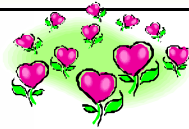


“Blossoms of Love”

By Mrs. Sojourner

Today’s world is so complicated that many people exist in very stressful situations full of hopelessness and drudgery. They wonder if it is worth all of the heartache they suffer and wonder if there is an easier or better way to live.



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Thank God he provided the way all mankind yearns for: the way of love. How do we know which way is the way of love? We look for the path full of “love blossoms.” What are “love blossoms?” Let’s look at a few in 1 Corinthians 13:

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸Love never fails. 1 Cor. 13:4-8 (NIV)

If you are making a decision, look for the “love blossoms” down each path. If one path is lined with patience, trust, and hope and the other is lined with greed, pride and boasting, it is clear

which path is lined with “love blossoms.”

“But Mrs. Sojourner,” you may be thinking, “the other people involved in the situation do not care about embracing “love blossoms,” they want to get all they can for themselves and do not care how that affects me or anyone else! I have to protect myself!” The scripture says: ³But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. 2 Thessalonians 3:3 (NIV)

We have our part to do, and God has his part to do. We do our part and God takes care of the rest. We are to walk in love and follow the path lined with love blossoms as well as make sure we plant love blossoms along the way so people coming behind will see the “love blossom” evidence in our lives.

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“Many Women Were There” (Teaching Sketch)

Matthew 28:1-10



When Jesus was hanging on the cross, “Many women were there watching from a distance,” we are told in Matthew 27:55

^{Matt. 27:55} Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs.

There are many instances throughout history where we find women by the side of what is happening because they are there to care for the needs of those in the midst of the action. Let me make it clear here the people supporting the central players in any event are very important within the whole scheme or things. It is most unfortunate those who support the people who were named throughout history have often been left out when the history or report of the action was recorded. I find it very interesting the Scripture found within the Bible often takes great effort

to make these supportive people be known. The 56th verse of Matthew 27 is a great example of this very thing.

⁵⁶Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

Again in Matthew 27:61, after we read of Joseph of Arimathea taking the body of Jesus and placing it in his own tomb, Matthew tells:

⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

These women were waiting for their opportunity to serve. We learn once again they were ready to serve. We are told:

¹After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

Women Messengers

It was women who first heard the message that Jesus was

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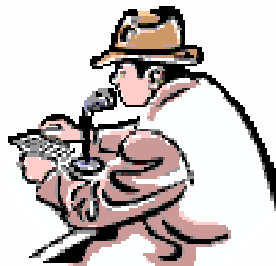
Matthew 28:1-10^(NIV)

¹After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. [a]

²There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

⁸So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."



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risen from the grave in Matthew 28:5.

The Revelation

Revelation was first given to women to tell the gospel of the Resurrection, Matthew tells us. The women were entrusted, by an angel, with the task of delivering the revelation to the others.

Confirmation

When God reveals a matter he confirms the matter with adequate witness, at least two times. Jesus, himself, became the adequate witness to what the women had been told by the angel. Jesus in verse 10 gives exact instruction regarding what their message is to be.

¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Women In The Kingdom

The role of women in The Kingdom is well documented: from a harlot's red cord^{Joshua 2} to the books of Esther and Ruth, where they are not only mentioned, but are the main focus and the instrument used by God for his purposes, not to mention Mary the Mother of Jesus. There is no male or female in Christ neither Jew nor Greek!

Just so you'll know:

Our service is informal. We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
 - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
 - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

