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FROM THE BISHOP'S DESK: Immanuel – God With Skin On

It was a dark and stormy night. Thunder rolling. Lightening flashing. A family was sleeping. After one booming clap of thunder, the little son yelled out from his room, “Daddy! Daddy! I’m scared.”

The father replied, “Don’t be afraid. God is with you.”

The son yelled back, “I know God is here, but I need somebody with skin on.”

Isn’t that what we often need, and want, in our lives – somebody with “**skin on**” - to pray with us, hold us close, tell us we are loved, offer forgiveness, just be there?

That’s exactly what God did.

Jesus - God’s Only Son, One-Third of the Trinity, Messiah, Redeemer, Supreme Sacrifice, King of kings, Lord of lords, Savior - clothed Himself in flesh, in skin, in humanity so we would know that Somebody with “**skin on**.”

As Christians, God’s Forgiven People, the Redeemed, we are called “the body of Christ.” (**Romans 7:14; 1 Corinthians 10:16 & 12:27; Ephesians 4:12**) As Christ lives in us, works through us, speaks to us, we are the human representation of the Risen Savior – with “**skin on**.” Our words, actions, thoughts must be Christ-like; we must truly be Christians, His flock, His Church, His Body with “**skin on**.”

Jesus commanded and commissioned us to **GO & TELL!** As His praying, moving, breathing, loving, caring, embracing Body, we can show the world our Savior, our Messiah, our King Who loves them and died for them. We are to be Jesus with “**skin on**” to a world who wants and needs someone to be with them as they seek Hope.

This Thanksgiving and Christmas season, let us be more like Christ, asking “*What Would Jesus Do?*” and sharing His message of Hope, Love & Forgiveness with our family, friends, neighbors and communities. Let us be Jesus with “**skin on**” to a world that is scared, confused, hurt, abandoned, unloved and needing Jesus, our Hope, Immanuel, God with us.

GO & TELL!



PERSPECTIVES FROM THE FIRST LADY: Major Moments - Presence

It was a scheduled Cesarean, supposedly with no complications. Complications had arisen, both my son and me were in immediate danger. We were both experiencing life threatening situations. He had been born and then was whisked away to deal with his health issues while my blood pressure continued to skyrocket. I distinctly remember a large, African

American nurse placing warm blankets on top of my body while I continued to shiver uncontrollably. That’s the last thing I remember. I awoke the next day to a room filled with family members who had been praying all night for my son and me. Several days later, I asked to speak to the nurse who had worked the night shift and had placed all the warm blankets on my body. After describing her to my current nurse, she explained to me that there was not a nurse that met those characteristics on the hospital staff at that time. That’s when I knew. The Lord had sent an angel to take care of me!

I knew biblical stories of angels, but I was skeptical of the “angel” articles that were on the front page of a tabloid. No one in our religious circles was having these discussions. After my first hand experience, I believed that angels were still sent to assist us! From that moment on, I became keenly aware that the Lord had a specific plan for my son and me. A plan I knew nothing of except...listen to His voice and live for Him.

The Lord told Moses in **Exodus 23:20**, “*Behold, I send an angel before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared.*” Daniel speaks of angels in **Daniel 6:22**, “*My God sends his angel to shut the lions’ mouths, and they have not harmed me because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.*”

29 years have passed since the life threatening/angel revealing moment! I can tell you today that the experience has not decreased in majesty. When I take time to reflect upon that major moment or share it with a friend, my eyes still tear up and I get goose bumps...the Holy Ghost kind. Angels? Absolutely! For me? Absolutely! For you? Without a doubt!

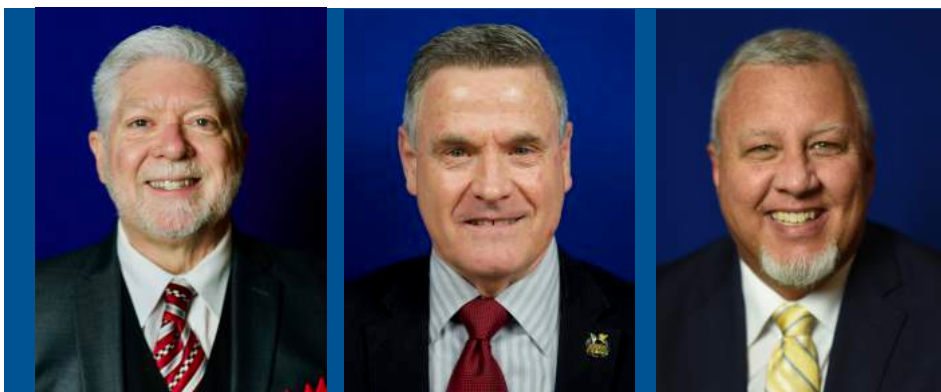
Psalm 91:11, “*For he will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways*” and **Luke 22:4**, “*And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him.*”

God has a specific plan for YOU! His angels are there, guarding and providing strength. His Word declares it and I believe it with every cell of my restored body!

Still proclaiming! Michelle



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2022 Calendar



JANUARY

- 7 First Friday Fast
- 27-30 Accelerant – Gatlinburg, TN

FEBRUARY

- 4 First Friday Fast
- 26 School of Ministry- Tulsa, OK

MARCH

- 1 Great Commission Meal – Ada, OK
- 3 Great Commission Meal – McAlester, OK
- 4 First Friday Fast
- 5 Great Commission Meal – Tulsa, OK
- 8 Great Commission Meal – Siloam Springs, AR
- 10 Great Commission Meal – Russellville, AR
- 12 Great Commission Meal – Houston, MO

APRIL

- 1 First Friday Fast
- 7-10 SCU 75th Anniversary Celebration
- 10 Palm Sunday
- 15 Good Friday
- 17 Easter Sunday
- 23 EQUIP – Tulsa SpiritLife

MAY

- 6 First Friday Fast
- 7 SCU Graduation
- 22 Run for the Wall

JUNE

- 3 First Friday Fast
- 7-10 NHM Junior Camp - TMCC
- 13-17 NHM Teen Camp – TMC
- 24 DESTINY - Tulsa SpiritLife
- 25 Conference Session - Tulsa SpiritLife

JULY

- 1 First Friday Fast
- 4 Independence Day
- 22-25 Youth Quest - Jacksonville, FL
- 26-29 29th General Conference

AUGUST

- 5 First Friday Fast
- 13 School of Ministry – Tulsa, OK

SEPTEMBER

- 2 First Friday Fast

OCTOBER (Pastor Appreciation Month)

- 3 TheGathering – TBA
- 6-8 Minister Spouse Retreat
- 7 First Friday Fast
- 9 Pastor Appreciation Sunday
- 17 TheGathering – TBA
- 20 TheGathering – TBA
- 24 TheGathering – TBA
- 27 TheGathering – TBA

NOVEMBER

- 4-5 SCU Homecoming
- 4 First Friday Fast
- 24 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 2 First Friday Fast
- 25 Christmas Day

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Red	NHM Events
Blue	Women's/Men's Ministries
Green	Family Ministries
Brown	Clergy Development/WIN
Purple	IPHC Events
Orange	School of Ministry

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