

PEACE, PROMISES, AND PURPOSE IN A PANDEMIC



Hello SWATA!

It feels like it has been awhile since we gathered around *Living S.W.A.T.A.* I know there has been a lot going on, like a few pandemics! It truly has been a rough year, but I want you to be encouraged. We are approaching God's Set Time Season. On the Hebrew calendar, the months of March and April are called Nisan. This is the time when God's people were delivered time and time again. This is also known as their spiritual new year. This is a time of excitement through remembrance of God's favor, peace, provision, protection, and deliverance for his people! Sisters, we serve a mighty God who is stretching forth His arm

towards those who still have faith. God is not limited to the conditions in your life or on earth! God will establish His peace, promises, and purposes for His people because it is our set time of deliverance.

Psalm 102:13 says, "You will arise and have mercy and loving-kindness for Zion, for it is time to have pity and compassion for her; yes, the set time has come." I may not be aware of the circumstances of your situation that may scream impossible! Or you are too old! Or how will you accomplish this? Ladies, the designated time is here. We are entering into the season of Nisan, our spiritual new year. So dust off your faith shoes and begin walking into your peace, your promises and purpose. Take a look at what wails unthinkable with eyes of faith and say Happy New Year because this is your set time of deliverance!

Shalom and Happy New Year!

Dr. Marcia

Naomi's Nuggets

In the midst of this pandemic, fight with prayer. Prayer is your weapon. It's the vehicle God gave man to bring heaven on the scene. People are debating whether prayer is powerful. I want to let you know prayer is working...just stop praying and see what happens.

Dr. Marcia Bailey | Fight | February 7, 2021

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO BRIDGETTE & HER 'DASH'

Bridgetta 'Bridgette' Muller Johnson



A poem entitled "The Dash" by Linda Ellis is about the dash that separates a person's birth date and transition date. The dash represents the life lived and the legacy left behind. Bridgette Johnson was a real example of living her faith out loud for all to see. She showed those who knew her how to live and love even in challenging times. She did it with such grace and humility. She was a great demonstration of what it truly meant by "Living SWATA!"

Bridgette was an exceptional part of the Living S.W.A.T.A Editorial Team, and she wrote several astounding articles within the past four years. She also used her creative gifts to serve God through teaching, play writing, acting, directing, and countless other ways that inspired and encouraged us. She made us smile, laugh, and challenged us to think outside of the box.

We are grateful to Bridgette for showing us that changing the world for the better is not all about accomplishing something grand, but living out loud is an accumulation of saying and doing the little but meaningful things in the lives of family and friends along the way.

We are thankful for Bridgette and the beautiful example she left for us to remember how she lived her dash.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

As recently as the 1970s, women's history was virtually an

unknown topic in general or public conversations. To bring attention to women's contributions, the Education Task Force of Sonoma County Commission initiated a "Women's History Week" in 1978, which starts every year on



March 8th. Word spread quickly across our nation's state departments of education, and they encouraged schools to celebrate women's accomplishments, which later transitioned into a month-long celebration in 1987. This March becomes even more inspiring and impactful with the election of our first African American woman, Vice President Kamala Harris. March is the appointed time of the year where women's immeasurable successes are commemorated and gives each of us ample time to lift each other.

Social Media March Challenge

With March being National Women's History Month, SWATA wants to know who has inspired you. Post a picture & the reason why you chose her as your inspiration. Your chosen lady does not have to be famous or well-known.

Use the hashtag #swatawomenshistory

STAY CONNECTED & JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Upcoming Events

Zumba with Michele J Every 1st Saturday

Virtual Escape Room

March 26

Stay connected

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COVID -19 Update

Did you know that the COVID-19 vaccine is available and doesn't cost a thing? For locations and updates, visit:

scdhec.gov/vaxlocator

or call DHEC's COVID-19 Vaccine Info Line at 1-866-365-8110