

...there is the sound of a heavy rain...I Kings 18:41

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# Prepare for Rain



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## SRCOG Annual Women's Conference

Because of the vision of our Women's Ministry leader Sis Linda Jack, a gloriously, unforgettable time in the Lord was experienced by all who attended this year's workshop with Minister Judy Linton, of Healing for the Soul Ministries in Brooklyn, NY. In her own unique and gifted way, Minister Linton demonstrated through her very persona what it meant to change the atmosphere with your very presence, as a woman of God. The Lord showed up and showed out as women learned the areas in which God was **dispatching** them into minister in Solid Rock,

their communities, and at large. Women were challenged to take risks and be obedient in their walk with God despite those nay-sayers around us. The woman in the Bible with the Alabaster Box is our example, for she risked being embarrassed and ridiculed by the crowd as she poured that oil on our Lord. Serving God with our all involves cost.

There's a chance that stepping out will cause others to deem us odd; others may question why you praise the way you do. But they don't know the story of your deliverance.

Solid Rock women know that we are **CPR** women as well, called to bring things and people back to life (**Amen!**). The following is a representation of who we are and what we do:

- C—committed & confident
- P—passionately pursue God
- R—resilient

*Sis. Cheryl Clarke*



# Know any Esther women?

By Sis. Cheryl Clarke

Solid Rock Welcomes  
September  
"New Members"

Francis & Yuklin Ambroise  
Maudry Atkinson  
Homer & Elaine Cadwell  
Linette Carroll  
Rafael & Joan Christian  
Precile Griffith  
Ambah B. Jameson  
Charles & Mary Peters  
Rita O'Reilly  
Michelle Walker

## Up Coming Events

Men's Ministry BBQ ~ October 16

Pastor's Appreciation Celebration  
October 29th & 31st

The other day I looked outside into my backyard. I thought of the contrast between the chaotic, congested, noisy, hectic pace of life in NYC versus the calm, sunny, and serene surroundings here in Florida. In many respects, we're talking the difference between night and day! Yet the external serenity can be deceptive. In the midst of all this peace on the outside, a person can be experiencing heartache and turmoil in their hearts and lives. And as long as you are breathing well enough to turn the pages of this newsletter, I'll bet you're in there too—you've got some kind of struggle or challenge. Often though, our purpose is birthed through our adversities. Take Esther for example. In her youth, she became orphaned when both her parents died; an old cousin, Mordecai was left to take care of her. Yet despite the pain of loss and loneliness, Esther remained someone whom God could count on to be obedient and

disciplined even in the face of tough times. When God is looking for someone who will follow His instructions and remain committed to His cause regardless of current circumstances, can He count on you? Can He count on me? Esther was willing to stand alone, without foreknowledge of how severe the consequences of her actions would actually be. Doing nothing or looking the other way would have been easy. After all, she was now queen. But for Esther, this was not an option, and because of her faith and courage, she is credited with the saving the lives of her people. Will the real Esther women of Solid Rock please stand up? How is God calling you or me to be courageously obedient—to do something out of the ordinary for Him? We will not change our world with silent stagnation. We can't afford to wait for our problems or heartache to be resolved. Ladies, God is calling! We must rise now!

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## Today's Christian Parent: When Consequences Stop Working

Stomp! Stomp! Stomp! You look around thinking that your top floor must have been invaded by elephants, but it's just your angry child showing displeasure at some gem of advice that you have so carefully imparted. As a parent you either become angry and annoyed or you begin to think, "Oh Lord, he hates me." "I'm a horrible parent".

Don't be discouraged. The Bible offers encouragement and there are practical solutions. Hebrews 12:11 says: *Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.* In other words parents, they will get over it and thank you one day.

Many parents especially ones that consider themselves veterans are constantly having their disciplinary techniques challenged. When children misbehave, we immediately jump into our little black books of strategies, turn to the P section for pouting and or S for stomping-off but what happens when those strategies are no longer working? What happens as they get older and are less inclined to want to please you?

First, humbly and honestly ask yourself, "Did I at some point model this type of behavior?" If the answer is yes, then fess up. Say to the

child: You might have seen me respond this way, however, I made a mistake and that is not the appropriate way to respond. Next time this is what we are both going to do...(state the appropriate behavior depending on the situation). Ask the child to acknowledge this change in behavior along with you. Next, if your disciplinary techniques are not working, change them! Get with other parents and find out what they do. You might be pleasantly surprised to find that your situation is not unique. Bear in mind that children are highly adaptable beings. They become used to routine. A trip to the room becomes a pleasure rather than punishment. Taking a certain toy is not a big deal anymore because it gets replaced with something else or they know it will be returned soon.

In general there are practical solutions you might want to explore: find consequences that have meaning. If your child can't live without the blessed cell phone, then that's your leverage. Avoid arguing over a consequence. You are the authority; not the child. Avoid taking away things like extra-curricular activities such as a sport or an instrument; maybe take away a practice. Keep in mind that those are potentially character building activities. Have problem-solving conversations.

Remember that children are not fully able to process day to day issues appropriately. Save the long speeches! No one wants to hear it, especially a teenager! The younger ones stop listening after a while and your teenager only hears blah, blah, blah! Make it short and to the point. So how do you know it is working? You will not always know right away. The objective here is: Did I hold my child accountable for his/her action? Did I make it clear that if the behavior repeats, it will not be tolerated? Are my own actions as a parent kept circumspect? Did I continue to show my child that they are still loved?

Remember that we are perfectly imperfect parents under the guidance of God. God chooses each parent with great care. *"For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just."*  
(Genesis 18:19)

Sis. Marsha Wilson

## BIBLE TRIVIA—WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

1. This woman hung a red rope from her window  
A. Eve    b. Rahab    c. Tamar    d. Ruth
2. This woman conspired with her husband to lie to the Holy Spirit  
A. Rahab    b. Mary    c. Jezebel    d. Sapphira
3. This woman laughed at God's promise concerning her child  
A. Sarah    b. Jezebel    c. Althaliah    d. Sapphira
4. This woman was seen bathing  
A. Rachel    b. Bathsheba    c. Esther    d. Naomi
5. This woman and her husband were tent makers  
A. Jezebel    b. Mary Magdalene    c. Delilah    d. Priscilla
6. This woman was David's great-grandmother  
A. Michal    b. Abigail    c. Ruth    d. Leah
7. This woman was deceived by a serpent  
A. Sarah    b. Mary    c. Eve    d. Miriam
8. This woman was raped by her half-brother  
A. Tamar    b. Dinah    c. Rahab    d. Ruth
9. Who was the only female judge of Israel? \_\_\_\_\_ (Judges 4:4)
10. What widowed prophetess was eighty-four years old when she saw Jesus in the temple?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 2:36-38)
11. What wife of David had been married to Nabal, who died when she told him of the gifts she had given to David? \_\_\_\_\_ (1Samuel 25:18-20)
12. What elderly cousin of Mary became the mother of John the Baptist? \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 1:12-13)
13. What Jewish girl married a Persian emperor and helped save her exiled people from extermination? \_\_\_\_\_ (Esther 2:16-17)
14. What two sisters of Bethany had a brother named Lazarus and were close friends of Jesus?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 10:38-42)
15. What prophetess was the sister of two great leaders and was once afflicted with leprosy for being rebellious?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 15:20)

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