

COMPASSION WARRIORS/WARRIORETTES

“INTEGRITY, FAVOR, AND BITTERNESS”

The Lord has shown me through several writings over the past year, that He has heard murmurings from those who have read my website. It seems they desire to “know” me. “Who is she?” is what is reported, among many other similar quandaries. My desire is to allow the Lord to speak to you through writings that He has given me that I share with you. I have chosen to share all I have to share, allowing you to make decisions for yourself; I have chosen a path that allows for no debate. What I share is from the Lord, there is no reason for debate. And, if there is any praise, it should go to Him. I am just a vessel which He uses to share His love with you.

But to illustrate my message, I will share a little about myself. I was given the name of Deborah at birth. I was not named for the great judge in the Bible; I was named by my Daddy who admired an actress, Deborah Kerr. My Daddy was of the world’s ways; he was captive to the wrappings and trappings the world had. My mother, on the other hand was a Christian who sought high moral values and God’s Ways. We didn’t go to church. Sundays mornings were spent usually in family quarrels, however, Momma loved music, especially Christian music. She took us girls to Singing Conventions where we heard quartets (men harmonizing their voices in songs about God.)

I did not go to Kindergarten, and Momma insisted that I go by the name, Deborah, when I entered the first grade. As a little girl, I was very independent, and I observed early on, that other girls that had the same name as I, went by Debbie; it was a very common name at that time for little girls, maybe because of another actress, Debbie Reynolds, who did not go by Deborah, either. At that point, I chose to be known as Debbie, not Deborah. As a Barnabas personality, it is my nature to be a friend. As a friend, one tends to avoid conflict and confrontation at all costs. Debbie is friendly; Deborah is authoritative. As a little girl, I understood that I wanted to be friendly; not authoritative. You might say, “this is my way” or this is my method of operation in life. For more information regarding understanding mine and other personality type’s motivations, consult “Deprogramming and Reprogramming Our Hearts, Minds, and Souls,” “Deprog. & Reprog.” at this website.

As a true Barnabas personality, one seeks to want the best for others/to encourage others. When God had a tough case named Saul/Paul, who everyone was afraid of, he chose Barnabas to help Saul/Paul as we read in Acts 9:23 - 28. The problem/deception is the Barnabas types think others want the best for them. A Barnabas personality trait revolves around a strong sense of fairness for everyone. When conflict erupts, they will try to collaborate and compromise, which can be better understood by reviewing “Deprog and Reprog.” As we can see, from the Biblical account in Acts 15:36 of the disagreement between Paul and Barnabas, the friendly Barnabas personality type will try, with all the I’s dotted and all the T’s crossed to present their concerns in an optimistic manner thinking the other person (their friend) will see as they see (prove their case.) However, most usually the Barnabas personality type will be met with domination. At that point the once friendly Debbie will become Deborah, an ill prepared warrior that will be overpowered and will retreat, believing she has failed. The Barnabas personality type is so driven by emotion and to maintain fairness for all, they have to learn to confront with logic rather than emotion. (Again, which is taught by reviewing Deprog and Reprog.) They have to be trained when to confront, how to confront, why to confront, and to choose if they even should confront at all, etc. Otherwise, the most damage that is done is not to the one that they confronted, but to themselves for feeling they failed and hurt another - most likely a bridge will be burned; a valued friendship/relationship lost; a pristine reputation - mired and tattered.

So, what does this have to do with our topic? There are times when you must confront others; hold them accountable. If not confronted, they can do so much damage - even in churches. For instance, a narcissist personality type (a person who has no empathy for anyone) can spend their entire life learning how to love others. What happens in the meantime? Wounded souls left in their wake. What if no one holds them accountable for their actions that cause harm to so many others? This is where we will examine the story of Joseph.

But first, does God favor one of his children over the other? Let me say that every personality type is important; none is more important or less important - all are important to carry out God's plans for His Kingdom. And in God's design, each one needs another. No one is given everything; they are all dependent on each other to carry out God's plans. Even the personality types that are narcissists have their purpose. For another example, maybe a controlling personality that seeks "power" as a result, strives to become a doctor. My personality type could never do that. I could condition myself to make it through the training, but to think that my actions could possibly lead to someone being paralyzed or worse would prevent me from ever becoming a doctor. I can't imagine the amount of agony I would suffer. In my own struggle of my personal loathing of what I perceived I had become, a failure, during my time in the wilderness, the Lord would share with me over and over, "Why do you question My design?" God loves all His children and we should not be envious with what He shares with another; we should rejoice for they and we are part of the same Kingdom.

From a previously shared writing, dated 4/22/2003: "Debbie, you are covered in finger prints from Heaven. You are a vessel in the making; **one created by her Creator to fulfill the purpose she was designed.** A vessel of Strength, Compassion, Fortitude, Truth, Honesty, and a love for her Creator...." The Lord would show me in later writings that these are the traits, including **Integrity**, that will cause those like me to **SHINE** in the Darkness." These are the traits of the Compassion Warrior and Warriorettes.

We examined "Compassion" in one of the first writings of this year. We have examined "Fortitude" in a writing last month. Now, let's examine Integrity, Favor, and bitterness from the story of Joseph in the Bible. Normally, my husband proofreads my messages, may make a suggestion or two and he is done. But in this case, my husband and I wrote this together. So, this is from a Barnabas personality type and a Moses personality type, which view life from two different perspectives, with a common goal of doing God's will.

To begin, let's examine some characteristics from the "New World Dictionary" of those with "Integrity" which include: sound moral principle, uprightness, honesty, and sincerity. We will start the story, beginning in Genesis 37, where Joseph was put into the pit by his brothers to die - however, there was one brother who didn't want his brother to die and planned to rescue him, later, but did not have enough integrity to stand up against his brothers or even refuse to participate with their plan. So, why did the brothers want to kill their brother? What was his crime to suffer such a punishment? His father gave Joseph a special gift - a special coat, Joseph's mother was not the mother of the other brothers, and then there was the Dream. I have heard folks teach that Joseph should have never shared his dream with his brothers. They were brothers. Why would you not share something with one from your own family. Families have too many secrets from one another. It leads to a lot of Mistrust, Misunderstandings, etc. And then there is JEALOUSY! Even though Joseph's Favor from his father was a gift—meaning there wasn't much Joseph could do about it—he was seen as a threat and therefore should be destroyed/banished/eliminate the competition/cease to exist.

We are shown that Joseph has great Integrity throughout all the tests and trials he has to endure as a result of those who had little to no Integrity. He found Favor, a second time, this time with Potiphar. However, enters Potiphar's wife, who has her own plans for Joseph and used deception and manipulation to unsuccessfully manipulate him to attempt to cause him to compromise his integrity even to the point that he had to spend years in prison for a crime he didn't commit. He was falsely accused - his voice to defend himself was silenced. An interesting point to note, even if he had caved into Potiphar's wife's demands, he would have still been imprisoned without bars - captive to her.

But for God! Looking from God's perspective, He never left Joseph nor did He forsake him. In fact, during this time in prison, God was building and molding Joseph to be the great leader that he would become. Joseph had Favor with God. And God had plans that Joseph had no idea existed. You see, the brothers had caused Joseph to cease to exist as far as they knew. But they knew nothing about the plans God had for their brother that would also bless them and others that would follow—even you and I and beyond.

Even when it comes to the part in the story about the Baker and the Cupbearer, the Cupbearer's lack of integrity and his self absorption leads Joseph to have to stay in prison longer even though Joseph could have been released. After 13 years since being thrown in the pit, Joseph finally gets out of prison because Joseph's God-given ability to interpret Pharaoh's dreams earns Joseph Favor with Pharaoh and as a result Joseph is promoted to the 2nd most important person in Egypt.

Next, we see Joseph's family is suffering. They come to Egypt for help. They do not recognize him; after all he ceased to exist as far as they knew. Joseph wanted to help his family, but could he trust the ones that had cost him so much? Had they changed? He designed a way to test to see if they were still mean and unkind. (He did not trust them blindly.) He then discovers their hearts have changed for the better. He reveals who he really is and lets them know that he forgives them and states something we should all hide in our hearts: Genesis 45:8 "So it was not you who sent me here, but God." Because of Joseph's Integrity and God's Favor on Joseph, Pharaoh found Favor with Joseph and as a result, Joseph's entire family was given Favor and the best land in Egypt; they were the first Israelites.

What was Joseph's crime that got him thrown into the pit? He existed. It was their jealousy and bitterness, etc. that drove them to cause their brother to cease to exist. Too much competition - seek and destroy. In his time in prison, who would have blamed Joseph if he had become Bitter. But all that time, Joseph never quit loving his brothers. If he had, Satan would have won and God's plans, especially those for Joseph, and Israel, would have never come to be. This is the journey from the Pit to the King's Palace. For Joseph, it took 13 years. My personal journey took 12 years and 7 months. Those who have lived to tell the story of their Pit to Palace experience knows from Genesis 50:20, paraphrased, "what was meant for their destruction, God allows for theirs and the good of the Kingdom."

So, Joseph had a non-compromising Integrity. What does Integrity look like? From our observations, Integrity does not manipulate. Integrity does not stonewall—withholding information that others need to make a right choice. Integrity does not exploit another; their talents or abilities. Integrity promotes others. Integrity says I will risk helping someone or will choose God's Ways, even if it hurts deeply. Integrity says I will not side with the mob/majority even if it means I will no longer be accepted. Those with Integrity are concerned about another's well being as well as their own, but their ultimate choices are made based on what is good and right, according to God's Ways and not necessarily man's desires. Those with integrity do not look for the easiest or the least confrontational solution, they look for the solution that best fulfills God's plans and the one that gives Glory to God. These are just some we thought to share - I am sure you have others to add.

In conclusion, let us be humble enough to understand if someone is given Favor, we are not to cast blame on them or be consumed with jealousy. Instead, let us look to see why they are Favored and why we feel we are not. We should look for ways to empower one another rather than reasons to destroy each other—to take the voice of another is to cause them to cease to exist. We are commanded to "Love One Another" as in Luke 10:27. To do so, may require one's own "pit dwelling"/wilderness journey experience.

The following page is a tribute page to thank and honor folks that through their encouragement have caused this website to exist. I have chosen to share of those who have empowered me and therefore, Jubilee, here, rather than those who imprisoned me. There are two treasures that I value most above others. One is a friend. The other is Peace of Mind.

Debbie

*Writings— I have over 40 lbs of Legal size yellow tablet paper of handwritten writings provided to me by the Lord through the Holy Spirit.

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I have never had an opportunity to thank/to honor folks that have impacted my life and in their way, have caused this website to exist. These people in no way are/were perfect. They are/were flawed - we all are. There is no particular order. First, I want to thank Sally. Sally was the inspiration for this message. She helped me discover and uncover my own Integrity. My concern for others, their well being, their property, fairness, and even honoring a loved one who had passed away and could not defend themselves, etc. has caused me to be misunderstood and maligned, and even hated and of course, banished, because I dared to say "No" when others chose the easier path. Sally, also, along with her husband at their Christian radio station, [WPRZ, 88.1 FM](http://WPRZ) and www.wprz.org are responsible for my "falling in love" with the Creator of the Universe. It wasn't a pew; it was a radio station where I learned that God loved Me. It was their devotion and integrity to God's desires that gave me an opportunity to discover my one truest friend, the Creator of the Universe.

My mother: She was the best mother that I could have ever asked for; the greatest gift she gave me—she taught me courage—to stand up for what is right. My mother-in-law taught me how to surrender with grace. I watched over a 20 year time frame as she went from living in a beautiful big house to a tiny one room convalescent apartment. She loved to swim; she developed Parkinson's Disease and couldn't swim. She received great admiration for her painting talents; she developed eye problems and couldn't paint or read or do cross word puzzles that she loved to do. In the end, I watched her surrender her ability to walk; she was confined to a wheel chair. And then, she couldn't speak. And during all that time, she never caused me or my husband to suffer from any false guilt. She never blamed anyone for her discomforts. She appreciated every moment that you had to spend with her. I loved our time together. She was my friend.

My friend, Y. When everyone, I mean not even my husband, encouraged me to pursue what is now known as understanding personality traits, she said, "I think you've got something." She encouraged me to continue and so I did. It was the beginning of my Healing. She even gave input as we discovered/uncovered and documented the addictive natures of folks. Without her, there would have not been a website; there may have not been a Debbie. There was another named Sally, who read my very first writing and showed me what a treasure I had been given and to never discard it - and now I have over 2000 (over 40 lbs of paper of writings.) And then there was my friend, who loved "His Words" at the website so much she sent them to Michael W. Smith to see if they would inspire him to write a song using them.

Jean and Betty, my Mother's friends, befriended me when my mother passed away. My Aunt Violet taught me practical applications; to take what you have and work with it despite what you lack. The difficulties of life and the constant agitation stirred up by her narcissistic brothers and sisters, left her bitter. For that reason, when I asked the Lord into my heart, the one thing I asked that He would never allow me to be bitter.

My husband: the greatest guy in the whole wide world. And my friend, my former Real Estate Broker. It was through his ability to value what the Lord had given to me and sharing with so many folks for a decade that led him to share with the one person who God used to launch the website around the globe. But of all the advice that I have ever received from anyone, he gave me the best. I was an agent and he was my broker. I had surrendered my Real Estate career that I loved, before I developed my illness. I was starting a new one with a new broker and Company. I shake. I shake terribly when nervous; my arms will fly every which way. At that time, I limped due to what I now know was a malfunctioning thyroid. It was so embarrassing. And I had a listing appointment. He was to go with me. He couldn't go. I was going to have to go by myself. The pressure of what if I started shaking; what effect would that have on his company? With tears in my eyes, I will share what he said. He said, "Debbie, here's what we'll do. If you start shaking uncontrollably, you hand them my card and have them give me a call, and when I get on the phone, I will tell them if you give her the listing, she will leave." I went and wasn't nervous: I couldn't help but laugh to myself the entire appointment. No one had ever empowered me with that kind of confidence. You see, he is Catholic and at that time he had at least 3 little mouths to feed and he struggled; his company was new. How can you not love someone like that. That was in the mid 90's; he still responds when I send an email—even having moved to another state and now with many children.

I owe these people in ways I can never repay. They will always go wherever the Lord leads me; they will forever be in my heart. As for the others, I have no room in my heart for those who hate. I have been promised I don't have to be bitter. As they say, I can choose to be better! And that is my choice, to see myself as God sees me and not accept a false label others choose to place on me that I don't deserve and am unable to defend! I am my mother's daughter.