

## “Count Your Blessings”



By Mrs. Sojourner

So Sojourner’s Fellowships and Sojourner’s World Hub is nine years old. Many blessings have occurred in 9 years.

I remember our first meeting. It occurred in a tiny efficiency apartment where The Sojourner and I were living at the time. There were three people at the meeting: The Holy Spirit, The Sojourner, and myself. Some may have thought it strange for my husband to preach even though I was the only physical person there. Eight or ten months later we had had three to five different people come to one meeting but week after week I was still the only physical person who there to hear his message more than once.

Then one day in the middle of the week a woman stopped by our home and told us God had told her that she was to become a Sojourner. The next two came a few months later. Now people here in Middle Tennessee and literally around the world are blessed by the Lord through Sojourner’s World Hub.

Boy do I remember when The Sojourner spent hours on the computers at the local library teaching himself how to build

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a website. We now have testimonies from here and from around the world of how God has worked through that website that started so humbly. It is exciting to see that via the internet people are drawing closer to our Lord.

Some time before the Lord had us start Sojourner’s, God gave us a word through a prophet we’d never met (and have not seen since). We have watched as the things he said have come to pass one by one. The Sojourner and I have are delighted with how The Lord has used us and this ministry to bring joy and freedom to people all over the world and we look forward to seeing the Lord move even more through us and all Sojourners in the years to come. We take this time to count our blessings and to continue in the Blessing as we move forward in the calling God has for us.

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## “Where Do You Live?” (Teaching Sketch)

Matthew 6:25-34 (NIV)



Today is the ninth anniversary of Sojourner's Fellowships. The concept was given to me back in the summer of 1964. It was 2001 when the Holy Spirit let me know now is the time to begin what so long ago I had been shown, some 37 years earlier. Oh, I have always been involved in some form of ministry but I knew someday the release would come to begin Sojourner's Fellowships. I even knew the name that was to be used. There was no real fretting over the years regarding the doing of it, just an awareness it would happen. You see, I believe waiting on God is one of the purest forms of worship. God, over the years, would let me see different aspects of what Sojourner's Fellowships would be as I was being prepared for the doing of it.

A strange thing happened in 2002 when I taught myself to build a website. I started to put up a doctrine page and

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Psalm  
39:12  
Toshab—  
temporary  
resident,  
stranger,  
alien  
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Eph. 2:10

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received a "check" in my spirit. I inquired of the Lord about it and heard ever so clearly, "Doctrine divides my people and embitters them toward one another." I have always found it interesting people felt a need to protect God rather than demonstrate the power of the Holy Spirit operating through the Believer. It was as though the Spirit said, "Let there be Sojourners!" Here is what came of my instructions of what each sojourner was to be:

### Sojourners<sup>[a]</sup>

**Sojourner's** ... realizing this world is not their final home, are migrant workers... harvesters in the service of Almighty God.

**Sojourner's** ... know they are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for them to do.<sup>[b]</sup>

**Sojourner's**\* ... strengthen the weak, heal the sick, bind

## Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34 (NIV)

(NIV is employed here to allow English speakers around the world equal understanding of the words used)

<sup>25</sup>"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup>Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life<sup>[a]</sup>? <sup>28</sup>"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup>Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>If that is

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Or single cubit to his height

how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup>But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup>Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

### 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** (Offerings are placed in the basket at this time)
- **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**

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up the injured, bring back the strays, and search for the lost.<sup>[c]</sup>

**Sojourner's\*** ... treat others well, act nobly toward them, and are merciful, sympathetic, tender, responsive, and compassionate even as God the Father is compassionate.<sup>[d]</sup>

**Sojourner's\*** ... provide a place of pasture where God's called can graze on His word.

**Sojourner's\*** ... allow the habitation of God himself as He tends them and as they seek Him and rest in His presence.

**Sojourner's** ... cover every corner of the pasture given them by God.

**Sojourner's** ... submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

**Sojourner's** ... dwell in the peace of God and the peace of God dwells in them.

**Sojourner's** ... yield good fruit and harvest unto the Lord their God.

**Sojourner's\*** ... are seeds both being planted and planting wherever they go.

### The Emphasis

The emphasis, as you can see, is on being what a person believes rather than man's philosophy of Christi-

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Jer. 23:2-3  
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Luke 6:36

\* Note:  
Part of this rendering regarding the function of Sojourners was given to The Sojourner by the Holy Spirit when he was referred to the Book of Jeremiah, Chapter 23.

anity! Christianity is not a philosophy but a "being" relationship, just as certain as we are human beings we are Christian Beings in relationship with Jesus Christ, himself! As Sojourners we know this world is not our final home. We are migrant workers in God's Kingdom to be his body on the earth.

### So Where?

So where do you live your life? Most people, without realizing it, live their lives in their heads (the mind—soul realm). We live what we believe even if we do not want to admit it! Without realizing it 70% of all our communication is within our self talk. It is in our heads where we explain life and expectation to ourselves. Consequently, if our thinking is worldly without our minds being renewed we will only seek worldly answers to our daily life missing God's Kingdom of the Blessing all together. If, however, we live with minds renewed by God's word and Spirit we then dwell in the house of the Lord where surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives. Choose to live in The Kingdom of the Blessing!