



How can we continue to grow through what we go through?
How do we bloom and

what does the blooming look like?

Romans 15:4 (KJV) - For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

What does it mean to grow?

Definition: GROW - (1) to undergo natural development by increasing in size and changing physically; progress to maturity. (2) become larger or greater over a period of time; increase

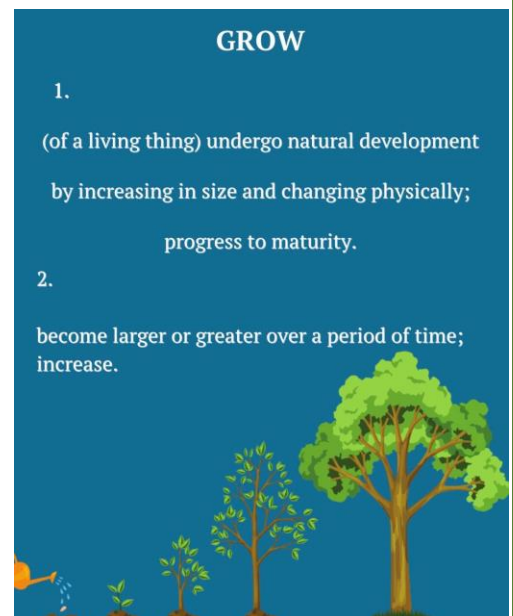
- The growth that we want is a spiritual growth in:
 - Our faith
 - Our wisdom
 - Our understanding

So that we can mature, into that beautifully wise ripen age and gain our crown and ultimately the kingdom

Ecclesiasticus 26:17 (Apocrypha) - As the clear light is upon the holy candle stick: so is the beauty of the face in ripe age.

- Behind beauty is a wise woman
- This verse refers to an aged woman who has wisdom

Definition: BLOOM - (1) produce flowers; be in flower.
(2) come into or be in full beauty or health; flourish



(3) become radiant and glowing.

- **This is what we want spiritually!**
 - We want to be in full beauty and flourish spiritually
 - We are all different flowers and we have our own blooming that we have to come to.

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Article: *Bloom Where You Are Planted*

They say that pressure and stress create beautiful things. Diamonds withstand incredible pressure during their creation. The clam deals with the annoying piece of sand during the creation of a pearl. The caterpillar deals with the stress and pressure of creating and being wrapped in a cocoon and having to break free before finding freedom in a new form. There are some types of plants and flowers that only bloom and grow after being burnt in a fire.



[Ecclesiasticus 2:5-6 \(Apocrypha\)](#) - For gold is tried in the fire, and acceptable men in the furnace of adversity. Believe in him, and he will help thee, order thy way aright, and trust in him.

- To become **pure gold** we must be tried in the fire
- We are tried thru adversity
- Ref: James 1:2 - My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;
 - The Most High chastens those he love
 - If you endure you will come through stronger
 - EX: Being in the gym and working out to the point of your muscles burning and actually excited about the burn (**THIS IS HOW WE HAVE TO LOOK AT OUR TRIALS**)

Bakers Globe Mallow

Consider the incredibly rare [Baker's Globe Mallow](#), a flower that only blooms following the destruction of a forest. After a fire ravages an area of trees, these cup-shaped pink-purple flowers quickly appear across the ravaged landscape, bringing beauty from ashes. The flower requires high heat to break the outer shell of its seeds, which is why they only appear following a wildfire. Notably, they have appeared in areas where there haven't been fires in almost 100 years, backing the supposition that the seeds can lie dormant for many years.



“The seeds can lie dormant for many years” = We do not bloom to our full potential right away

- The fire = trials and tribulations we must endure patiently
- Just like the Bakers Globe Mallow, if we endure patiently we will bloom in our season

- Not just what is happening around us but what about what is happening within us?

Leaning into the Heat

Destruction and change come hand in hand. But how often do we really want that destruction and change to come when we know it means pain, intense pressure or stress? We shy away, knowing that if we lean into that shifting, into that shaking, into that pain, we will not come out unscathed. We will be changed.

And while it's not pleasant, it is so important to our own growth. Like the flower that blooms after a forest fire, everything must die so that it may live and bloom, bringing beauty from the ashes. While it's not pleasant to see such destruction, consider the flower and how it blooms, regardless of what is around it. It uses that heat and pressure to transform it into something beautiful. Similarly, we often are faced with difficult challenges. We retreat within ourselves for weeks, months, and sometimes even years. The outer shell refusing to open. What if we bloomed where we were planted, regardless of what was happening around us?

Jeremiah 1:10 (KJV) - See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

- Just as destruction is coming to the other nations, we ourselves have things in us that need to come out of us!



WE DELIGHT IN THE BEAUTY OF THE BUTTERFLY, BUT RARELY ADMIT THE CHANGES IT HAS GONE THROUGH TO ACHIEVE THAT BEAUTY.

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Planted With A Closed Womb

Many sisters deal with the issue of trying to have children, miscarriages, or fetal demise ...

Ecclesiasticus 40:1 (Apocrypha) - Great travail is created for every man, and a heavy yoke is upon the sons of Adam, from the day that they go out of their mothers womb, til the day that they return to the mother of all things.

- Everyone's travail is different

1 Corinthians 10:13 (KJV) - There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

- Statistics show that miscarriage rates are over 40% higher in black women
 - Study taken in the UK and other countries
- So not only is this common today, this was also happening to our foremothers!

Foremother: HANNA

1 Samuel 1:2-10 (KJV) - And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. **3** And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there. **4** And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: **5** But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb. **6** And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb. **7** And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat. **8** Then said

Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons? **9** So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD. **10** And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.

- Hanna had no children, The Most High shut up her womb
- Being an Israelite woman today and knowing our role, many of us desire to have children.
- When we are unable to - it brings a lot of emotion
 - We cry, have bitterness, even depression
 - Hanna experienced these same emotions

1 Samuel 1:11-16 (KJV) - And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head. **12** And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth. **13** Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken. **14** And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee. **15** And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD. **16** Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.

- Hanna's lord thought she was drunk
- This is how sorrowful she was
- The same pain and frustrations that we experience were the same feelings our foremother Hanna experienced

Psalms 127:3 (KJV) - Lo, children are a heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

- Children may not be given to all of us at this time
- Ultimately it is up to The Most High to open our womb
- If you are that sister that wants a child or has been struggling to have a child, consider the following:
 - Are you **SELF-EXAMINING?**
 - Are you **SINCERE IN YOUR WALK?**
 - Are you **APPLYING SCRIPTURE?**
 - Do you continue to **PRAY & FAST?**
 - Do you **ASK YOUR LORD TO ANNOINT YOU?**
 - Did you **CHANGE YOUR DIET?**
 - Are you trying **HERBS & VAGI-STEAMS?**
 - Does **YOUR WORKS PROVE YOUR FAITH?**

Foremother: RACHEL

Genesis 29:31-32 (KJV)- And when the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren. **32** And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.

- Jacob worked 14 yrs for Rachel, he loved Rachel but Leah was hated
 - Leah made a statement that: **"Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me."**
 - Some sisters may feel that their lord is bitter toward them because they are unable to conceive → DO NOT ASSUME: Instead have a conversation with your lord.

Genesis 30:1 (KJV) - And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die.

- Now Rachel is upset and became envious and jealous
- These are spirits that you can take on if this is happening to you
 - We don't want to walk in these spirits.
 - **Ecclesiasticus 6:6 (Apocrypha)** - But a grief of heart and sorrow, is a woman that is jealous over another woman, and a scourge of the tongue which communicateth withall.

MESSAGE FOR OLDER SINGLE SISTERS (40's and older)

- You may feel that you are running out of time but we have to remember to wait on The Most High
- Everything is in The Most High's timing
- Do not move in haste and ignore the red flags
 - This will cause many issues in the marriage

Psalms 27:14 (KJV) - **Wait on the Lord:** be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: **wait, I say,** on the Lord.

- The Most High said **WAIT** twice!

Wisdom of Solomon 4:1(Apocrypha) - Better it is to have no children, and to have virtue: for the memorial thereof is immortal: because it is known with God and with men.

- It's better to have virtue with no children than children with no virtue
- VIRTUE = RIGHTEOUSNESS
- Wait on The Most High and keep your virtue
- **Wisdom of Solomon 3:13 (Apocrypha)** - Their of-spring is cursed: wherefore blessed is the barren that is undefiled, which hath not known the sinful bed: she shall have fruit in the visitation of souls.
 - **Psalms 113:9 (KJV)** - He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD.
 - This is our patience and faith that we will have children here or in the kingdom
 - We must learn to be content with what we have now
 - **Judges 13:2-3 (KJV)** - And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare not. 3 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.
 - Manoah was barren, but the Angel of the Lord told her she would bear a son
 - The Most High can open up your womb
 - **Ex:** Foremothers whose wombs were opened & they conceived a son -
 - **Hannah had Samuel**
 - **Manoah had Samson**
 - **Sarah had Jacob**
 - **Elizabeth had John the Baptist**
 - **Leah & Rachel conceived**

Luke 1:36-37 (KJV) - And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

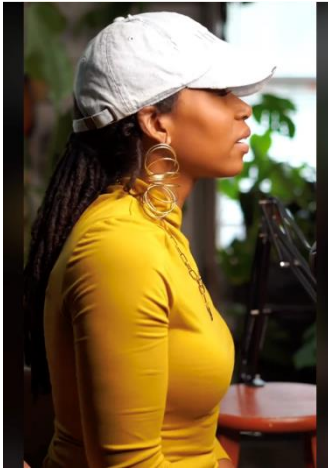
- With God, nothing is impossible!

MISCARRIAGES & FETAL DEMISE

- If you give birth to a baby that die in your womb (stillborn) - it is a very emotional and difficult things to endure
- We have to lean on each other and know we are not alone

Video: **Seasoned Dialogue (TikTok)**

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- Sometimes it just hurts and that is just OK
- [Ecclesiasticus 38:17 \(Apocrypha\)](#) - Weep bitterly, and make great moan, and use lamentation, as he is worthy, and that a day or two, lest thou be evil spoken of: and then comfort thyself for thy heaviness.
 - Weep and mourn but just don't stay there
- [Job 3:13-19 \(KJV\)](#) - For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest, **14** With kings and counselors of the earth, which built desolate places for themselves; **15** Or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver: **16** Or as an hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants which never saw light. **17** There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest. **18** There the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor. **19** The small and great are there; and the servant is free from his master.
 - This should be a comfort because it lets you know the baby is at rest
- [Job 42:10 \(KJV\)](#) - And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.
 - Let the trials of Job console you
 - [2 Esdras 6:21 \(Apocrypha\)](#) - And the children of a year old shall speak with their voices, the women with child shall bring forth untimely children, of three or four months old: and they shall live, and be raised up.
 - We will be popping out children in the kingdom.
- [Mark 10:29-30 \(KJV\)](#) - And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, **30** But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.
 - In this time you will gain more
 - We must look at in terms of gaining:
 - Brothers, sisters, nephews & nieces
 - We are not to be envious of our sisters who are able to give birth
 - Sometimes the growth can be in - CONTINUING TO DO THE WORK
 - In this phase you are blossoming where The Most High has planted you
 - We all bloom differently and in different seasons at different times
 - [Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 \(KJV\)](#) - To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: **2** A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; **3** A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; **4** A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; **5** A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; **6** A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; **7** A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep

silence, and a time to speak; **8** A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

- There is a **TIME** for **EVERYTHING**
- Blooms come and they go! = WILT & GROW
 - We have had examples with our Mother Shamarah & Mother Paryah and the trials they have endured with their lords.
 - We were able to see them endure and become strengthened from the trials they faced
 - They flourished and glowed in their blooming
 - When we endure our trials and face them head on - WE GROW & BLOOM

BEING PLANTED IN A SICKLY BODY

James 5:13-16 (KJV)- Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. **14** Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: **15** And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. **16** Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

- How can we grow through being planted in a sickly body?
 - o Reach out to leadership ask to be anointed
 - o Committed any sins? → Confess & Ask for forgiveness
 - If you are holding on to things in your spirit, (grudges, envy, hatred) = It can manifest in the physical
 - It's important to self-examine and make sure you are addressing these issues so that The Most High can heal you physically.
 - Bitterness of heart can show up as inflammation and disease in the body
- **Matthew 6:22-23 (KJV)**- The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. **23** But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great *is* that darkness!
 - o What are you holding on to? → This is the darkness!
- **Proverbs 17:22(KJV)** - A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

So, what exactly is blooming in each scenario?

Planted With A Closed Womb

- Blooming is not “the getting pregnant” part, that’s the reward
- Blooming is – Remaining faithful to The Most High and patient in your trial

Being Planted In A Sickly Body

- The bloom isn’t “I overcame this illness”
- The bloom here is Remaining faithful and pushing through each day knowing there’s a greater reward
- The bloom is facing fears, overcoming obstacles, & sharing experiences from the growth of others
- **Ecclesiasticus 40:27 (Apocrypha)** - “The fear of the Lord is a fruitful garden, and covereth him above all glory.”

- If we all GROW through what we GO THROUGH, and stay faithful - we will all be a fruitful garden

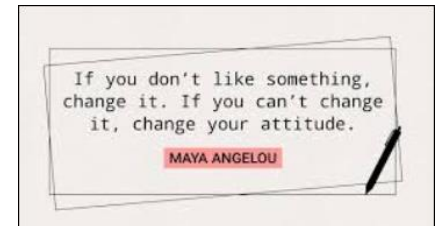
5 Ways To Bloom Where You Are Planted

1. Embrace the Challenge

- Realize that the difficult times are only for a season
- Situations change and opportunities will arise
- This means leaning into the heat → The purpose is to build you
- Philippians 4:11-13(KJV)** - Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. **12** I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. **13** I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

2. Stop Complaining

- It is the first defense mechanism
- Find ways to laugh
- Our attitude is what make things easier – maintain a positive attitude
- Control what you can control



3. Focus on Others

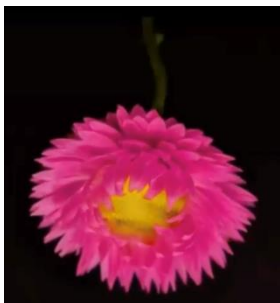
- In times of challenge it is easy to turn inward, but this is the wrong time to isolate yourself.
- Take time to focus on others – family, friends, those in need, etc...
- This will help remind you that there is more to life than your current situation
- Philippians 2:4(KJV)** - Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

4. Celebrate the Small Things

- It is easy to point fingers in difficult times
- It is easy to succumb to frustration or anger
- It is easy to lose sight of everything that is happening in our lives
- Take time to celebrate the things that are happening to you and your family

5. Visualize The Future

- When we are challenged with difficult situations we have a tendency to get stuck
- One way to get out the rut, is to visualize where you want to go
- Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)** - Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.
 - Make sure you have the ability to stand (not shaken, wavering), but planted
 - Make sure you don't have any weeds around you (Be with like-minded people)
- Romans 8:35 (KJV)** - Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?



Video: Nature Symphony (TikTok)
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