taken off her eyes and her disbelief was disabled. Today, Jesus longs to give us a new perception. Life may have distorted our vision, but today, we can see him more clearly if we recognize his voice. Jesus changed Mary's passion as well. He renewed her intense enthusiasm. She came to the tomb bowed down and grieving but she left the grave with her head held high. She had been hopeless but now she was hopeful. Jesus gave Mary passion to experience Him and a desire to lead others into encounters with Him.

Do you see yourself in Mary's story? Today, choose to leave the cemetery of your experiences. God raised Jesus so that we may live life abundantly. He's changing our perspective, our perception and our passion. Run on, my friends! Be encouraged because God lives, we can live as well. Close your eyes and sing these true words that will ring throughout the ages, "Because he lives we can face tomorrow, because he lives all fear is gone.... and life is worth the living just because he lives!" Listen....he's calling you!

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STAND 2010....For All Ages, Stages, and Seasons

Michelle Williams

I first attended the S.T.A.N.D. Women's Conference in 2007 ~ a year prior to my relocation from Dallas, TX. I lived in Dallas for 11 years and had heard about the E.K. Bailey Expository Preaching Conference and later about the S.T.A.N.D. Conference. I stayed away from the conference because I believed it was only for Pastor's wives. Then, I decided to volunteer for the conference and my eyes were opened to a wealth of information for not only Pastor's wives, but for women of all ages, stages, seasons, and positions. How had I missed such an opportunity to be filled, encouraged, and equipped? My husband and I moved away from Dallas in 2008 and I realized that I would need the S.T.A.N.D. Conference even more.....*continued*



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S.T.A.N.D. 2009 required that I make a special sacrifice. No longer was the conference "downtown", but this time I had to travel from Seattle, WA. in order to attend. Yet again, it was a conference to remember. The workshops, luncheon and chats, allowed me to reconnect with old friends and meet new friends while being spiritually fed by great women of God. I returned to Seattle different...strengthened, empowered, filled, and ready to serve.

As I perused this year's conference brochure, I found myself remembering last year and looking forward with great anticipation to a week of refueling. "Women helping Women to S.T.A.N.D." will undoubtedly be a life-changing conference. Speakers from all ages, stages, and seasons have been selected to engage, equip, and encourage us in our daily walk with God, through life, and with one another. So, no matter where you find yourself on this journey, this conference is for you. If you are seeking to "Stay in your Lane and find peace in God's plan"...S.T.A.N.D. is for you. If you are "Running on Empty" and needing to be refilled...S.T.A.N.D. is for you. If you are trying to tune into the "Melodies of your heart"...S.T.A.N.D. is for you. If you are looking to "Live abundantly on life's leftovers"...S.T.A.N.D. is for you. If you need to "Face your fears with God's promises"...S.T.A.N.D. is for you. I can't wait for S.T.A.N.D. 2010! Hope to see you there!

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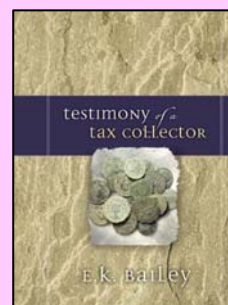
April 13 – Paul Powell Chapel at Truett Seminary, Waco

April 21-24 – Body of Christ Church, NC

May 1 – Willow Grove Baptist Church, Dallas

Product Information

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