

OAK CLIFF
BIBLE FELLOWSHIP



FOR WOMEN AT
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ALL ABOUT WOMEN



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“And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6 NASB

God has been real to me since 5 or 6 years of age. At which point, it was apparent to me that my faith in God was strong. With that said, I also knew through faith, I would be married with kids and live happily ever after. I never imagined how much of a challenge this would be for me.

In 2008, my husband and I began dating and quickly agreed that God had to be the center of our everything because we were clueless. So began our journey to discover what God had to say about marriage. We went through the Spiritual Growth class while overlapping our premarital class all in the pursuit of God's wisdom and guidance. We

got our first answer with a green light for marriage. Well I still wanted to have a say in the matter.

So I did an internal evaluation, and decided that this marriage I had prepared for in Jesus's name would be more effort and sacrifice than I was willing to bare. So I decided I was going to call it off! (Please note the amount of "I"s used above.) So this moment in my life was headed into one of the few times I was not leaning on my faith to see me through. Thankfully God, who is truly faithful, gently urged me to come to Him in prayer so He could have the last say. After doing so, it was clear to me that my husband was God's faithful yes in my life.

This year will mark 10 years of faithful marriage, yet it has not been easy. Because while I had faith in God, I was not faithful to seek His plan. I assumed that if I gave it my all, I would surely get my vision of happily ever after. I did not realize the vast difference between God's happily ever after and mine. With all my pursuits to discover what God had to say about marriage, I had missed the realization that marriage was not about my happiness, but His Glory! So now my pursuit is to be an excellent wife, the crown of my husband by seeking God's road maps or me. (Proverbs 12:4) Through faith, God is showing me that righteousness in Him is not easy and will require sacrifice. Yet, I look forward to each day with my husband despite myself. Through Faithfulness, whether married or single, we overcome.

A true sinner saved by God's grace. Though saved since age of 5 and seeking after God, it wasn't until she attended Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church that she began to grow spiritually. She is a devoted wife of one - Tony LaTour and a devoted mother of three beautiful children. Education has always been an important part of her life which she pursued through a Master's Degree; however, family has been her true passion since she was a child.

THIS MONTH'S VERSE FOR MEMORY/MEDITATION:

*"And David shepherded them with integrity of heart;
with skillful hands he led them." —Psalm 78:72*

MARCH PRAYER FOCUS

Let us continue to pray for our church, pastor and leadership at OCBF may they continue to work with integrity of heart and skill of hand.