

Happy Labor Day!

✖ One of the greatest joys a woman will ever experience in life is giving birth. Though having a baby is oftentimes uncomfortable, it's a miracle we women treasure for a lifetime.

When a woman discovers she is expecting, thoughts begin to race through her mind. *Is it a girl or boy? Is my child healthy? Should I quit my job after the baby is born or return to work?* The answers may be unclear at this point but one thing is for certain, she's expecting!

I believe it happens the same way in our spiritual walk with the Lord. As we develop a relationship with God, He plants His Word deep in our hearts and when the time is right, the Holy Spirit reveals it and causes us to grow. By the time I discovered I was pregnant with my daughter, she had her own blood type and her heart was already beating. The first trimester of pregnancy is accompanied by many changes and transitions.

After the morning sickness disappears and the baby is getting bigger every day, a woman can hardly wait to meet the person growing inside her. So it is in the spiritual realm. We wait sometimes patiently, but most of the time anxiously, for the manifestation of what God has for us. With every passing day of spiritual maturity, our potential becomes possibilities and our hopes become reality.

And just as expectant mothers do in the natural realm, we have a shower in anticipation of the new arrival. We shower God with shouts of praise! We shower Him with adoration! We thank Him for His goodness, and we love Him for His grace. Why? Because He is faithful!

By faith we are able to believe God's promises. Scripture says "For all the promises of God in Him are yes, and in Him Amen,

to the glory of God through us" (2 Cor. 1:20, NKJV).

That's right! God will fulfill every Word He has ever spoken in your life. If He said you would preach His Word, get ready because it will come to pass. If He told you you're going to be a missionary, get ready because the mission field is calling your name. If He said He would use the pain of your divorce to minister to others, I suggest you get over your shyness because many hurting people are headed your way.

Whether you feel equipped to do God's bidding, it does not matter. Every blood-washed woman is expected to carry His Word. It doesn't matter if you feel worthy or not. The lover of your soul has placed in you everything you need to fulfill your calling. Ready or not, it's time to come forth. Happy Labor Day!