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### *Can You Hear Me Now*

Michelle Roberts

When I think of the coming of the Lord, my mind and heart is drawn toward people who have yet to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. I also think of people who have turned away from Jesus as well as, those who struggle with the reality of being a Christian. Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me." John 14:6 In my opinion, of all the miracles recorded in the Bible, the experience of being born again is by far the most amazing. Today, we are bombarded by so many voices, through so many avenues. I am reminded of the Verizon commercial where the actor asks "can you hear me now?" It's become a popular phrase used by many when they are not being heard clearly. It is an age-old problem. Today it is not uncommon to have friends or coworkers who wear earplugs and on numerous occasions we approached them under the assumption they are speaking to us only to discover that they were responding to someone else in their ear. During Jesus earthly ministry He recognized that we must be intentional about who we are hearing from and what we are hearing.

Jesus said, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." These words are echoed in the Revelation of Jesus Christ as given to John and written to the seven churches in Asia. The seven churches are symbolic of all churches upon the earth. **As we await Jesus second coming, what does He want you to hear and pay attention to? What does the Bible tell us?**

#### HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Be Alert and Sober;** 1 Thessalonians 5:6;

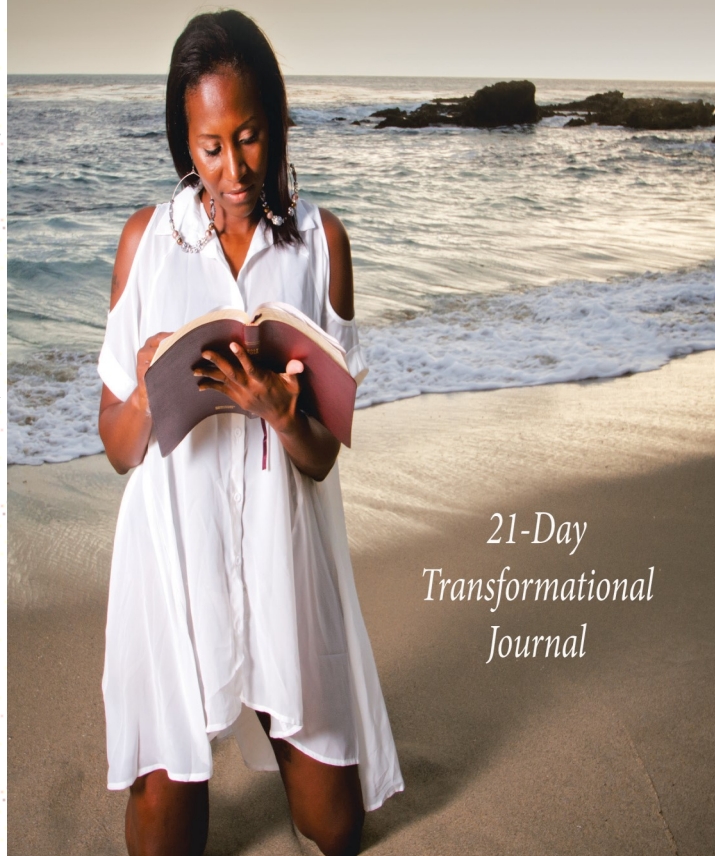
**Be patient and establish our hearts;** James 5:8;

**Let no man deceive us by any means;** 2 Thessalonians 2:3

**So that we come behind in no gift waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;** 1 Corinthians 1:7

**And...Love your neighbor as yourself, awake out of our sleep, cast off the works of darkness, put on the armor of light, walk properly, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.** Romans 13:10-14

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## WE WIN WITH JESUS

S. Nishon Geary

It is never too late to win people to Jesus. It does not matter the mistakes we have made, God still loves us and gives us every chance to turn to Him. No matter how unworthy you think you are, He still loves you and wants you to come to know Him. When you are going through difficult times and the pains and hurts seems unbearable, we wonder where is God's love? Does God really love me? We have those moments when life becomes overwhelming, when you sit all alone with your head in your hands thinking to yourself, where is God? When the tears are rolling down your cheeks. Maybe you lost your job, having marriage problems or maybe someone hurt you. There are so many reasons to cause a person to doubt God's love and question if He has forgotten you. When we face these difficult times in our lives it is not because God does not love us; or that He has forgotten about us. God has planned each of our lives carefully. His greatest plan for our life is eternal salvation. God loves us so much that "He gave His only begotten son Jesus Christ that whosoever believes in Him would not perish but would have everlasting life" John 3:16. However, while we are on earth we will face hardships but God desires our trust. Proverbs 3:5-6 states "Trust in the Lord with all your heart lean not to your own understanding but in all your ways acknowledge God and He will direct your path." God does not want you to worry about figuring things out. He wants you to trust Him.



Unfortunately, this does not mean that hard times will not come. However, it does mean that you will find the strength and courage to get through these times. You will come through your trials and tribulations, stronger than ever and knowing how much God loves you! Remember, God will never give you more than you can bear. 1 Corinthians 10:13 Are you ready to stop running from God? The only way any of us can have a relationship with Jehovah God is to admit that we are sinners, turn away from that sin, and accept the sacrifice that Jesus made to pay for our sins. The definition of winning is to be successful or victorious. **Let's all be winners; in the kingdom of God.** Cross the finish line to salvation. Salvation is being saved or rescued from the penalty of sin. We are all sinners; but you can be saved from your sin, take these three steps: **Ask forgiveness for your sins; be willing to turn from your sins; and believe that Jesus Christ—our Lord and Savior—died for your sins and rose again.** If you have done these things, you are saved! You have complete salvation, which means you are in covenant with God. You are totally forgiven for past and future sins and in complete fellowship with the brethren. Now let's start this race strong and cross the finish line with Jesus!

## Salvation | The Key To Being Prepared

Ethlyn Ottley Farrell

One of the most memorable things that I have experienced or witnessed is someone coming to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. It is the key to being prepared for eternity. This life transforming event is orchestrated and initiated by God the Father Himself. The Bible states, "For God so love the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" John 3:16. His love is what caused Him to reach out to us so that we might spend eternity with Him. This love is so powerful that it propels Him to run after us. Here is the clencher, He chose us we did not choose Him. John 15:16a state, "Ye have not chosen me but I have chosen you. Also 1 Peter 2:9 states, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people: that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvel-



ous light." Here you have it in black and white, you are God's choice. It doesn't matter what you have done, said, or thought of doing, He would not have changed His mind about you and has not done so even now. **His love searched for you and found you.** Your salvation was His idea. God, our Father divinely set you up to be his son or daughter. He prepared a way to make you His very own, through His only begotten son Jesus Christ. An encounter with a love like this is a very memorable, monumental and magnificent event. It is a life changing gift that opens the door to eternal life **Have you accepted Jesus as your eternal Savior? God has chosen you today, Simply repeat this prayer. Father I admit that am a sinner in need of a Savior. I believe that Jesus is the son of God and that He died for me I ask Him to come into my heart and be Lord of my life. Amen. You now the hold the keys to everlasting life. Never let them go!**

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**W**ho is at Risk?

Children and Seniors are at the greatest risk for identity theft.

Members of the military is another group to pay close attention to.

Social media users are on the rise for social networking identity theft.

Deceased identities have been stolen to the tune of 2.5 million.

This article is not intended to scare you. However, the goal is to heighten your level of awareness as it relates to what is happening today. Here are a few tips and steps you should take in the event you are a victim of identity theft. Based on the identity theft data, the following information was most commonly lost, exposed and or compromised:


- ☐ Social Security Number
- ☐ Online Login
- ☐ Password
- ☐ Debit or Credit Card
- ☐ Bank Account Information
- ☐ Driver's License
- ☐ Children's Personal Information

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**In** 2018, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) processed 1.4 million fraud reports totaling **\$1.48 billion in losses**. According to the FTC's Consumer Sentinel Network Data Book, the most common categories for fraud complaints were imposter scams, debt collection and identity theft. Credit card fraud was most prevalent in identity theft cases as more than 167,000 people reported a fraudulent credit card account was opened with their information. These startling statistics are expected to increase by the end of 2019. **What is identity theft?**

Identity theft is the deliberate use of someone else's identity, usually as a method to gain a financial advantage or obtain credit and other benefits in the other person's name; and perhaps to the other person's disadvantage or loss. Let us take a closer look at some of the identity theft trends that are taking place in 2019. **The Identity Theft Resource Center (ITRC) predicts identity theft protection services will primarily focus on data breaches, data abuse, and data privacy.** ITRC also predicts that consumers will become more knowledgeable about how data breaches work and expect companies to provide more information about the types of data breached and demand more transparency in data breach reports. In general, cyber attacks are more ambitious, internet threats are on the rise, form jacking is up **117%**, ransomware activity is down **20%**, new account fraud is up **13%**, account takeovers are up **79%**, increased effort to solve the year 2038 data storage problem (similar to Y2K).



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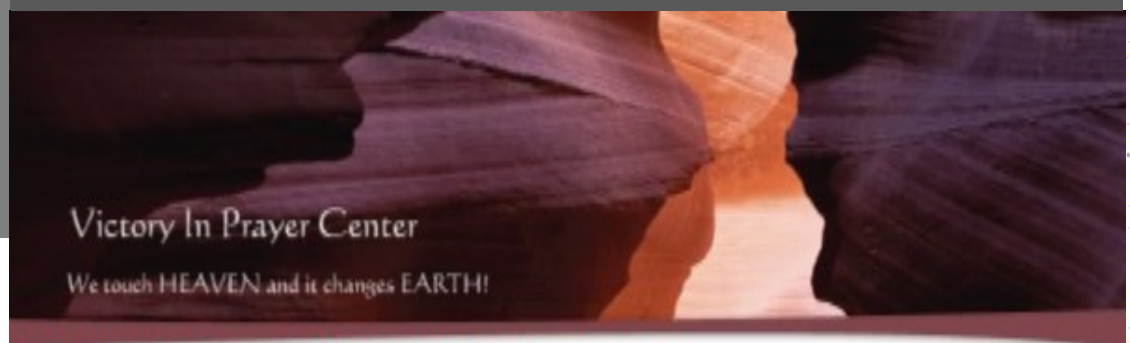
## Anticipating Jesus' Sudden Return

Lita Aleese

The date was December 16, 1975, it was approximately 7:00 am. I spent most of the morning going back and forth to the bathroom; it seemed as if I needed to go, but unfortunately no success. Eventually, my mother asked if I was okay. I told her the scenario and immediately she went into action. She instructed me to take a bath and get dressed; its time, she stated! Moments later she returned with an overnight bag in her hand; a bag she had obviously packed weeks in advance. Its time to go, the baby is coming! But was I really ready? My father was outside already in the car. At seventeen this moment was a blur, things were moving so fast. I was already numb before the pain-relief needle and before the contractions even came. My baby arrived safely at 9:20a.m. As I reflect on that day, I imagine the return of Jesus will be met with similar emotions, some people will be prepared, excited and happy like my mother and some will be in a daze, afraid and numb. As Christians, we are to be prepared for Jesus' return. **Jeremiah 33:3, states "Call to me, and I will answer thee and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not"**

God similarly speaks with the same thought pattern in **1 Corinthians 2:9-10 and Ephesians 1:7-10**. God is willing to reveal ALL the deep, secret and mysterious things to those who love Him through His Spirit. Today it is imperative that Christians reflect the light of God in a dark world. God expects His children to advance His kingdom on the earth until He returns. He calls us to be His hands and His feet. So ask yourself, "Is my overnight bag prepared and filled with obedience to do what God has called me to do? Will you be filled with the fruit of righteousness on the day of Jesus' return? Will you overflow with joy, love, peace, kindness, goodness and gentleness? Galatians 5:22-23 The Bible says the entrance of Your Words giveth light'. Psalm 119:130. If your light is not bright and your bag is unprepared, its time to sit before the Lord pray and ask for His wisdom, knowledge, insight and understanding so that His date of arrival will not catch you unexpectedly and unprepared. **Be encouraged, preparedness is the key to being ready. When you're truly prepared you can wholeheartedly anticipate the sudden return of Jesus Christ.**

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