



**THE WOMEN AT THE WELL  
NEWSLETTER  
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**WELCOME NOTE**



Hello there  
Welcome to  
#Issue 2 of The  
Women At The  
Well  
Newsletter.  
My name is  
Frances Okoro,  
Founder of  
TWTW and I'm  
excited to  
present this  
newsletter to  
you!

I pray that you are blessed by all we have for you in this issue!  
Dig in and be transformed. God bless you!

**WOMEN'S CORNER**

**Raising An Army Of God's Women**

For as long as I can remember, Deborah has been my mentor from Bible times – or more correctly, she has been the warrior I want to become.

Maybe she appealed to me because of her obvious strong personality.

***“Deborah, the wife of Lappidoth, was a prophet who was judging Israel at that time.***

***She would sit under the Palm of Deborah, between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites would go to her for judgment.”***

***-Judges 4:4&5***

Or maybe it was because of the fact that she could be a wife to Lappidoth and still be on fire for God... Whatever sentimentality tugged at my heart as regards Deborah, the fact remains that I personally believe that in these times – in the spiritual army the Lord is raising right now, every woman should be a Deborah of her time.

Deborah had the spiritual angle covered – she was a prophet in Israel who walked in tune with God at every point in time.

She had her marital angle covered – Lappidoth the head over her maritally allowed her to function in her God-given purpose.

And she had the bravery and courage angle covered  
***-Judges 4:6-9***

Have you ever seen a woman leading an army of 10,000 men to war?

One woman did; her name was Deborah.

One woman can do the same again; her name can be yours.

God is looking for women who will rise up and be part of the army He is raising in these end times. For too long we have been women who have been content to see and be wrapped up with the small picture – men, toys and little flames in our spiritual lives.

No.

God is calling out to women who will be on fire for Him. Women who will have the spiritual angle of hearing His voice and being hungry for Him intact.

Women who will understand that even their marriages are given so that they can better reach more for God – One will chase a thousand and two will chase ten thousand.

And the only thing required for the Deborah of our times to arise is availability.

You don't have to be strong in yourself – you simply have to be willing to let the strong one – God - live and dwell in you and be obedient to His voice.

As part of the army of women God is raising right now, your post may not be in a physical army; your post may be in a school or in a hospital or even in your home... all God is asking is “are you willing to be a vessel for me? To walk with me every step of the way? To obey my voice and the orders of the commander of the heavenly army?”

If you are, then you are qualified. Your availability qualifies you to be used. He will do the rest.

**Prayer:** Lord I have been wrapped up with many other things for so long. Please forgive me. Now, I want to be arise in your army. Where you want me to go I will go. What you want me to do, I will do. Use me Lord.

***“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”***

***-Isaiah 6:8***

**MEN'S CORNER:**

**The Need For Praying Men**

***“In every place of worship, I want men to pray with holy hands lifted up to God, free from anger and controversy.”***

***-1 Timothy 2:8***

It would seem like in the Bible days, praying men were encouraged and applauded. Paul categorically told men to pray. But somehow in these days we are all struck by a man kneeling before God because it is no longer the norm.

How did we get from a place where men were encouraged to pray to this place where the sight of a man praying seems strange to say the least?

Somehow the god of this world – satan has deceived both men and women to believe that prayer is a woman's thing. And so when prayer meetings are called for in Churches the women form a larger ratio.

Even back in homes, women are the ones who wake up at night to pray with the men never batting an eye lid while she goes to war spiritually.

How did the spiritual authority of men in prayer become practically eroded to nothingness? And how do we get men back to lifting holy hands in prayer to God?

I think the lacunae crept up as a result of men not really understanding the spiritual authority that they wield in their homes. Job understood this.

***“When these celebrations ended--sometimes after several days--Job would purify his children. He would get up early in the morning and offer a burnt offering for each of them. For Job said to himself, “Perhaps my children have sinned and have cursed God in their hearts.” This was Job's regular practice.”***

***-Job 1:5***

Job prayed for his children; standing in the gap for them even for their sins before God.

If a man cannot even pray for himself then how can he pray for the children and wife God blesses him with?

Oh we need praying men...

Men who would rise up and think nothing about kneeling and prostrating before the king of kings with their hearts rend before him.

Men whose first port of call after their wives share an issue with them is to go to God in prayer.

Men who can carry God's presence every where they go because they receive a touch from heaven in the secret place.

Men who can contend with heaven and hell for the lives of their families and loved ones.

Can that man be you oh dear brother?

**Prayer:** Lord pour upon me once again the Spirit of prayer and supplication.

***“Then I will pour out a spirit of grace and prayer on the family of David and on the people of Jerusalem...”***

***-Zechariah 12:10***

**MY TWTW STORY BY BENITA**



You know God's ministry when you step into it.

July last year, I attended my first ever TWTW Meet. It was a Meet that turned my life around for good.

At that July meet, I saw imperfect ladies yearning for perfection; it was like God just opened a lot of mouths and we kept sharing our challenges to one another.

Now, I fought A LOT of battles in my mind before I finally braced up to attend the Meet. I got to the gate of the venue and while I was still contemplating whether to enter the gate or run, from the security men, to the receptionist and everyone else, gave me very warm welcome; the type exclusive to VIPs.

I learnt things from that Meet and our weekly Friday Bible studies have helped me make tough decisions. I am so grateful to God for my TWTW sisters! These ladies don't make me feel ashamed. There was this day I wanted to go for a TWTW Meet, I kept telling God I am too ashamed to go this far, what if an old friend sees me without a ring on my finger... And God kept saying “I have taken away your shame. Even when people around you make you feel irredeemable, these ladies don't”. These TWTW sisters of mine kept telling me (with words and actions) “we love you, we love you” till I over believed! And Frances is never tired of carrying my matter on top her head.

Today I am unashamed!

**LESSONS FROM TWTW “WOMEN AS HOMEMAKERS STUDY”**

From discussions about keeping a home, to raising godly kids, TWTW sisters and I dished out on a lot this season.

**So here is a little of what we dug into just for you.**

**So who is a home maker?**

A homemaker is one with the ability to keep a home, and it is the responsibility of the woman. Most of us look at our mothers and wonder how they get it all together, sometimes we even envy and coat it with self-doubt and conclude within ourselves, even before we start that we just can't be homemakers. It's not easy, how can I juggle my career and a home? I'm not built that way...we haven't started and yet we have failed in our hearts.

The first step to being a homemaker (as well as anything else in life) is to have the right mindset. As women we have been graced with uniqueness, multi-tasking skills, intuition, capabilities, a womb, nurturing abilities, kindness, compassion, and love. It's imbued in us.

Before becoming a wife and mother, we must know;

1. Who we are in Christ.
2. The value God places on us
3. That we need to see ourselves the way God sees us.
4. That we need to know the gifts and talents God has imbedded in us.

This knowledge helps us live the lives God wants us to, as well as imbibe them into our children because without this fore knowledge of who we are, pointing us into realizing our full potentials as homemakers, we are already setting ourselves up for a flop in marriage as the mindset is still defective. (P.s this knowledge is attained by constant study of God's word)

Secondly, preparation. The process to being a home maker isn't automatic. There's training involved. The fact that it is imbued in us only goes to show that it is possible and not that we will not train for it to manifest. It's like being given a gift, it's yours forever but unless you open it, you can't access it. The first learning place is our home. It is where we learn to be submissive, to be self-sacrificing, to cook, to clean, to organize. However it's not the only learning place. For those who missed this opportunity while growing up, whose siblings, parents or house-helpers probably performed the duties, chores and attended to all their needs and later on they find out the challenge of being different things to different people, especially their husband and children, single-hood is another time to learn. Involve God, He'll shine light on your flaws and help you in correcting them. He'll place people, circumstances, in our paths to teach us; in our workplace, school, church and our families. Become intentional about becoming a good homemaker, wife and mother someday. Develop and improve your skills. Equip yourself spiritually, physically, mentally.

Thirdly, planning and balancing. A homemaker is a wife, mother, cook, baker, grocery shopper, cleaner, organizer all rolled into one. To properly birth these potentials, there must be planning and balance with the right system and structures that'll fit the time and season. Having a plan helps put things in perspective. Also balance out your plans, if you have to get a house-help, ensure that all she really does is to HELP and not take over the mother or wife roles. The husband's help is also needed here but balance helps you realize it's just HELP he is to offer. Don't forget that it's your duty and nag him to death. Don't turn over the table in your planning and in turn exchange roles, balance it out.

#### Other lessons:

- Our duty as a homemaker is also calling, a ministry, a purpose that is just as important as your primary calling/profession/purpose. Failure is tantamount to dishonour of God's word. Titus 2:5b.

- To function properly as homemakers, we need to have the unselfish kind of love, Gal 5:22 The kind that the Holy Spirit sheds abroad in our hearts, the sacrificial love which gives its best even when it's not served back in the same measure. The kind of enduring love that kept Abraham and Sarah together, despite their childlessness. And without the help of Holy Spirit who produces genuine love in us, a woman might find out that she is soon overwhelmed with the 'chaos' and left without any option than to see loving her husband and children as a duty instead of a natural thing. This is the kind of love that keeps us going when the kids or your husband seems demanding. Love has been ABUNDANTLY shed abroad in our hearts so it's there. Don't think, I can't, remember the talk of knowing who we are and what we possess? A homemaker is supposed to be hospitable and welcoming which can be demanding and tasking, this love helps us do that.

- Wherever you are, stay with God, stay with the word, be in the place of prayer and God will give each as according to her, the armour of homemaking. The foundation is prayers and a relationship with God.

We are homemakers and there is nothing wrong with that. If done well, we do not just serve our families, we also serve God.

***In this way they will teach young women to show love to their husbands and children, to use good judgment, and to be morally pure. Also, tell them to teach young women to be homemakers, to be kind, and to place themselves under their husbands' authority. Then no one can speak evil of God's word."***

**-Titus 2:4&**

## TWTW MEETS: Thus Far The Lord Has Led Us – Chinyere Distinguished Anoke

When I look back at how what we have as TWTW Nigeria today started, I can't help but stand in awe of this AMAZING God! I still remember our first Meet like yesterday, because it strategically propelled me to where I am today.



The first TWTW Meet (it wasn't even called that sef 'cause we had no name then) was attended by 8 ladies who came to honor Frances Okoro's invite to a Christian ladies hangout with her at Nike Art Gallery. We were just ladies looking to have some good girlfriend time, sight-seeing the Nike Art Gallery, having godly conversations, and sharing ideas with each other. That was in November 2015

Fast Forward to today, what seemed like a one-off meet has since evolved and is continuously growing into what God has before time predestined it to be. TWTW after that first Meet now holds live Meets every quarter in Lagos. We have also held live Meets in Ekiti, Port Harcourt and Benin.



Our first Meet this year was a bridge between Naomis-The List, Becoming God's Own Kind Of Woman, and Ruths where older and experienced Christian ladies (our Naomis) and we TWTW ladies (aka Ruths) met. We (Ruths) asked our Naomis questions that have hitherto beguiled our minds, from career related questions, to relationship, to personal development, to marriage, etc. Special thanks to our TWTW Mummy, Auntie Salt Bola Essien, who has bought over the Naomi-Ruth Meets; she has promised to host us twice every year for similar Meets. She already started fulfilling her promise by hosting us in May. You can read all about it on our blog, [www.4thewomenatthewell.com](http://www.4thewomenatthewell.com).

Today, we are having our first TWTW Conference which includes our brothers in this awe-amazing thing God is doing amongst us. We have always desired an opportunity to share God's word and fellowship with our brothers and today, at the right time, God has given us a platform for this. Henceforth, every June, we will have TWTW Conferences which accommodates both ladies and gents and together will drink the water from the Well – Christ.

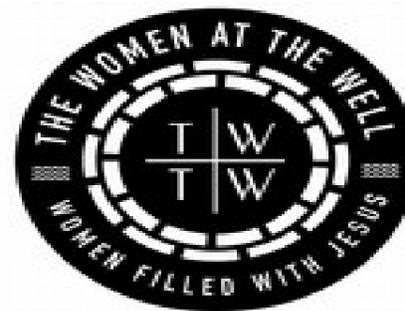
Since the outset of TWTW in 2015, we have steadily had incredible #Testimonies Arising ranging from Salvation testimonies of new members and that of our loved ones, to employment and promotions of our sisters in different fields, to safety on the highways and protection from all forms of disaster – fire, road accidents, kidnap, armed robbery attacks, etc., to marriages and safe delivery of babies and projects.

Indeed, God has been FAITHFUL to us at the Well. God bless you Frances for obeying God to start this vision.

## ABOUT THE WOMEN AT THE WELL

The Women At The Well' was birthed in November 2015 in response to an ache the founder, Frances Okoro felt in her heart. Too many single women currently walk around with emptiness in their hearts – an emptiness that is more often than not caused by the lack of a husband in

their lives. And so 'The Women At The Well' is based on The woman at the well in John Chapter



We are simply committed to raising Christian women bound by the love of Christ. Women who desire to be filled with and of Jesus. Women who understand that only Jesus can fill them up and are simply eager to drink from Jesus' water at the well. We hold live meets every quarter of the year and have a very active Whatsapp group where Bible Studies and prayers take place every weekend.

## BOOKS AND RESOURCES



### THE WOMEN AT THE WELL BIBLE STUDY COLLECTION VOLUME ONE

Our new Bible study collection contains four studies:

- The List, Becoming God's Own Kind Of Woman, Marriage God's Way and The Character Of A Godly Woman.

#### Excerpts From Becoming God's Own Kind Of Woman – Deborah

*The world is in darkness. It needs more women like Deborah to arise. We are all embedded with gifts and callings. God needs us to also sit at our places under the palm tree and dispense these gifts/callings. It is time to arise. I pray every woman reading this will live forth everything that God has put in her. I also pray that God will give us men like Lapidoth who will help and allow us fulfil our callings. I pray that we also shall be wives like Deborah to such men. Our credence or increase in Christ's calling shall not be at a detriment to our homes. I ask that the Holy Spirit will teach us how to be women of wisdom. Women who can live the kingdom kind of marriage on earth, be helpmeets to their men and also go to the nations God is calling them unto.*

TWTW BIBLE STUDY COLLECTION IS AVAILABLE ON OKADA BOOKS AND HARD COPIES ARE STOCKED ACROSS NIGERIA Call 07035539092 to

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