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A Clarion Call To The Annas

Tess Cordero

Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years. Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer. She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem. Luke 2:36-38

During our Ladies Retreat last May, the Holy Spirit impressed upon my heart to pray for Annas to arise. Aside from the seniors, many of the ladies came forth believing God for the release of the Anna anointing.

Let me tell you about Anna. When Israel was waiting for the promised Messiah during one of

Israel's darkest times, God raised up an 84-year old widow who fasted and prayed in the temple for over sixty years. When Mary and Joseph presented baby Jesus to the Lord in the temple, Anna recognized Him as the long awaited Messiah. She then proclaimed the good news that Israel's Savior has come.

Anna redefined what it meant to be a widow.

Having been widowed at an early age, she overcame great loss and found her purpose. Instead of waiting for sympathy, she devoted herself to serve the Lord. Living in the temple, she must have been exposed to the teachings on the Law, the Prophets and the Psalms, therefore she knew the Word and God's promises.

She consecrated herself to a life of prayer.

For many years, she has been waiting and praying for the coming of the Messiah. While the priests and Levites were doing their thing, she probably was interceding for Israel, for the people visiting the temple and for the babies being presented to God.

She recognized the Messiah.

There must have been hundreds of babies being presented at the temple courtyard that day. In God's perfect timing, she was led to this Baby. Her lifestyle of worship and intimacy with God gave her a listening heart and the power to recognize the Messiah.

Anna was the first big-city evangelist in the New Testament.

(The shepherds were the first small-town evangelists.) She shared the good news to the people of Jerusalem that the Savior has come to deliver them.



Sis. Tess preaching at the Ladies Retreat

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Many of us will experience a turning point in our lives. As women, we may face some type of crisis such as the loss of husband, failed marriage, wayward children, illness, job loss, financial problem, etc. The way to overcome every unforeseen crisis is found in Jesus. He can turn the crises of our lives into miracles. God is able to give us a new beginning. And it's never too late. One is never too old.

Today as we await the second coming of our Lord Jesus, God is calling forth modern day Annas who will set themselves apart to be used for His glory, no matter their age, background or education. Even when life throws a curveball, the Annas will use the crisis pain to rise up and move forward. Captivated by the love of God, Annas have an intimate relationship with Him so that they can hear Him when He speaks. The Lord is raising up women who will take up the mantle of prayer, preparing the way for the next great revival. Women with the Anna anointing are empowered to touch the heart of God who will pray effectively, fast regularly and proclaim God's goodness. Will you answer the call to be an Anna?

In this edition, we are featuring modern-day Annas, women who found their purpose despite their age

and adversities in life. At WIN-LA, God is using unlikely vessels, widows and seniors who have overcome sickness, personal loss and lack to make an impact for the kingdom of God. They are the pillars of our prayer ministry, ladies' ministry and seniors' ministry. Evangelism is at the forefront of their work for the Lord. They are an inspiration to me.



Sis. Tess is the wife of Pastor Chito Cordero, Senior Pastor of WIN-LA. They have two daughters, Sandra and Joanna. She leads Deborah's Fire Ladies Ministry. An off-shoot of this ministry is the Monday Night Prayer Line and the Seniors Fellowship. Her passion is to raise up Deborahs, Esthers and Annas.

Sis. Fe ministering at the Ladies Fellowship



Sis. Nena sharing at the Ladies Fellowship



Sis. Guada preaching during the Seniors fellowship





Give God Control

Nena Latoja

“To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God” (Psalm 25:1)

Control means to act, power or authority to lead, rule, govern, regulate, dominate, or command.

When we take control over our own lives, we become the administrator or overseer of our own selves. We preclude God from His plans and purposes over us. And because we are clueless or don't see or control our future, we are prone to heartaches, frustrations or even disaster in the choices we make. These choices affect our mood, character, thinking pattern, and even our future.

However, because God our Creator knows us better than ourselves, He wants us to take the easy way... His way. His Word declares, “For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper not to harm, plans to give hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11) Therefore, God wants full submission, radical obedience and total dependence on Him for all we need. Why? Only when we obey that blessings comes in.

So then, if we want a life of peace, blessing and prosperity we need to think and act to make an “all in” move for God. What is required? Simple... ask God in prayer for help release control of your life to Him once and for all to experience deliverance and freedom. After all God said in Jeremiah 23:3, “Call to Me and I will answer you, and show you great things and mighty things, which you do not know.” Jeremiah 29:13 says. “You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart.” So there you go... simple and easy.

Just to share, here's how I acted on the power of God's Word. First, I poured out myself in prayer. Prayer is a two-way communication to seek His divine presence and make supplication or intercession. We believe God is sovereign and He hears the fervent prayers of the righteous and He acts on our behalf when we pray. Why? Because prayer changes everything. I also believe God ordains and controls the events in our lives and the whole world. He can make things happen according to His will. He alone knows the end from the beginning. God ordains the end result to prayer and God ordains our prayer as the means of getting to that end result. God moves through our prayer and in faith we trust. He hears, answers and fulfills His Word (Matthew 7:7-8). Therefore, I wholeheartedly trust God that my prayers are answered according to His will. “In Him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will.” (Ephesians 1:11).

Recently, the love of my life of 22 plus years passed. Cancer took his life so abruptly that I was not prepared to face the outcome of a “home hospice” stage of life. Although, I worked in a healthcare environment, I never knew that home hospice will hit me sooner than I expected. I had high hopes God would grant my prayer for physical healing but His plans always prevail. He not only granted complete healing (body, soul and spirit) but also granted salvation, the greatest gift... eternal life with God in heaven.

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Healed By His Stripes

Rose Soriano

Matthew 9:35 "Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness."

Twenty years ago, I was stricken with breast cancer. My surgeon said, " This is the worst cancer I have ever seen." I was shocked that I shed NO TEARS when the doctor told me about it. The only time I was in tears (except during prayer time with God) was when I told my 23-year old daughter about it at a restaurant setting. We cried together.

I saw myself courageous but I was scared to death by the thought of surgery. I called my sister in the Philippines to ask for prayers. I was by my window while she talked about Jesus. She said, "One of His stripes will heal you." And from my window, looking up to the sky and giving all to the Lord, I suddenly saw brilliant, sparkling rays of light from the sky. It was a strong message of healing. After a few seconds I saw myself up in the sky side by side with the light, flat-chested (although I didn't go through surgery yet) but very healthy and strong with good body build (still waiting for that, Lord). I held on to that vision. God took away all my fears and gave me peace, the peace that surpasses all understanding.

With this encounter with God, Jesus taught me four things. First is to repent for my sins; secondly, to be humble and not to ignore Him; and thirdly, to ask for healing and for reason why I need to be healed. Lastly, I've never been grateful until Jesus taught me to give Him thanks. Thank You, Jesus!!!

Second to repentance, my prayer was, "**Heal me completely Lord, and I will witness Your love to people around me.**" He did heal me completely.

God is faithful. I underwent surgery but no chemotherapy, no radiation, no pain. After surgery the oncologist suggested I take medication so that the cancer will not occur again, but I opted NOT to take it. At first, when I was in praying gesture right in front of her, she told me, " You scare me." In the end, she said, "Your prayer seem to be answered by God. Pray for me too." What an awesome God we serve!

After being completely healed came a desire to share the Gospel through the power of my testimony so that I could fulfill my vow. Thanks to the Holy Spirit helping me.

I had the opportunity to witness in laundromats, groceries, restaurants, apartment buildings, car dealership, emergency rooms, inside the ambulance, doctors' waiting rooms, convalescent homes, in the bus and bus stop sheds (when I didn't have a car) and anywhere there are people willing to listen. Most people I shared with ended up praying the sinner's prayer with me and accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

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Give God Control

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Trusting God and allowing Him full control of everything relieves us from unnecessary stress and anxiety that wrecks or tolls the body apart with ailments and sicknesses. When we release worry and fear, God takes over. His abounding love assures us that He will never forsake or abandon those who calls on Him. [Deuteronomy 31:6] After all, I have faith that HE is my Provider and Deliverer. He will do what He said He will do.



Nena A. Latoja, 70
Member, WIN - Los Angeles
Core Member: WIN-LA Deborah's Fire Ladies Ministries

Sis. Nena works as a paralegal at LA Care, where she helped start a bible study that has been going on for many years. She is also one of the leaders of Deborah's Fire Ladies Ministry. She is a prayer warrior, a bible teacher and a faithful worker at WIN-LA. She is blessed with five sons.

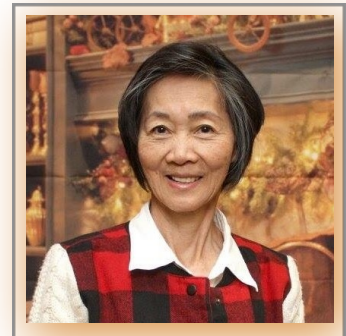
Healed By His Stripes

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Last month, I celebrated the 20th anniversary of my healing with an evangelistic gathering to proclaim His goodness in my life. Truly, God is good, all the time!

Rose Soriano, 70

Sis Rose is a single mother. She is blessed with a daughter, Jennifer, and three grandchildren. She is a bold evangelist for the Lord. She is a member of the leadership team of WIN-LA Deborah's Fire Ladies Ministry and active in the intercessory prayer and seniors ministry.



How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because, someday in life you will have been all of these.

~ George Washington Carver

My Mission Trip

Virginia Sajor

I praise God for allowing me to continue to serve Him even after retirement. I am grateful for His provision that allows me to travel to the Philippines to do mission work in Lukban, Quezon. The plan to hold a crusade was conceptualized by my daughter, Grace, my relatives in the Philippines and myself during my trip to the Philippines from March 20 to May 18, 2017. We timed the event to coincide with the Catholics' Holy Week celebration, a time when people's minds were centered on religiosity and good works.

It was also the height of summer in the Philippines. As early as 7 o'clock in the morning, the sweltering heat of summer was already on the air. My sister and I got up early, left the house at the crack of dawn, around 5:30 A.M. while the sun still creeping in from the horizon. We walked to neighboring villages to invite friends, distant relatives and others to attend the nightly service.

We held our crusade in front of my nephew's front yard and people came for five continuous nights. Some came ready to hear and receive from Jesus Christ, some came believing for healing and to receive miracles, but some came as spectators with hearts full of discouragement and doubt. But of course, our God is awesome in power and might; our efforts to evangelize was matched by His strong and divine presence. Our efforts and sacrifices were never in vain. On April 15th, six people surrendered their lives to Jesus. And as a sign of their confession of faith that Jesus is Lord and Savior, they were baptized in water the following day, which was Resurrection Sunday. This event was witnessed by many including the spectators, the drunkards, skeptics and doubters as well.

At my age, am a senior now, my physical body desires to enjoy life in the comfort and conveniences of the big city but my heart still yearns for open doors to serve. I hope and pray God will give me another opportunity, time and resources to hold another crusade in our local community or wherever God wills me to be.

My spirit sees lots of lost souls waiting for God's special touch upon their lives and this can only materialize when one or more answers God's call, "Who will I send?"

Sis. Virgie preaching in Infanta, Quezon, Philippines



Virginia Sajor, 71

**Leadership Team
Deborah's Fire Ladies Ministry
WIN - Los Angeles**

Sis. Virgie is a widow with an only daughter, Grace. Personal evangelism is her lifestyle, witnessing and distributing tracts wherever she goes. She serves in the core group in WIN-LA's Deborah's Fire Ladies Ministry. She teaches in the Seniors Ministry and at the bible study in her seniors apartment. She also has a ministry in her hometown in Lukban, Quezon.

She is also a retired teacher of LAUSD.



Josefina Tongko, 81
Leadership Team
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Deborah's Fire Ladies
Ministry leadership team, Sis.
Fe is an anointed woman of
God. Her passion is worship,
prayer and intercession. She
is a regular member of
Deborah's Fire Monday
Prayer Line and Igniters of
the Fire Thursday Prayer Line.
She is a widow and mother of
Precious and Raymond. She
has five grandchildren.*

*She is a retired teacher of
Polytechnic University of the
Philippines.*

Intercessory Prayer

"But from there you will seek the Lord your God and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul." Deuteronomy 4:29

I met the Lord in October of 1982 in Manila, Philippines. Since then, I longed for God's divine touch and manifestation in my life and true enough, God honored the desire of my heart. I experienced a demonstration of His great plan and purpose for me through an Australian prophet who was a guest speaker during one of the Sunday Services. I was literally appalled when he singled me out with a prophetic declaration like this: "You will be used by the Lord abroad." His prophetic declaration played strongly over and over in my head and quite honestly, I was filled with disbelief. I was clueless how it was going to play out because then, I was still gainfully employed as a college teacher, I had no passport and no provision for any trip. Therefore, plans of going anywhere, more so abroad, was not in my radar.

As always, God's perfect plan prevails and the prophetic declaration spoken over my life 19 years prior became a reality. In 2001 and with total excitement, I was compelled to work on my passport and travel documents to come to the USA for my daughter's wedding in California. A few weeks after the wedding, I went back to the Philippines to be with my husband.

I got widowed in 2004. My husband's passing was devastating and heartbreaking. Nonetheless, God used my pain and sorrow to open the door for a return trip to the USA to be with my daughter which I enjoyed till the present.

I believe we are created by God to fulfill His grand design. I also believe that apart from Him we are nothing, but with Him all things is possible. My feelings of deep thirst and hunger for more of God stirred a desire to search for a spirit filled church. Through God's grace, I found a small group of believers called the Refiners Fire Ministry pastored by Richmond Go in San Gabriel, California which later became WIN-San Gabriel.



Sis. Fe ministering at the Ladies Retreat

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God's Call to Care for His Little Children

It's been thirty seven years ago since I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. From the time God opened my eyes to His marvelous light, I felt I am God's special one, His beloved daughter called for a special purpose in His glorious kingdom on earth.

I believe everything in heaven and on earth, was created for a purpose and is accomplished through God's perfect timing. God alone has the power and ability to orchestrate the course of everything, including our comings and goings. God's timing can be observed through signs and wonders, which to me are His thumb print.

Ever since I was born again, I experienced signs and wonders. I prayed that I will not miss it. Hence, the Word of God in Matthew 28: 19-20 opened my senses to the power of God through the Holy Spirit. I was encouraged to go beyond what I can do to serve The King. That power allowed me to get together with a small group of friends who loved the Lord like me. Together we formed a bible study group at my senior apartment. At first, we were just a handful, but our group attracted other curious friends and neighbors. Soon we grew in number. A few weeks ago, we celebrated the 5th year anniversary of our bible study.

God also opened a way for me to do ministry work in Matina, Davao City, Philippines. God impressed upon me His compassion and love for the lost. God also gave me a vision that little children are dear to His heart. God opened a way for me to meet a couple whose ministry was loving and supporting little children, like a small orphanage. They did this ministry without any support from any individual or any local church. My heart was moved by their acts of love and kindness, and soon after, I was involved in the same ministry: loving and caring for the little children of God.



In 2002 God paved the way for our feeding program every Friday. By faith, this ministry took off with little money but through the grace of God, the weekly provision was always made possible. From the

Sis. Guada preaching during the Seniors Fellowship



GUADA CANO, 77
Leadership Team
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Sis Guada is the wife for Bro. Fred Cano. They have five children and seven grandchildren. They have raised up godly children who are serving in the ministry. She is the mother of Pastor Angel Cano who is the pastor of WIN-Netherlands and former Pastor of WIN-Dubai. She is also the mother of Sis Hedda, wife of Pastor Rene of WIN-Frankurt Church and former pastor of WIN-Jordan. Sis. Guada is a core group member of WIN-LA Deborah's Fire Ladies Ministry. She leads a bible study at her senior housing. She is also a prayer warrior. Her Seeds of Hope ministry in Davao continues to thrive.

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In 2010, Sis. Tess Cordero, head of WIN Deborah's Fire Ladies Ministry came to visit our little congregation and invited the ladies to their annual ladies' retreat. I am glad I accepted the invitation. This past May 2017, marked my 7th year of continuous participation. Also, I am now one of the leaders of WIN-LA Deborah's Fire Ladies Ministry. Moreover, on the same year, I became active with Igniter's of Fire Intercessory Prayer Hotline Group headed by Sis Rosemary Saffold, one of the annual featured speakers of the ladies' retreat. The prayer intercessory hotline starts at 5:30 a.m. every Thursday.

God has given me the burden for prayer and intercession. My little back house on the hill is my sanctuary to reach the heart of God. Every Sunday morning, I take the bus from Glendale at 7:00 am to be at WIN-LA to start the intercessory prayer for the Sunday service. God does not disappoint. Every worship service, we sense the Holy Spirit moving in our midst. Many times, the prayers we pray and the Scriptures we declare during intercessory prayer are the same prayers and Scriptures used by Pastor Chito.

On Monday nights, the Deborah's Fire ladies have a prayer line. We pray over the phone. We are so blessed to see the power God move. We have seen many prayers answered, and although we are still waiting for many more answers to prayers, we continue to wait upon the Lord and not give up.

God's Call to Care . . .

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feeding program, the ministry now evolved into a "Feeding and Praying Ministry." The children were fed physically and spiritually. The ministry grew more than double in number from the time we started and so were their needs. God's miracle through multiplication of blessings was evident. In many instances, we saw God's provision for school supplies every start of the school year in July and for a toy drive during Christmas season. God's Word in Philippians 4:19 "*And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus*" comes true to us. God's provision never came late. His timing is always perfect.

Giving words of encouragement is the easy but God expects our expression of love and kindness to go beyond words. We need to put our words with action, which includes our time and resources. By this truth, I was determined to make loving others my goal in life.

Every year I spend a few months with the ministry in Davao. Looking back, I am grateful, I answered God's call to care for the lost and His little children. Had I closed my ears or ignored the needs of the children, I would have missed God's plan for my life and the joy of serving Him. Today, our little children ministry is now a nursery school. It has been recognized by our WIN leaders as "**Seeds of Hope**" (SOH) Davao City, Philippines. The seeds of hope planted in the little children are our hope for the future.

***When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them;
and Sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that
someone has Prayed for you.***

The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others.

~ Albert Schweitzer

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Sarah's Macaroni Salad

Ingredients:

- ½ kilo salad macaroni noodles
- Cooked chicken breast
- 1 cup cooked ham, diced
- Best Food mayonnaise
- Boiled carrots, diced
- 1 can (836 g) pineapple tidbits, drained
- 1/2 cup sweet pickle relish, drained
- 1 cup cheddar cheese, diced
- 1 or 2 apples

- 2 stalks celery, sliced
- Condensed milk, salt

Preparation:

1. Cook macaroni noodles as directed in package
2. Shred chicken breast.
3. Mix all ingredients including chicken in macaroni noodles. Mix diced apples last.