



## Mates on Spring Break!

### Had plans on taking your boo away from home this Spring Break?

How bout Jamaica? Cancun? Panama City? Bahamas? Or Canada?

How bout no! Indeed spring break is a time to relax, get away from home, take a load off, and to explore the world, but it's important not to get trapped in Satan's lair.

Have you ever set yourself up so many times that you feel so convicted? Convicted to the point where you are now in condemnation. No? Just me? Well, it's not a good feeling at all.

For those of you who have never made any mistakes and have been good all your little life, condemnation is

something that comes from the enemy. (The Devil is a liar). It is a feeling that you get when you feel so guilty that you can't come to the Lord, even in prayer, because of what you have done. By now I should have hit the mark.

Saints, God knows that we all are human and makes mistakes 24-7. He knows that we will fall and are going to fall. The devil loves it when we feel condemned and can't repent. He laughs to God and says, "See... I told you that he would fall..." But all God wants you to do is come back to him and ask Him for complete forgiveness. When you do this the Lord laughs back at the devil and says, "I told

you that he belongs to me."

That comforts me to know that God gets the last laugh. And we get the last laugh because God is in us.



Let's be very careful this Spring Break as we plan to take that vacation with our mates. I'm not saying to isolate yourselves and not have fun, but don't be naive of the Satan's tricks. Satan cannot outsmart us, for we are very familiar with his schemes. **2 Corinthians 2:11.** God bless this Spring Break!!!

### Ask Mary Mary

"How do you guys feel about the controversy going on with other people questioning u all's Christianity by the way you dress?"

Erica: "It's been going on since Jesus walked the earth. They questioned Mahalia Jackson, they questioned the Clark Sisters, the Winans, so Mary Mary isn't exempt. But I know that we were led

by God to do what we do. It was never our intention to misrepresent God, but that doesn't mean people always understand. So I'll pray for them, and hopefully they start praying for me instead of criticizing me. Then we can all win souls for Christ."

Tina: "Well said!"

Erica: "Thank you." ☺

"I just want Mary Mary to know when my sister was dying of cancer, the song Shackles was very important to her. I imagine her dancing in heaven to Shackles."

Erica: "Thank you so much for that testimony. We really really need to hear that kind of stuff. It motivates us to keep on singing, to keep on giving our testimony and

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#### Upcoming Events:

- 3/2 Silent Praise Ministers at UCCM 10am 101 Thomas
- 3/10-3/14 Spring Break
- 3/21-3/22 T. D. Jakes God's Leading Ladies Conference
- 3/24 Commission for Women Annual Banquet Penn State Hotel
- 3/30 Silent Praise Ministers in Philadelphia
- 4/6 Silent Praise Ministers at UCJC 10:30am
- 4/12 Gospelrama 2003 6pm Schwab Aud.
- 4/26 U.S.E. Gospel Choir Concert Place & Time: TBA
- 4/26 Blue & White Game
- 5/3 Joy Night 7:30
- 5/2 Classes End

## Ask Mary Mary Cont.

giving God praise.”

### “Why are you called Mary Mary?”

Erica: “The name Mary Mary was Warryn Campbell’s idea, and Tina hated it. She thought it sucked! But after looking in the Bible, we saw there were two Mary’s, Mary the mother of Christ, who’s considered perfect, and Mary Magdalene who was a prostitute but was changed by the power of God’s love. He didn’t judge her or ostracize her, He just loved her to change. So the name means it doesn’t matter who you are or what type of lifestyle you come from, we can all be changed by the love of Jesus.”

Tina: “That made the name make sense. And then I liked it.”

### “How did you get started in the gospel business? Have you ever thought about producing other young gospel artist?”

Tina: “We got started in the gospel business by just growing up in church. The gospel world was our world.”



Mary Mary

Erica: “We went to all the concerts, and before you knew it, we were gospel artists ourselves.”

Tina: “Since we’re songwriters, a lot of time we do vocal production when we work with other artists. Everything that has to do with how the vocals come together – vocal direction, harmonies – a lot of that comes from us. But as far as trying to get groups together and presenting them to the world, we’re not

there yet.”

Erica: “But when I run across an incredible artist, sometimes I try to refer them to someone who’s looking for an artist.”

### “What is an average day for you? I guess it is pretty hectic huh?”

Tina: “Depends. When we’re in work mode, it’s totally hectic.”

Erica: “It can be like a 5:30 wakeup call for a 7am flight for a 10am radio interview, a 3pm signing, a 4pm sound check, a 7 o’clock concert, a meet and greet following that. Then rush and pack.”

Tina: “And a 5am lobby call the next day for another 7am flight. That’s a hectic day!”

### “Your song “Shackles” saved my life! When I was too depressed to pray, your song became a prayer for me. I believe with all my heart that the Holy Spirit reached me through your music. May God Bless You Both!”

Tina: “WOW! That’s big.”

Erica: “Thank you.”

Tina: “When the business, the politics, and the hectic-ness get to be overwhelming, and I just don’t want to do this any more, people like you make me run to my paper and pad and back to the studio to make another record. God bless you and thanks.”

Erica: “Amen!”

### “I know that you both are very busy with your careers and are both married. Are children in that equation?”

Tina: “Well since you asked... The Red Mary’s pregnant!!!”

Erica: “...and no, Erica isn’t pregnant too.”

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## Eagle Flight

I was watching an eagle in flight when for no apparent reason it began spiraling upward. With its powerful wings, the great bird soared ever higher, dissolved into a tiny dot, and then disappeared. Its flight reminded me of Isaiah’s uplifting words: “Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles” (40:30-31).

Life’s heartbreaks and tragedies can put an end to our resilience, our endurance, our nerve, and bring us to our knees.

But if we put our hope in the Lord and rely on Him, He renews our strength.

The key to our endurance lies in the exchange of our limited resources for God’s limitless strength. And it is ours for the asking.

With God’s strength we can “run and not be weary,” even when days become hectic and demanding. With His strength we can “walk and not faint,” even though tedious, dull routine makes the way seem dreary and long. The psalmist exclaimed in the midst of his weary, tearful pilgrimage, “Blessed is the man whose strength is in

You” (Psalm 84:5).

Oh, what an exchange— God’s infinite strength for our finite weakness!

-David Roper

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“God gives strength in proportion to the strain.”

## Nothing But the Blood!

Often times when you hear about Jesus Christ's death, you become thankful that He died for your sins, but you also become tearful because of what He had to endure through.

In the gospels, you will find a description of Jesus Christ's crucified. You know from reading the gospels that Jesus was nailed to cross, pierced in his side, scorned, wore a crown made out of thorns, and was mocked. You also know from reading the gospels that Jesus had to die. Without his death you could not be reconciled back to the Father.

On Tuesday, February 25, 2002, God gave me a new revelation of Jesus

Christ's death. **First**, Jesus had to die.

As I indicated earlier, without death, no one will be able to development an intimate relationship with God. **Secondly**, Jesus had to shed blood while on the cross. In Leviticus 17:11 it states, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." As I read that

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scripture, I tried to compare the life of a Christian in modern society to one who would have lived without the shedding of Christ's blood on the cross. To be honest I was not able to image it. As a result, I became more thankful for Christ's death and the shedding of his blood on the cross. I am also thankful that God brought greater clarity to me about Christ's death, mainly about how he died.

I pray that you have been blessed by this article. I would end this article with a question; did you know that it was the shedding of Christ's blood that washed away your sins?

-Jessica Allen

## How to Work in a Hostile Environment

1. Don't expect to be appreciated. Your only expectation should be to get a Paycheck. Don't come to work to have personal relationships. Don't allow what you do to affect who you are. 2. Do your job well, but remember your mission. God put you there to be a Light. 3. Seek opportunities to change the atmosphere without commenting on the problems. You have a God to talk to. You are on an assignment. Quietness and competence shall be your strength. 4. Don't let your environment get inside of you. You should influence it, not let it influence you. Stop going to work to be fed. You didn't come to receive, you came to

give. 5. Increase your capacity to work with different personalities. God will often



Bishop T.D. Jakes

bless you through people you don't even like! 6. Remember, where you are does not define where you are going. This will deliver you from frustration. God has a

plan for your life. Keep your eye on the prize. When Peter did this, he was able to walk in what other people sank in! 7. Get the optimum results with minimal confusion. Be effective without making the environment worse. 8. Don't be associated with one group or clique. Labels limit your usefulness. God wants you to work with everybody but be labeled by nobody. Use all your gifts. 9. Always keep your song near you. Keep a consecrated place in your soul. 10. Understand that God anoints you for trouble. Put on the whole armour of God before going to work.

- By T. D. Jakes

## Fallen Stars

On February 1, 2003, the Space Shuttle Columbia was lost during its re-entry into Earth's atmosphere.

Silent Praise remembers the seven astronauts who lost their lives last month.

Please keep the families and friends of

those who knew Rick D. Husband, William C. McCool, Michael P. Anderson, David M. Brown, Kalpana Chawla, Laurel Blair Salton Clark, and Iian Ramon in prayer.

Visit [WWW.NASA.GOV](http://WWW.NASA.GOV) to learn about the mission of the STS-107 crew.



Composite image of STS-107 Crew, Launch, and American Flag.

- Courtesy of Nasa

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Breath, Praise the Lord. Praise  
Ye the Lord." Psalm 150:6

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### Congratulations to:

- Lynnette Smith for 1st Runner up for the Miss Black Penn State Pageant. WAY TO GO LYNETTE!!!
- Tiffany Richardson's induction into the Alpha Nu Omega Christian Sorority.

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Galatians 3:3