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RESURRECTION TIME!

Spring is that time of year when we see things resurrected. We experience and enjoy the resurrection of the flowers, the trees, the insects and the beautiful birds, which fly around with great excitement and purpose. Springtime is a reminder for Christians of the greatest Resurrection...the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Join me as we celebrate and enjoy the blessings of the Resurrection!

I am sure you will find this month's newsletter informative and inspirational. From the inspirational message by Cokiesha B. Robinson, to an update on Sheila B. Ministries and exciting news about the 2011 S.T.A.N.D. conference; it's a newsletter to enjoy!

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2011 S.T.A.N.D. NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE JULY 11 - 14, 2011

REGISTER NOW! You don't want to miss it! It is sure to be a life-changing conference! "Standing 24-7 as a Lifestyle" boasts more speakers and new features such as "Sheila B's Favorite Things Late Night" and the "Real Women of 24/7" Luncheon. Join women from all parts of the country as we explore what "Standing 24-7 as a Lifestyle" looks like through the lens of God's Holy Word. Hurry and register! Registration from April 19, 2011 - June 17, 2011 is \$170 and for a group of 5 or more the rate is \$153.

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Jesus Christ

THE PERSONIFICATION OF PURPOSE LIVED ON PURPOSE

By: Cokiesha B. Robinson



Christ went to the cross with you and me in mind. He could have allowed the 'bitter cup to pass from him,' but He saw generations yet to be created in that 'cup.' He saw adoption, justification and salvation in that 'cup.' He understood that his life purpose was to be born to die so that our redemption may be made possible. He went to the cross with the goal of pleasing His father and accomplishing His will and purpose in our lives.

Jesus had been dead since Friday. Nails had pierced his hands and feet. The crown of thorns had kissed his head. Lights seemed to be out in the city. The naysayers and 'haters of God' were conflicted. Some were satisfied, some suspicious and others wondered if He were truly the Savior. Although the earth seemed black, the Son was preparing to 'shine again' even behind the scenes of this grief stricken day. Jesus was dead, but would be delivered. Jesus was lifeless but would be liberated. Jesus appeared powerless but would rise with all power in His hands. Ridicule, humiliation and suffering could not stop Him and neither would the grave. Jesus lived out His purpose on purpose. He took our

shallow definition of purpose and turned it on its head. He epitomized purpose by living for it and dying for it and by rising for it.

What is your life purpose?

Are you living it out to the fullest? Are you enduring 'the crosses' of life so that God's will may be done? Are you aware of the many ways that Jesus is resurrecting himself in your life each day?

Glory to God that Jesus died, but aren't we thankful that he didn't stay dead? He rose with all power in his hands! The earth hick upped. The tomb went into convulsions. The angel appeared and announced that Jesus was alive! His purpose was fulfilled. His power was actualized again.

John 10:17, 18 *"... I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again..."* The best gift of this season is that we share the Good News.

He's alive! He loves us and enables us to live victoriously and purposefully. Now, run and tell that!

SHEILA B. MINISTRIES FUNDRAISER AND DEVELOPMENT **UPDATE**

Christmas is a time for family, festivities and friends as we also celebrate the birth of Christ. So, on Sunday, December 19, 2010, family and friends of Sheila B. Ministries gathered at the home of Alicia Brown Young, Director of Development/Fundraising for a Christmas fellowship and fundraiser. Guests enjoyed fabulous food and exhilarating fellowship while learning about the opportunity to partner with and support Sheila B. Ministries. Pastor Bryan Carter, Shenikwa Cager and President Bailey made inspired appeals on behalf of the ministry encouraging guests to explore ways to support the mission and vision of the ministry. Another highlight of the afternoon was the overwhelming expression of love by guests as over

100 toys were collected for the children of Vogel Alcove Shelter for Battered Women. Because the Ministry is committed to meeting the needs of all women in all seasons, Sheila and fellow board members were thrilled and honored to present these toys to the shelter on behalf of the ministry. More of these fundraisers will be held at local venues and homes to promote and solicit supporters of the Ministry.



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