

**The Book  
of Dora  
By Dora L. Owens**





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# Book of Dora: 'Where did you go on vacations as a child?'



Vacation, what vacation?

Where did we go on vacation as a child?

We did not go on vacations while growing up. Mom worked. My sister, Dorothy (Dot), and I went to school. There were times when we did not have enough food in the house. Our neighbor, Sally Gipti, who lived across the street, would bring us food. Gipti's husband, Joe Gipti, was a cook in the U.S. Navy and was gone six to seven months at a time.

Vacation, what vacation?

A couple of times Mom didn't have money to pay rent. Fortunately we had an understanding landlord. You see, Mom had difficulty finding work. She was "last hired, first fired."

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Vacation, what vacation?

Out transportation was mostly our feet (smile). If we wanted to go to downtown Los Angeles to shop, we rode the street car. I can remember we walked and went to the nicer neighborhoods and looked at the houses, the yards the flowers. Sometimes Dot and I would pick flowers, roses, or gardenias (Mom's favorite) from people's yards. Mom would tell us not too. But we picked flowers anyway and gave them to her. We'd go home and Mom would put them in a bowl of water. They smelt good for days.

Vacation, what vacation?

We relied on street cars for transportation. Then later, they tore up the tracks and paved a road. We rode our bikes about four or five or maybe even six miles on Hollywood Blvd. We rode our bikes all over the place. The bikes were used. I don't even know how or where we got them. When we had bike problems, like a chain brake or flat tire, we knew how to fix them. When Mom was at work we had a ball because we rode our bikes and explored and she didn't know it. We got back home in time before she arrived from work. On Saturday's Mom let us go to the movies with our friends. I was the boss. We'd gather empty glass bottles during the week, took them to the store and the store clerk would give us money. That money would pay for the movies. We even had enough money for popcorn and candy and

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cold drinks.

Vacation, what vacation?

Mom was a good mother, provider, and an example of a honest person. If it was not for her, my sister Dot and I wouldn't be here. We owe Mom a lot. She taught us right and wrong. She taught us how to think for ourselves. She taught us to not listen to what people say but watch what they do. Action does speak louder than words.

Vacation, what vacation?

I was awesome at sports, such as tennis, softball, volleyball and basketball. I even played touch football with the boys. I wanted to play the trumpet in orchestra, but the conductor said “no!” Girls did not play the trumpet. So he suggested that I play the violin. I could have been really good playing the violin but my heart wasn't in it.

Vacation, what vacation?

We had a radio, that was really nice. I would listen to The Lone Ranger, The Shadow, the Thin Man, etc. sometimes on the radio. I'd do my homework, which I hated. I'd also listen to baseball games. I'd listened to the baseball game on radio, do my homework, and also take score -- on a prepared scoresheet -- all at the same time.

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Vacation, what vacation?

Looking back I can see the hand of God was on our lives. We didn't know anything about God the Father, Jesus/Salvation or the Holy Spirit. And Christmas -- well that was only about Santa Claus and gifts.

Vacation, what vacation?

One Christmas really shook me to the core. We went downtown shopping. There sat a Santa Claus at a department store. He was surrounded by a bunch of kids. Santa was white. On another Christmas we went shopping at an east LA store. This Santa was black and was also surrounded by kids.

I was shocked to see a white Santa Claus one year and a black Santa Claus, the next year. As a child this did not compute. Either Santa Claus was white or Santa Claus was black. How could be both? This caused me to conclude as a child that there was no Santa Claus. It was all a lie.

Parents and grandparents please teach your young people the truth. Tell them that Santa Claus was based on a real man, but he died. How dumb for us adults to tell kids that there's this fat man in a sleigh loaded with toys pulled by reindeer flying the sky delivering toys all over the world. Obviously this just isn't true. I know the topic of this chapter is about my first vacation but I did

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not like Christmas vacation, away from school.

A Christian friend of mine used to call “Santa Claus,” “Satan Claus.” Let's glorify Jesus Christ, the King of kings and LORD of lords.

Vacation, what vacation

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# Book of Dora: 'Dad like when you were a child?'



## What was Your Dad Like When You Were a Child?

I didn't really know my dad. I hated my stepdad but we reconciled at the end of his life. Here's my story.

I was born on Wednesday, July 22, 1931 at 5 a.m. at Los Angeles General Hospital. My mother, Carlee Holmes, named me Dora Lee Elizabeth Holmes. She was married to my stepfather, David R. Holmes.

My real father's name was Stanley Franklin. I remember seeing him just once in my life. What I do remember: He was very tall. He was a good dresser. I remember playing outside in the front yard and when he walked up to me. I don't know how I knew Stanley was my father, I just knew. He said a few words, gave me some money and then walked away. He died when I was a child. Years later, Mom would say that Ronnie reminded her of Stanley.

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Back to my stepdad -- Dave wasn't much of a father. In fact, he was a terrible father. He was verbally abusive to Mom. He gambled. He ran around with other women. He drank a lot. Sometimes he wouldn't pay the bills. We thought that we would be put out on the street. We barely had enough to eat. Sometimes things would go nice and smooth in the home. Bills were paid. He provided food. He wasn't out drinking and carousing. He came home at night. But then other times, he wouldn't show up. There was no consistency.

After several years of this, Mom finally divorced him. There were just the three of us -- Mom, Dot and me. We called ourselves "The Three Musketeers."

It took some time, but here's how I reconciled with my stepdad.

From 1967 to 1971, we lived in Florida. Ron was stationed at Patrick Air Force Base. We had four children -- Terry, Ronnie, Linda and Leonard -- at that time. Mom was also with us then. She came later. The family and I accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior while we were there. We were baby Christians who were spoon-fed by spirit-filled Christians. We attended Bible studies. We saw Christian teachers when they came through. Then Ron was transferred to Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City, Louisiana. We stayed there from 1971-1977. Ron retired and we moved to Sacramento. He found a job at Radio Shack.

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I want to thank Sweetie for being a good father. Thank you Ron Owens for taking care of our children. You were truly a man who knew what he had to do. You worked very hard. You never complained. You were a great husband, father and provider. You had a stable job. You were an Air Force musician for 27 years. I don't know how many years you worked at Radio Shack. But Terry started Sacramento State, Ronnie and Linda went to Sacramento City College, and Leonard went to Cordova High School on your salary. You got hired at General Motors Acceptance Corporation (GMAC) and worked there for 15 years. You never complained. After GMAC you worked at Mather Golf Course. Sometimes you would come in from work looking like you were playing in the mud. You'd leave home before daylight. You never complained. You set the example for our four children. I thank you. I love you, Sweetie.

He's a good example of a father. He's also a good example of a good son-in-law. Ron had made Mom his Air Force dependent way back in 1969, and that's when she started to live with us.

Back to telling my story -- after he retired in 1977 from the Air Force, we moved to Sacramento, California. Several years later, my stepfather came from Los Angeles to visit us. He went back to Los Angeles. A few weeks later, he returned, bought the house behind us and moved in. This was surprising to us. He lived in

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Los Angeles for about 50 years. All of a sudden, he moves to Sacramento. He did not even tell his wife, Dorothy. She wasn't too happy.

Now Papa Dave loved my biscuits. The phone would ring and he would say, "Dora Lee, make me some biscuits."

I'd dropped everything, make the biscuits and me or one of the kids would take them to him. His house was behind us.

Another time, he would call and say, "Dora Lee, take me to the bank."

I'd drop everything, go pick him up and take him to the bank.

Another time, he'd call and say: "Dora Lee, take me to the grocery store."

No matter how busy I was I would do it. I stopped doing what I was doing, go pick him up and take him to the grocery store.

Each time that I would bake him biscuits or take him to the bank or drive him to the grocery store, I would say: "Papa Dave, I love you," as he got out of the car.

And he would say: "Yeah, I know."

Mom told me not to take him around. Mom would say, "Dora, he's using you." I told her that I knew it. But he was a soul for Jesus. She didn't trust him. I understood where she was coming

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from. I knew that she was hurt. Even though she was a Christian who loved the Lord.

How long this went on, I don't remember, but when he called and asked a favor, I would drop everything, stop whatever I was doing to help him. He couldn't drive. He could barely walk. My heart went out to him. His wife, Dorothy, had a car. She could take him on errands, but he called me. I was there for him. I didn't want him to go hell.

By the way: How's your relationship with Jesus?

Papa Dave got sick. He was admitted to Kaiser Hospital. He was dying. Harriet Sterling, Mom's sister-in-law, visited us. Harriet was a missionary. Years earlier she had prayed for the salvation of our family for about 20 years. If you don't think that prayer works, we are the fruit of Harriet's prayers.

Anyway, we went to see Papa Dave in the hospital. Harriet, who as a missionary was bold, asked him did he know Jesus?

“Yes,” he answered.

“How did he come to know Jesus,” Harriett asked.

“Through Dora Lee,” Dave said.

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I never read a Bible with him. I didn't witness to him about Jesus. Never told him that if he didn't accept Jesus that he would go to hell.

Every time after I baked Dave biscuits and took Dave to the bank and drove Dave to the store I'd say "Papa Dave, I love you."

He would always say, "Yea, I know."

But this time when I stood by his bed ready to leave, I said "Papa Dave, I love you."

"I love you, too," Papa Dave said.

**PRAISE THE LORD!!**

# Book of Dora: 'What was your first big trip'



## **M**y First BIG Trip

I graduated from Belmont High School in June, 1950. I enrolled in Los Angeles City College for one semester. I wasn't satisfied. I looked for work but couldn't find any. No one wanted to hire me. Their excuse was I had no experience. But people in Los Angeles then were racist. They were just sneaky about it.

My white friend and I went to Broadway Department Store. We applied for the same job. We both graduated together from Belmont. We both had the same qualifications. We both lacked the same qualifications. But she was hired. I was not.

So I decided to join the U.S. Army. Mom told me not too. She suggested that I join the U.S. Air Force. Mom said if I joined the Army I'd have to go down south for basic training. Mom thought that I would not be safe in the Deep South. Different time,

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different period. She went with me to the Air Force recruiter. About a week later I was sworn in. Mom was there.

After we tearfully parted company I took the train. There were other women on the train. We rode the train to Lackland Air Force Base (AFB), located near San Antonio, Texas, for basic training.

### My First BIG Trip

My first big trip was exciting, but I was scared. I missed Mom. I cried every night. I was homesick. During basic training we marched, went to class and had KP (kitchen police). We were up-and-at-em at 4:30 am. Thirty minutes later we were on our way to chow hall.

I went into San Antonio one Saturday. When I arrived downtown I walked around and got back on the bus. Blacks were supposed to sit in the back of the bus. I sat my black butt behind the bus driver. I was young and dumb. Where the courage came from, I don't know. I stared at the white passengers. They stared right back at me. I had my uniform on. So much for my first trip to San Antonio.

Another incident like this happened to me later in my enlistment in Cheyenne, Wyoming. From Lackland, the Air Force assigned me to Travis AFB, in Fairfield, California. There, I was assigned

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to the clothing sales store. Several months later, the Air Force sent me to supply school for three months. During my time off one day I went downtown. The Cheyenne cowboys were very intimidating. I went back on base and stayed there. I sure was happy when those three months were over. Returning to Travis, I stayed there a year, and then the Air Force transferred me to March AFB, in Riverside, California.

I met Ron, we dated and married three months later. Once a WAF (Women in the Air Force) got married she could remain in the Air Force, but if she got pregnant, her military career was over. I got pregnant. Consequently I stayed in the Air Force for three years, seven months and 15 days.

We lived at March. My eldest daughter, Terry, was born there. Ron got orders to transfer to Japan. The two of us were allowed to go there with him. We stayed there for three years. During that time, Ronnie and Linda were made in Japan. We then moved to Offutt AFB, near Omaha, Nebraska. My youngest son, Leonard, was born there.

I thank and praise the Lord Jesus Christ for His grace and love and mercy. Jesus was always with me/us even though I did not know Him. Years later I would.

This ends the story of my first big trip.

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# Book of Dora: 'Grandparents'



**W**hat were your grandparents like?

It's about 5:30 in the morning. I'm a little girl. I'm sitting on a stool in the kitchen of my Grandmother's house. She's humming "God Will Take Care of You" as she makes biscuits.

I remember, sitting on that stool, how warm, secure and protected I felt. It was just my Grandmother and me. She didn't talk to me. I didn't talk to her. It was just the two of us, because Mom let me visit her.

I stuttered. But my grandmother made me feel special. She made me feel loved. She used to call me "Boo." That was short for "Beautiful." That was my pet name. She loved me. I loved her.

I used to like to ride in the car with my grandmother. Her seat was directly behind the driver. No one dare sit in that seat. The

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back seat behind the driver was her seat.

My grandfather was a hardworking man. He was a garbage man. I remember how bad his clothes smelled when he came home from work. If you see the movie "Fences," the job that Denzel Washington did on the garbage truck, that was what my granddaddy did. That was his job. I remember my grandfather walked hunched over. Picking up those old garbage cans was hard work.

When I visited my grandmother, we used to go to my grandfather's house on Fridays. My grandfather would give my grandmother money. They were separated at that time.

Except for those memories, I don't know what they were like. Their names were Elmo and Lula Sterling. How they met, I don't know. Where they were married, I'm unsure. I think they were married in Louisiana or was it Arkansas? Mom was born in Prescott, Arkansas, so they ended up there. How long they were married, I don't know.

They had eleven kids. Mom, or Carlee, was the eldest. Mom was born on May 25, 1909 in Prescott. My grandparents couldn't see any advancement for blacks in Arkansas, so they decided to move to Los Angeles, California in 1914. In addition to Mom, there was Mary, James, David, Ola, George, Lee, Joseph, Mildred, Jerome and Daisy. They are all gone now. Mom was the last to go.

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She went to heaven on November 20, 2015.

My grandmother met my husband, Ron once. She really liked him. She was a Christian, a Methodist. She got sick and she died of cancer.

There isn't too much to say what my grandparents were like. But I really loved my grandmother. I liked being around her. She really spoiled me.

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# Book of Dora: 'What was your Mother Like?'



**W**hat was my Mother like?

My Mother was good. My Mother was trustworthy. My Mother was reliable and dependable.

The definition of a real mother can be compared to the love of God. God loves us with no strings attached. God is always loving. Mom loved us with no strings attached and she was always loving.

Mom was always there for my younger sister and me. She took care of us. She taught us what was right and wrong. She told us whatever you wanted out of life you had to work for it. She taught us not to listen to what people say, but watch what they do. She drilled in us not to tell your business but keep your business to yourself. She was a disciplinarian.

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As I look back now at my life with her, I don't know how she raised my sister and me without a husband. She wasn't afraid of hard work. She was a hard worker. She worked in factories. She worked in people's homes.

Just like Father God whose is with us always and provides for us, Mom was there with us always and provided for us the best way she could.

I'm not going to go into the hard and difficult times we had. I want to focus my thoughts on her -- let me repeat she was always there. The bottom line is, she loved me and she loved my sister. I'm comparing Mom's love with God's love, although we didn't know God at that time. But just as God is stable, Mom was stable. Just as God is reliable, Mom was reliable.

We all have character flaws. We are all imperfect. Mom tried to improve our character flaws with a switch.

: -)

But I want to express that she cared for us. She loved us and she's with Father God now and I miss her terribly.

Thank you, Mom for everything you did for Dorothy and myself. Thank you, Mom, and yes I will continue to do as you told me: "Keep my face in Jesus' face."

I miss you, Mom.

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# Book of Dora: 'What were your friends like in high school?'



I did not have any “friends” when I attended Belmont High School, in Los Angeles, California between 1947-50. Oh there was Becky, Grata, Jean, Kaylee, Maggie and Mary. I thought that they were my friends. But thinking about it now they were just acquaintances. I WAS THEIR FRIEND.

When I was young I wanted to please people. I wanted to help them. I saw a need and jumped in. One time I was in study hall. My friend, Louisa, said it was cold. I got up and closed the window for her. Unbeknownst to me, I irritated her by closing the window. Later, Louisa's sister, Natalie, told me that I was too helpful. Louisa disliked me for being so helpful in other instances and our friendship ended right there.

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Mom had already got on my case. She said, “Dora Lee, these girls are not your friend. They are using you.”

Sound familiar? Remember Papa Dave? Remember years later I baked Papa Dave biscuits and took him to the bank and drove him to the store? Mom told me then that he was using me, just like she told me that those “friends” used me. But with Papa Dave my giving and taking him different places resulted in his salvation.

After many, many ups and downs in life and being used, I'm blaming myself, no one else. I've decided not to have too many friends. Well, I must be honest, no friends, many acquaintances yes, of course, friends NO!

Now let me tell you about MY friend. His name is Jesus. Born in a manger. He helped people, saved people and healed people. He was crucified, died and buried. He went to hell for Dora Lee Elizabeth Holmes Owens. Came out of hell and defeated Satan. Went to Heaven, took His seat on God's right hand.

Wait, I'm not finished. He is making INTERCESSION for me -- Dora Lee Elizabeth Holmes Owens. Wow!! That's a wonderful definition of a friend.

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*Sara*

Kids are still like that in high school. Interesting that it was also happening even back then. What does it say in Ecclesiastes? Nothing new under the sun? Lol. Thanks for sharing! Love you!

*Dora*

On Feb 21, 2017, at 1:11 AM,

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# Book of Dora: 'My favorite food'



## **M**y Favorite Food

My favorite food -- or should I say one of my favorite foods -- is string beans, potatoes, meat loaf, corn bread or corn cakes and salad.

Mom would cook this dinner usually on Sunday's. The beans had to be fresh, not frozen and definitely not out of a can.

Years later when we lived in Omaha, Nebraska we planted a garden. We grew string beans and tomatoes. You haven't lived until you have eaten a Kentucky wonder string bean. That snap on those beans was most satisfying to hear. I can't describe the sound. Delicious? I guess! Anyway, put the beans and potatoes in a pot. (Obviously, smile). Work on my meat loaf, and don't forget the salad. I'm not going to try to describe what a corn cake is. Use your own imagination. It's time to eat. Wow! What a meal?

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# Book of Dora: 'Fairytale'



## My Favorite Fairytale

My favorite fairytale, I do not remember. But Mom used to sing a song to my sister and me when we were kids. The origin of this particular nursery rhyme goes all the way back to at least the 16th century.

It goes like this.

High diddle diddle

The cat on the fiddle

The cow jumped over the moon.

The little dog laughed

To see such sport.

And the dish ran away with the spoon.

And the dish ran away with the spoon.

One day I'll sing it for you.

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# Book of Dora: 'Have you ever doubted your faith?'



**H**ave you ever doubted your faith?

I've thought about this interesting question. I've gone over my life since I became a Christian. There's only doubt when there is a lack of understanding and I did not understand salvation. I didn't understand “born again” and “Jesus' blood” and “the cross.” The people who shared salvation with me meant well, but I just didn't understand them.

While living at Ramstein Air Force Base (AFB) in Germany between 1965-1967, I met Chaplain Cooper after recovering from a serious illness. I don't exactly remember how we connected, but one day I was in his office. I shared with him about my life. This Baptist chaplain was was a nice man who was very patient with me. Chaplain Cooper led me to the Lord that day but I didn't understand.

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Later, Ron received orders and was assigned to Patrick AFB, in Satellite Beach, Florida. He, our four kids and I relocated there.

One day Ron went to work and the kids went to school. Praise God I was by myself. I went back to bed. Right when I settled down, “ding dong.” Doorbell rang. I got up, got myself together and opened the front door. Two ladies stood there. They introduced themselves. It was a pastor's wife (Woody Johnson) and her mother (Mrs. Snoderly).

While in Germany another chaplain who were friends with Woody Johnson and her husband, Pastor Bob Johnson, told them about us. This chaplain (can't remember his name) also told us about their church -- Indian Harbor Beach Baptist Church, which is not too far from Satellite Beach where we lived.

So there I was, after getting up from bed, standing in front of these two women smiling at me. I invited them in. We talked for awhile. Woody asked me if I was born again? I hesitated. She then put it another way. She asked me if Jesus was my Lord and Savior? I told them that I didn't understand. We got on our knees anyway. I didn't even understand that procedure either. Well I accepted the Lord Jesus in my life the second time.

Woody and Mrs. Snoderly invited me and the family to church the next Sunday. The six of us went. It wasn't a typical Baptist church. They were spirit-filled and it showed. When they met us

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at the door they loved on us and hugged us.

Brother Bob Johnson asked this question during his sermon: “If you crossed the street out in front of the church and a truck hit you and you died, would you know without a doubt that you would go to Heaven?”

“BINGO!”

After Chaplain Cooper led me to the Lord the first time; and after I accepted the Lord Jesus in my life in front of Woody and Mrs. Snoderly the second time, I finally understood the third time.

After understanding Brother Bob's question, I went down in front. I invited Jesus in my life and in my heart.

Ever since then -- which was more than 48 years ago -- I never doubted my faith!

Over the years my faith in the Lord Jesus has carried me through the good times and the bad times.

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# Book of Dora: 'When and how did you get your driver license? Tell us about that experience.'



When and how did you get your driver license? Tell us about that experience.

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I do not remember when or where I got my driver license. As you already know, at the time of this writing I am 85 years old. Oh Lord, that was a long time and thousands of miles ago.

Since then I've driven in many states, such as Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Hawaii, Louisiana, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming plus the District of Columbia. I've even driven in a handful of countries, like Austria, Canada, Germany, Luxembourg and Japan.

I really like driving. But it's just not driving. Driving means freedom. Driving means going places.

Driving also means praying. My cars have been my prayer closet. I would drive from Rancho Cordova to Placerville, and return home; or I would drive from Rancho Cordova to Fairfield, and return home; or I would drive from Rancho Cordova to Stockton, and return home -- all the while praying in the Spirit (in other tongues).

I would also drive to discipline the kids. Sometimes Terry, my eldest daughter, would call. The grandchildren -- Joseph, Sara and Christian -- were not behaving. So I'd get in my car with the belt, my enforcer, and off I'd go. It was a chance to pray as well. When I got there I'd line them up and I would straighten them out. They didn't mess with Grandma and her enforcer.

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After I met and married Ron we took a class about what's going on under the hood. I like driving so much I wanted to see how cars work. Plus I didn't want to be taken advantage of by shady mechanics. So I learned about the car battery, spark-plugs, carburetor, etc.

In nearly 70 years of driving I've driven a Dodge; a 1950 Ford sedan; a 1952, two-door Chevy; a Ford station wagon; three Volkswagen buses; two Volkswagen Beetles; a 1972 Chevy Impala; one Buick Regal; two Cadillac's (there's ain't nothing like a Cadillac); two Buick Envoys; and a GMC Yukon XL.

Six years ago next month I've been fighting for my healing. One day I had a hospital appointment. Paul, Linda's husband, was there for me to drive me to the hospital. Since I've had challenges with my health, I haven't driven as much as I used to; and I sure miss it. I appreciate Ronnie, Linda, Leonard and Paul for driving me when I needed it during this difficult time in my life.

I now drive our second Cadillac we've owned. It's a gray SRX. (Still ain't nothing like a Cadillac). Before we got our current Cadillac we traded our XL. I actually cried. Yes XL was my friend. He brought me through thick and thin. We had to trade him in for the smaller Cadillac SRX because I have a compress stress fracture and it was hard to handle the larger Yukon XL.

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Praise God that by His stripes I am healed!

PRAISE THE LORD!!!

*Sara*

Ha! I remember when we were on Tamarisk Avenue and unbeknownst to my siblings and I, the enforcer was on her way to do some, well, you know, enforcing! We were playing outside at dusk, thinking we were cool, when we saw "Blue boy" come around the corner at the end of the street. We froze in our tracks then someone said "GRANDMA IS COMING!!" I think we ran into the house after that fearing for our butts because we knew we were in trouble!!

# Book of Dora: 'Why did my parents name me?'



**W**hy did my parents name me?

I was born on July 22, 1931, at 5:00 am at the Los Angeles County General Hospital, Los Angeles, California.

I was named Dora Lee Elizabeth Holmes.

That's all I know. I do not know which parent named me “Dora Lee” neither do I know why.

When I enlisted in the United States Air Force about 20 years later, my recruiter said that my name was too long. So they dropped “Elizabeth.” I became Airman First Class “Dora Lee Holmes.”

On August 7, 1954 I dropped “Holmes.” I became “Dora Lee Owens” when I married Ronald F. Owens at Las Vegas, Nevada.

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I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior about 13 years later. As a Christian my entire name is written in a book in Heaven.

When I asked Jesus to forgive me of my sins and asked Jesus to be my Savior, my name “Dora Lee Elizabeth Holmes Owens” was written in the “Lamb's Book of Life.”

**PRAISE THE LORD!!!**



# Book of Dora: 'How is life different today compared to when you were a child?'



**A**s a child I enjoyed growing up. As a child I knew to obey the law. I knew how to act. We had freedom! We could go anywhere. I can remember when they first started to make the Hollywood Freeway, we were really excited. We played in the dirt. I wasn't afraid to go out at night.

I had friends of all races. We weren't aware of racial stuff. We were too young. We rode bikes. We rolled on skates. We shot marbles. We spent a lot of time playing outside, not inside. But when we did stay inside we listened to the radio. Now kids are inside with their electronics rather than playing outside.

I hated it when I wanted to play the trumpet and I was told that it wasn't ladylike, so I ended up playing the violin.

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I may not had been aware of racial stuff as a kid, but I did become aware of it as an adult. We had prejudice in Los Angeles, California. I didn't run into it until I graduated from Belmont High School in 1950. I couldn't find work. I was told why I wasn't hired because I had no experience. But it was more to it than that.

For instance my white friend and I filled out an application for the same position at the same department store. Neither of us had any experience. She was hired. I was not. That's how it was.

Things have gotten better in that area but I dislike what the world has become today. California is so bad. The roads are bad. There's a lack of respect for one another. Poor people everywhere. Law and order is a joke.

Kids are fat -- oh excuses me, "obese!" Everything is so politically correct these days. Forget obese! Let me repeat: Kids are fat!

Just last week a school principle outlawed children play tag. I don't remember which state. What a joke! No tag. Really? Can't play dodge ball. Can't do this. Can't do that. Now you'd better be careful what you say. (Let me repeat myself: Kids are fat!).

Before a child in California can be enrolled in school they must get all these shots. They have to be careful what to say and be

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careful how to act.

Thank God that my kids, Terry, Ronnie, Linda and Leonard are grown. Thank God that my grandkids, Joseph, Sara, Francheska and Christian, are grown. I'm just concerned about my great grandchildren, Lyric, Aria and Revy. I'm concerned about their generation. I'm concerned about what kind of world they and their peers will grow up in.

How to end this -- I don't know. Now the world, our nation, our state, our city, Elk Grove, is in trouble. I really, really look forward to seeing Jesus and meeting Him in Heaven.

I recently heard a Christian group, called "Unspoken," sing a song on the radio. The name of that song was "The Cure." They kept singing "You are the cure."

Praise the LORD Jesus is the cure for the world, our nation, and our state. Jesus is the cure for whatever problem we may be going through. Jesus is the cure from sin. Jesus is the cure over Satan. Jesus is the cure from ourselves.

We as Christians must tell our family about Jesus. We must share Jesus beyond family and share of Jesus' love for us. Jesus loves us. Jesus is our Savior and our LORD.

Yes, Jesus loves us! Jesus will never leave us! Jesus will never forsake us! You can take that to the bank!

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Life is different today compared to when I was a child because I am now a child of Jesus!

Jesus is my cure!

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# Book of Dora: 'How has the country changed during your lifetime?'



**H**ow has the country changed during your lifetime?

Before I answer that question, I'm going to share something from Genesis 3:6.

”And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”

Isn't it amazing in this verse the woman saw that the tree was good. She saw it was pleasant to the eyes. She saw it was a tree to be desired to make one wise?

Adam and the woman ate the ”fruit” then, but the ”fruit” can be symbolized as cellphones today.

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The first thought that came to my mind when I saw this question about “how has the country changed during your lifetime” is cellphones.

Cellphones -- look good;

Cellphones -- are pleasant to the eyes;

Cellphones -- to be desired to make one wise.

People can't wait until they come out with a more advanced cellphone. They have to be the first in line. To them, this information makes them wise.

The cellphone is how the country has changed during my lifetime. This is a true story (smile). I can see it now just as clear in my mind.

“Hello, how are you“ and “wow, you are looking good” and “how is your job” is spoken and heard when the family gets together and greet each other.

After the greeting and hugging we sit down. One family member pulls out their cellphone. A second one does the same. Another family member pulls out their iPad. Then I see a laptop.

The conversation stops. I say something. I try to interact. But their reaction is “what did you say” or “what” or “I didn't hear you.”

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They're unaware that's it's rude, but it is rude. But I don't want to say it's rude because then I'll hurt their feelings.

During my lifetime we used to converse with each other, especially at home and especially at dinner time. Yes, yes I know things have changed. Sometimes I curse the time when these cellphones were invented.

People walk around like addicted addicts. No cure. No help. We're all hooked.

I wish we took more time with Jesus. I know, here's comes the excuses: "Don't have time" or "I'm too busy."

You know what? I'm asking God Almighty, Jesus His only begotten Son, and the Holy Spirit to hit us in the gut and remind us directly to put that cellphone down. Close the laptop. Hey guys, God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit loves you. They want to spend time -- yes quality time with you.

I'm not saying not to use these devices. But when we get together as a family put the cellphone down, put the iPad away and close the laptop. Let's talk. Let's share. Let's laugh and joke. Let's really be interested and show interest in one another.

Let's give that equal time to the Lord in prayer and developing a relationship with Him.

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I am not against all of these marvelous inventions. The Lord created these things for us to use and enjoy, not to worship. The bottom line is God made all this stuff.

Cellphones, iPads, laptops and TVs are just some of the things that has changed in my country during my lifetime. Women fighting in the military, mothers aborting their babies and people smoking marijuana are changes that have occurred in my lifetime as well. I could go on and on and on.

The most important change of all is we have turned our back on Christ. America use to be a God-fearing nation, even with our faults. Our God who we worship is cellphones and all the electronics that goes with it.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus (Revelation 22:20).

**PRAISE THE LORD!!!**

# Book of Dora: 'What was my favorite subject in high school?'



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This week's question was what was my favorite subject in high school? But another subject came to mind. At the time of this writing it was Holy Week. Every year during this week I think of Jesus dying for me. Because of that, I'm going to share my testimony how I became a Christian.

Many years ago I was sick in a Ramstein Air Force Base hospital bed. My husband Ron was stationed in Germany at that time. He traveled a lot with the band on tour. During one of those tours I got a fever. My temperature rose to 105/106. I couldn't breathe. Our neighbor took me to the hospital. I was so sick the Air Force brought Ron off tour. Our neighbor, Isabella, took care of Terry, Ron Jr., Linda and Leonard. They were quite young then.

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While laying in that Ramstein Air Force Base hospital bed they took all kinds of tests. They laid me on a gurney. They x-rayed me as I laid on my back, my left side and my right side. I was in pain. My doctor didn't know what was wrong with me. My temperature was high. I had trouble breathing. Every time I laid down I couldn't. The pain was so unbearable. I had to sit up in the bed.

So for three days I sat up. On the third day my doctor didn't come in to check up on me. I became worried. I began thinking about Ron and the children. Who was going to take care of them if I died? I began to worry about them. You see I knew that I was dying. No one had to tell me, I just knew.

I thought that maybe I should pray. A voice came from the left side of my bed. This is how the dialogue went.

VOICE LEFT: "Pray? What do you know about praying?"

ME: "Yes, that's right. I don't know how to pray."

VOICE LEFT: "Remember you said that you didn't want to be a hypocrite to pray when you got in trouble?"

ME: "Yes, that's right, I did say that."

VOICE RIGHT: "I'm here. I will help you."

ME: "I don't want to die."

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VOICE LEFT: "Didn't you recently try to commit suicide when you took all those pills?"

ME: "Yes, I did."

VOICE RIGHT: "I'm here, I will help you."

ME: "What's going to happen to Ron and the kids?"

VOICE LEFT: "Pray? What are you talking about praying? Hypocrite!"

ME: "I don't want to die!"

VOICE RIGHT: "I'm here. I will help you."

This three-way conversation went on and on and on for about a half hour.

I finally cried. I yelled! "God Help Me! God Help Me! God Help Me!" over and over and over.

The nurse came in. She asked me what was wrong. I asked her what's wrong with me. She informed me that the doctor didn't know what was wrong with me.

She got a wash cloth. She washed my face and settled me down. I calmed down and sat back and relaxed. You know what? I felt good. I felt at peace. I still had this pain in my chest. I still couldn't breathe. I still had this fever. But I felt really good.

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I dozed a little. Then suddenly my doctor came in. His name was Dr. White and he was from Georgia. When he came through the door he had a big smile on his face.

I remember cynically thinking: "What's this white cracker from Georgia so happy about? He probably wants me to die!"

I was so wrong for thinking that. But this was during the mid-60s during Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights movement. I didn't like white people -- especially white people from the south. And a white man named "White?"

God certainly had a sense of humor! Anyway -- back to my testimony.

"Mrs. Owens! Mrs. Owens," Dr. White said gleefully. "We know what's wrong with you. You have fluid around your right lung!"

They wheeled me into the operating room. They stuck a needle in the right side of my back to deaden the nerve. They stuck another needle and drew out some fluid -- it was about a pint of fluid. Some of that fluid spilled on my back. It was yellowish and thick and there was stuff floating in it. It's been more than 50 years yet I still remember. That fluid was thick and warm. After that, I got better. I was in the hospital about a week -- give or take a few days.

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When they released me from the hospital we began to attend chapel services. Ron and I joined the choir.

About ten years later the Holy Spirit explained to me about the two voices vying for my soul. The voice on the left was Satan. The voice on the right was Jesus.

Harriet Sterling, Mom's sister-in-law who was married to David Sterling, Mom's brother, prayed for our family for about 20 years. Ron and I and our kids, Terry, Ron Jr. Linda and Leonard are living examples of answered prayers.

Oh by the way -- all that fluid and the yellowish floating stuff that came out of my body was hatred of myself, hatred of Jews, hatred of white people and hatred of men. The Holy Spirit continued to show me about the lesbian spirit and the suicide spirit that came out of me.

So you see Holy Week which climaxes to Easter has special meaning to me. Christmas means a lot to me as well. Both Holidays are about Jesus sacrificing and giving Himself. That's what we need to do 365 days a year. Sacrificing and giving to others should be a way of life 365 days a year.

A preacher said Easter is not about an Easter bunny. Just like Santa Claus has nothing to do with Christmas. Easter is about an empty tomb. Christmas is about the baby-- the Son of God -- in

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a manger. And Easter is about the resurrected King who resurrected us and gave us eternal life.

For me, Easter is mainly about Jesus forgiving me of all of my sins and cleansing me from my unrighteousness.

Matthew 8:2-3 reads:

“8:2 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

“8:3 And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.”

The same Jesus who said ”I will; be thou clean” to the leper, is the same Jesus who said to me in the hospital, ”I'm here, I will help you.”

I love you Jesus for dying for my sins. I love you Jesus for my precious Holy Spirit. Father I thank and praise you for allowing me to live when I cried out to you “God help me!”

Therefore, I am not ashamed! I am not ashamed of Jesus! I am not ashamed of the Gospel. I am not ashamed that I am a Christian! This is my testimony.

I praise Jesus that He saved me and filled me with His precious Holy Spirit!

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May 15, 2017

This married woman is a Godly woman. She loves her Savior and LORD. She is committed to her husband. She supports him and honors him. She loves her children. She cares for them. She watches over them like a mother watches over her chicks. This woman teaches them about Jesus. She takes them to church. She disciplines them when needed. She takes care of the home. She wants everybody to be comfortable.

I'm thinking about Mother's Day. My Mom is with Jesus. This is my second Mother's Day without her. Mom taught my sister Dorothy and me what was right and wrong. She loved us very much.

This young mother is doing the same with her two precious babies.

Father's Day is next month. The husband of this young mother also loves Jesus. He has accepted Jesus as his Savior and LORD. He loves his wife. He puts her first place in his heart, and obviously in his actions.

This father is a man of God who provides for his family. He provides food, shelter, and is an example of living for Jesus every day. He also goes to church and reads and studies the Bible with his wife. The father also disciplines his two precious babies.

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I guess you are wondering who is this couple? What are their names? Their names are Sara Flores and Saul Flores. They are in love with Jesus and of course they are in love with each other. They are in love with my husband Ron's and my two precious "great grands."

Ron and I are discovering every day that we are a breath away from Heaven. It's up to God the Father when he will come for us.

Sara and Saul, keep your spiritual house in order. Continue to love each other and cherish each other. For we all are but one breath away from Heaven.

Sara and Saul, this is from the hearts of your grandparents. Our lives are in the LORD's hands. He knows when He will come for each of us. Enjoy life now. You two were meant for each other. God bless and protect you two.

Happy (every) Mother's Day, Sara Flores. Happy (every) Father's Day, Saul Flores.

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May 22, 2017

My topic this week is who was my favorite teacher. I really had no favorite teacher. I went to school because I had to. I hated school. I was taller than everyone in my class. I stammered. I was bashful. I was very shy. Being black didn't help either.

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I can remember wearing the same outfit every day to school for one semester. I'd wash my blouse and skirt every Friday to get it ready for school on Monday.

Mom was a hard worker. Some of the places she worked at didn't pay much, but we managed. I didn't want to bother her about needing clothes. That's all that matter. I was neat and clean. My sister Dorothy and I got new clothes when Mom got a better paying job.

I was good in sports. I played basketball, softball and dodge ball. I competed against the boys and really played better than them. When I played against the girls -- no sweat G.I.! They were a bunch of sissies.

One of my favorite classes was choir. I liked bookkeeping 1, 2, 3, and 4; and typing 1, 2, 3 and 4. I typed 50 words per minute. I also liked speech 1, 2, 3 and 4. Now speech was comedy hour. I'd speak and they would laugh at me, and I would laugh along with them. So when they saw that I laughed and it didn't bother me they would stop laughing. I wasn't very good with math and English. I liked history, but I wasn't good at it when I graduated. Oh yes -- I did graduate from Belmont High School in 1950. Ha! Ha! That was 67 years ago!

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We weren't Christians when I went to Belmont. We knew nothing about Jesus. I didn't know Psalm 118:24, "This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

But, PRAISE THE LORD, I do know Jesus and that Scripture now!

I will rejoice and be glad in it. In what will I rejoice and be glad? Read on, Dora! I will rejoice and be glad in the day which the LORD has made.

No matter what comes my way each day God's word tells me to rejoice. Be glad, Dora. This day is your day. God is saying "I made this day."

Through tears of back pain I will rejoice. Through situations that comes my way I will rejoice. I'll quote this Scripture over and over. I know it may sound strange to rejoice and be glad -- when things do not always go your way. But believe me it works even when nothing changes. Remember Jesus loves you! Jesus knows what you and I are going through. He will never forsake us, or leave us alone. So "this is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

My school and learning experience would have been a lot better if I knew Jesus and lived by "This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." But praise God, I know Jesus now! He is alive and so am I.

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May 29, 2017

My subject this week is whether I dated in high school. I sure wish we could move on. I'm 85 years old going on 86. That's the past. Can we please move on?

I started writing this on Thursday, May 25, 2017. Mom would have been 108 years old that day. Mom was born on May 25, 1909 in Prescott, Arkansas. Her family came to California in 1914, when she was five years old. She didn't finish high school. She quit a year before she was scheduled to graduate. Her family needed help so Mom found a job and went to work.

Mom had a hard but good life. She is in Heaven with Jesus now. She has her own place to live. Jesus says in John 14:2 "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

Some translations say "houses" or "dwelling places" or "rooms." Anyway, Mom has shelter, and believe me she is comfortable. Her house is probably made out of substances we have never seen down here on earth. Why not? Guess who is the carpenter? (Smile, my Jesus!)

In First Corinthians 2:9, Paul writes "But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart

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of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.”

This Scripture is for us now while we're here on earth, okay? Think what Heaven is like. On November 20, 2015 Jesus came for her and took her to Heaven. Jesus the carpenter prepared a place for Mom.

Ron and I went to Mount Vernon on May 25. We talked about her.

Should Jesus tarry and should we die before Jesus comes, Ron and me will be buried on the same row as Mom was buried. We discussed what it will look like when Jesus comes again or when He returns.

First Thessalonians 4:16-18 reads ”4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first [that's Mom and millions of other Christians]: 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

While standing there at Mount Vernon, Ron and I imagined what we would see when the Christians come out of their graves. Wow!! What a God? What a mighty God we serve?

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So Thursday, May 25, 2017 was a rough day for me. I remember my daughter Linda saying that when she thinks about Mom and misses her, she is comforted at knowing that Mom is with Jesus. It's comforting to know that Mom is in Heaven and not in hell.

Please keep your spiritual house in order. We are only one breath away from Heaven or one breath away from hell.

I almost forgot to answer the question. I did not date in high school. Anyway, enough about me and high school. I'm looking toward the future. Jesus is coming again. Be ready to meet Him.

In closing I returned to Mount Vernon alone four days later, Monday, May 29. It was Memorial Day. I went to the Mount Vernon Memorial Day service. I saw a lot of veterans. I sat next to a lady named Linda. I told Linda that it was hard to believe that when we're born we're cute little babies. But when we get older, our bodies break down.

God bless those who gave their lives for our country. God bless their families. God bless our veterans.

Toward the end of the service I left early and sat on Mom's grave. I took Picture 1. Another lady asked me if I wanted her to take pictures of me. I said yes. She did. The Picture 1 I took and the Pictures 2 and 3 she took are the three pictures you see.

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April 24, 2017

What do you worry about? What gives you peace of mind?

The way the world is going I wonder from day to day what's going to happen to us?

Before I became a Christian, I was a worrier. When I accepted Jesus as my Savior, I still worried a lot.

Peace is the opposite of worry. Years ago I learned that worry is a sin, with a big capital "S!"

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Hebrews 12:1-3, in the New International Version's Life Application Study Bible, reads:

Matthew 6:25-34 really got my attention.

“6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?”

“6:26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father fedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?”

“6:27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?”

“6:28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

“6:29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

“6:30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?”

“6:31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?”

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“6:32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

“6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

“6:34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.”

I read this Scriptural passage every day, sometimes more than once a day.

Then the Holy Spirit directed me to John Chapter 4:27:

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: Not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

Notice the word "leave" and the word "give." Jesus left us his peace and has given us His peace. We must accept it. We must believe it. We must live it, praise Him in it and thank Him for it. I hope I'm making sense. I'm trying to give you the remedy for worry, and the beautiful feeling knowing that God has everything under control.

Only through the Word of God will you be able to destroy worry in your life. Only through the Word of God will you have peace.

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Praying the Word is dynamite!! I do not care about North Korea. I'm not concerned about the United Nations. I'm not afraid of terrorists. I'm not anxious about taxes. I have planted my faith in my precious Lord Jesus.

No matter what happens, our home is in Heaven. Keep living in His Word, continue to keep on praying, because we do not know when Jesus is going to call us home.

The last words that Mom said on a November 2015 Wednesday night was "Jesus is Lord." Little did we know on a Friday afternoon at 2:04 pm, Jesus, her Lord, would come for her in a Kaiser hospital room.

Please, please, please stay in Jesus, as Mom did during her last days. Continue to put Jesus first place in your life. Don't get too busy that we do not have time for Jesus.

We can make time for anything else, we can make time for Jesus. Like I used to tell Terry, Ron Jr., Linda and Leonard, you can do anything that you want too.

So -- do not worry. It's a sin. Accept His peace, His Heavenly peace, not the worldly peace.

Oh Lord Jesus I love you. I'm going to be with you one day. Like Mom used to say, "Keep your face in Jesus' face."

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Hebrews 12:1-3, in the New International Version's Life Application Study Bible, reads:

“1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,

“2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

“3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

Hebrews 12:2, in the King James Version, reads:

“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 12:2 in the New American Standard Bible, Inductive Study Bible, reads,

“2 Affixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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And Hebrews 12:2, in the Amplified Bible, reads,

”2 [Looking away from all that will distract us and] focusing our eyes on Jesus, who is the Author and Perfecter of faith [the first incentive for our belief and the One who brings our faith to maturity], who for the joy [of accomplishing the goal] set before Him endured the cross, disregarding the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God [revealing His deity, His authority, and the completion of His work].

I have a given you the Word to help you and encourage you not to worry. The Holy Spirit will help you to have peace no matter what you are going through. Yes, we all are going through a lot of stuff. But do not worry! The peace of God be with you all.

**PRAISE THE LORD!!!**

August 23, 2017

This week has been a difficult week for me. At times I've been unable to tolerate the pain of this compressed back fracture. I look forward to the day when I have no more back pain.

On August 14, 2017 at 9:45 a.m. Jesus came and took Bessie L. Thornton home to be with Him. John 14:2 ”In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.”

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Jesus (the Carpenter) escorted Bess to her new home in Heaven. Jesus also said that He had gone to prepare a place for her and He would come again and receive her unto Himself. Praise God!! Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior came and took Bess home with Him.

Bess was a prayer warrior. I wish I could have visited her more often. When I did visit her we had a good time praying in the Spirit.

On November 20, 2015 Jesus came and took Mom home with Him. I'm still going through the process of missing Mom. I have good days and I have bad days, along with the pain in my back.

Bess and Mom are not dead. They are in Heaven with Jesus. They are alive!!!

One day Jesus will come for me.

Thank you Lord Jesus for dying for our sins. We love you. I love you.

**PRAISE THE LORD!!**

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# Book of Dora: 'What Was My Longest Trip?'



**T**his has been a busy week. Ronnie and I drove Ron last Sunday so he could visit Joseph and Sarah for a few days.

Monday, I went to the movies. Tuesday, Terry, Joey and Bess; Christian, Breanna and baby Revy; plus Leonard and Stephanie came over. Ronnie bought pizza. Thank you, Ronnie. Wednesday, I stayed home and waxed the floor and afterwards I rested. Thursday, I went to a Pacific Justice Institute lunch meeting. Afterwards we went to the commissary. Friday, I started working on this chapter. Now to the subject at hand -- what was my longest trip.

The past few days I've had a chance to think about the overseas trips I've made. I've traveled to Japan, been in Germany and vacationed to Hawaii. I went to the State of Israel as well as the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, twice. I'll leave calculating the

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distance to those who are interested.

I would like to return to Petra, in Jordan. I enjoyed seeing the ruins. Petra is where Mom rode a mule or donkey during our 1995 trip. She walked to see the ruins in Petra, but coming back was too hard for her, because she had to walk up hill.

Jordan is fine, but I don't remember all of it. Now Israel is my favorite place I have traveled. Even though I've been there twice, I would like to return there again -- maybe even as early as next year. I would like to see Masada, the table top fortress near the Dead Sea. During our 1995 trip, Ronnie ran down hill. He told me that it's called the Snake Path.

I wasn't too impressed with The Dead Sea. It just didn't mean anything. Now the Sea of Galilee I was really impressed -- thinking as I floated on a boat there that Jesus was on a boat sailing on the Sea of Galilee. I was so impressed where Jesus gave the beatitudes as well. Just think, he had no sound system when he said "blessed are the poor in spirit, for they shall see God."

On our 2000 trip I sang "Were You There" at the Garden of Gethsemane. I know if I returned I would think more about Jesus and the struggle he knew he would face. It would be more meaningful. I've gotten older. I'm more in the Word now. I've changed.

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So in Jerusalem I looked in the tomb where Jesus was believed to have been buried. I walked in, looked around, turned around and walked out. I enjoyed walking the streets of Jerusalem. Now that wasn't an enjoyable or pleasant experience for Jesus carrying the cross. Walking the streets of Jerusalem (especially the via Dolorossa) just reminded me of what he went through.

I want to go again because over the years I have more of an understanding and knowledge of the Old Testament, like I've always had with the New Testament. To be honest with you, my favorite section of the Bible was the New Testament.

But over the years I understand more of the history. Going back to Israel would make the trip more meaningful.

I hope to go before the LORD Jesus comes and take me home.

The Jewish people are God's chosen people. The enemy has tried to wipe them out, but he will not succeed. I believe that Israel is the safest place to live. Soldiers can be seen walking the streets carrying their own weapons.

God bless Israel. God bless God's chosen people. Thank you Father for keeping your people safe.

PRAISE THE LORD!

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# Book of Dora: 'I'd like to tell you how I met my husband'



I'd like to tell you how I met my husband.

More than 62 years ago I was in the Air Force stationed at March Air Force Base (AFB), in Riverside, California. I was really, really excited about being stationed there because I was about 60 miles away from Los Angeles, my hometown. Mom was living in Los Angeles and renting an upstairs apartment at that time. Since I didn't own a car I rode the bus and visited Mom on weekends.

One weekend I bussed to Los Angeles to get my records, which Mom kept for me in her apartment. I wanted to bring those records back to the base, so I could play them on my record player in the privacy of my room. At March AFB, I had my own room. But I didn't have my own room at my previous assignment, which Travis AFB, in Fairfield, California. Me and

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the other WAFs (Women in the Air Force) bunked in open bay. We didn't have the freedom or privacy to play our own music. All we had were closets that separated us.

Anyway, Mom and I had a good visit that Sunday. Later that evening I caught the bus in downtown Los Angeles and returned to March.

After I boarded the bus, seated myself and got settled I spotted a man sitting ahead of me. I was seated behind him on the right side of the bus. He was sitting three or four seats ahead of me on the left side of the bus, nearest the aisle. He held his head with his right hand. I thought to myself: "That's the man I'm going to marry."

I really had not planned to marry. When I left Mom in Los Angeles hours before, marriage was not on my mind.

I watched him. He slept the entire 60 miles. We arrived at the bus station in downtown Riverside real late. We missed the shuttle bus that would have transported us to March AFB. Another bus would come in an hour. I had time. I knew that I had to meet this guy. So, I hurried off the bus and called him.

"Mister, do you know what time it is," I asked.

He told me that it was 1:15 am. He asked me if I wanted some coffee. Of course I said "yes."

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I hadn't planned on dating much less marrying. Monday morning I was going to get the paperwork started to make Mom my Air Force dependent. I had planned for her to come with me to whatever base I would be transferred.

He asked me for my phone number. I gave it to him. A few days later he called me. We went on our first date. We went to the movies. We started seeing each other. We'd go to Los Angeles on weekends to visit Mom.

One day Ron got orders to go to Washington D.C. for three months. I found out that I was pregnant before he left. We went to Los Angeles to tell Mom. Ron wondered what she was going to say. I told Ron that everything would be okay. We told Mom. She said let's make an appointment to see the doctor to make sure. I was not a Christian, but I knew that I was not to have sex outside of marriage. But once you get together with someone you love -- the sparks start flying.

After that, we married in Las Vegas. Ron married me because he loved me. I married Ron because I loved him. We got married on a Saturday. On Sunday he went to Washington D.C. for three months. I stayed in Riverside. Unfortunately, I lost the baby. But during the years after the miscarriage Ron and I had four more, Terry, Ron Jr., Linda and Leonard. I also had a miscarriage in 1975 in Louisiana.

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Our marriage didn't start off right. It was wrong for Ron and I to have sex outside of marriage. Years later we became Christians. That's now under the blood of Jesus. In the New International Version Mark 10:8 reads "and the two will become one flesh." Marriage is a lifetime commitment. Marriage is a lifetime of becoming one flesh. Ron and I have been becoming one flesh for almost 63 years. Our marriage has lasted because God is the center of our lives.

Terry and Joey; Linda and Paul; Leonard and Stephanie; Joseph and Sarah; Sara and Saul; and Christian and Breanna; put Jesus first in your lives, become one flesh in Jesus, forgive one another, consider one another, look over each other's faults, do not insist on your own way and love one another and your marriages will last.

**PRAISE THE LORD!**

# Book of Dora: ' My Definition of the Word, Boss'



**M**y definition of the word “boss” is a person in charge, controls and dominates. The dictionary's definition is “a person who employs or superintends workers or who is a manager.”

Before I accepted the Lord Jesus as my Savior or permitted him to be my “boss number one” I had another boss. Because of Adam and Eve sinning in the Garden of Eden we were made sinners. Our boss is Satan. He is the one who wants to be in charge of our lives. He wants to controls us and dominates us. He wants to be our god.

The boss of my life is Jesus Christ. Jesus wasn't always my boss. But praise God Jesus is now and forevermore will be my boss. I want Jesus to control and dominate my life and my thinking. Jesus is number one in my life in the person of the Holy Spirit.

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When a baby is born that cute little baby is a cute little sinner. (Smile). Jesus died for that cute baby. Yes, Jesus died for all of us. Let me repeat: Jesus died for all of us.

But Jesus has given us free will. Jesus will not dominate and make us do anything. It's up to us to cooperate with the Holy Spirit to get all of the crud and junk out of us. There's junk like selfishness and insisting to have our own way. Spending time with Jesus, reading and meditating on the Word of God, loving Jesus, and worshipping my Jesus (smile) -- yes Jesus is mine!! Ha! Ha! -- is important.

Holy Spirit we permit you to continue to shape and mold us into the image of Jesus. Thank you!

Jesus we thank you for dying for our sins, sickness and disease. Thank you! Thank you! We praise and love you.

Parents, be the boss of your children or the world will boss, dominate and control their lives. Parents live for Jesus in front of them. At Christmas talk about baby Jesus. He is our "gift." At Easter talk about Jesus' resurrection. It's about Jesus being alive, not about Easter bunnies and Easter eggs. Parents talk to your children about Jesus always.

As John 3:16 states: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not

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perish, but have everlasting life.”

We are a breath away from going to Heaven or hell. Both places are forever and ever.

Oh -- by the way: I do not remember much about my boss. I do remember that he was an Air Force major and I was a one striper. I worked at the clothing sales store at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, California. I was a bookkeeper. I posted the merchandise that customers bought from the clothing sales store, such as shirts, shoes, emblems and trousers.

I was a sinner then but I am a new creation now.

2 Corinthians 5:17: “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

Thank you Lord Jesus! I love you Lord Jesus!

**PRAISE THE LORD!!!**

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# Book of Dora: 'What was the best job I ever had?'



**W**hat was the best job I ever had?

There has to be a better word than “job,” but to answer the question my best ”job” was having four children and being their mother.

After marrying Ron we wanted children. Terry Diana was born on August 23, 1955 at March Field in Riverside, California. Both Ronald Frank and Linda Lovelei were born at Tachikawa Air Base, near Tokyo, Japan. Ronnie was born on May 15, 1957. Linda was born on July 8, 1959. Leonard Eugene was born on October 21, 1961 at Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska. As you can see our four children are two years apart. Looking back having four kids every years was really a blessing. We would have had six, but I had two miscarriages.

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One of my job duties included mixing Carnation (can) Milk, Karo Syrup and water in sterilized bottles and storing those baby bottles in the refrigerator. Another job was bathing the kids and keeping them clean. I washed cotton diapers and clothes by hand on a scrub board, until we got a washing machine. A washing machine made washing clothes a lot easier. I even ironed sheets and pillow cases.

My job as a mother of four was work, hard work. But I liked it. One thing I did not like was the toilet training. My, my, my, since Ron was a member of the band in the United States Air Force he traveled a lot. That's when everything like the job of potty training fell on me. At Ramstein AFB in Germany, he was out of town for a week to ten days. On average Ron was home ten days out of a month. We didn't have Thanksgiving as a family the three years we were at Ramstein. The kids and I ate Thanksgiving dinner at the NCO Club for three consecutive Thanksgivings.

Was I happy being alone with the kids all the time? Of course not. I loved my husband and I loved our children. I wasn't a Christian then. I was a sinner. I looked at life differently. I didn't know about prayer and Bible study. Being a Christian during the early years would have made my job being a mother a lot easier. But when I did become a Christian, my Jesus helped me be a better mother.

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You know as I looked back on my life I wish I had loved them more. Sure I showed them that I loved them. I cleaned house, washed clothes, ironed, washed the car, mowed the lawn, prepared dinner, sometimes all in one day. But I wish I had loved them with that kind grandmother kind of love (smile).

I tried to be there for our children. I was there at school functions and PTA meetings. I disciplined them and played ball with them. We rode bicycles together and took them on rides and one-day trips. I guess I would call my job as a labor of love.

After Ron and I became Christians we went to the chapel. In addition to playing French horn in the band, Ron was also choir director. All of us sang in the choir. We had Bible studies at home. Before school started I would wake the kids up — all four of them — at 6:00 am. We'd have Bible study in the morning before they got ready for school. I believed that the Word of God was the most important ingredient in their young lives. Some mornings I would serve them orange juice. Did they like getting up that early? "No!" But it didn't matter. They did.

We went to church meetings from time to time. One year Terry and I went to Ridgecrest, North Carolina to a Baptist retreat. On another occasion Terry and I traveled to Washington D.C. to hear Oral Roberts. We took the kids to see Corrie Ten Boom at the late Jamie Buckingham's church at Melbourne, Florida. Corrie Ten

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Boom and her family hid Jews in a secret room in their house during World War 2. She was later imprisoned in a Nazi concentration camp. We took the kids to see black Gospel singer Andraé Crouch. He died a couple years ago. We took the kids to see Kathryn Khulman at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. She was a faith healer.

Wherever there was a Bible study, we were there. While Ron tried to get housing for us at Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City, Louisiana, the four kids and I stayed in Los Angeles. I took them to see the Jesus People in Hollywood, California. This was during the summer and fall of 1971. The Jesus People were former hippies. They had Bible studies in someone's home, which were lead by Duane Pederson. He was the editor of the Hollywood Free Paper, which made the "Jesus People" and the "Jesus Movement" phrase.

As a mother my job was to expose my kids to men and women of God. Proverbs 22:6 states "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

My four "jewels," as I call them, have not departed from God. Terry is a Christian, as is Ron Jr., Linda and Leonard. They are beautiful spirit-filled Christians. They have all been baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues.

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Ron, my husband of almost 63 years and I are very proud of them. We live close but I still wish that I could see them more often. The LORD is doing a wonderful JOB in their lives and being their mother was the best job I ever had!

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# Book of Dora: 'Why Did You Join the Military?'



**W**hy did you join the military?

Why is there poverty? Why are there wars? Why can't we have peace? Why? Why? Why?

The answers to these questions are simple. There's poverty and war and no peace because people don't know Jesus.

KNOW Jesus, KNOW Peace.

But the answer to the why did I join the military question is I couldn't find work after I graduated from Belmont High School. I tried to find a job. I did not know that Los Angeles was so racist. The word racist was not used then. As I looked for work I found out that Los Angeles was very prejudiced.

I saw a documentary a few months ago about Nat King Cole. He was an awesome singer. He was popular around the world. Yet he

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was not accepted to live in a nice all-white neighborhood. One white woman did not want Cole as a neighbor, but she had some of his albums. Go figure.

Now let me make this clear. I am not comparing myself with “The King.” (He was Natalie Cole’s father). I’m just using him as an example of this famous popular entertainer how he was treated.

Back to answering the question -- I enlisted in the United State Air Force. There I found work. There I made friends. I worked in the clothing sales store when I was stationed at March Field. I was 60 miles from Los Angeles, so I went home every weekend. I’ve already written about some of this so I won’t repeat myself.

I appreciate all branches of the military. But I specifically appreciate the Air Force. I was able to go places because of the Air Force. After Ron and I married I traveled all over the world. We started in California, went to Japan, Nebraska, Washington D.C., Germany, Florida and Louisiana. We had some good times. We had some rough times. Being a military wife was not easy. Ron traveled a lot. Ron retired from the Air Force 40 years ago this month and we moved from Louisiana to Sacramento.

The Air Force has been good to me and to Ron. If I had not enlisted in the military I would not have met Ron. He’s a great husband, father, provider and man of God. If I had not joined the

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military I wouldn't have had four kids. You never know, but I probably wouldn't have met my Jesus.

So after moving to Sacramento we lived in Rancho Cordova for many years. We moved to Elk Grove in October, 2003. We have a beautiful home. But every day I realize my home is not here in Elk Grove. Jesus will come and take me to His Kingdom. My house is already built by my Friend, my carpenter (smile). I praise my Lord and my Savior, who has redeemed me from Satan, and Jesus transferred me into His Kingdom.

I want to change the subject and talk to my "GREAT GRANDS," Lyric, Aria and Revy. I pray that you all will grow up to become beautiful, talented Women of God.

Now to their parents -- Sara, Solomon, Breanna and Christian continue to feed these babies the Word of God "DAILY." God holds you parents responsible. "NO EXCUSES!"

Then they will find the job that the Lord has planned for them.

These precious babies have the advantages that I did not. Yes -- they will have problems, but they will not hate people like I did. They will not get involved in a lesbian affair, like I did. They will not try to commit suicide, like I did.

These young ladies will turn to Jesus, not to the world. They will know how to pray and turn to the Word of God.

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I love my “GREAT GRANDS” I’ll be around to keep them straight, they will be taught to keep their eyes on Jesus, their Lord and savior.

Solomon, Sara, Christian and Breanna I am proud of you all. You are good parents. Continue to keep yourselves in the Word. Thank the Lord that our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

And I know that our “GREAT GRANDS'” names will also be written in the Lamb's Book of Life. We do not want them to go to hell.

I'm going to close with I Thessalonians 5:23-24.

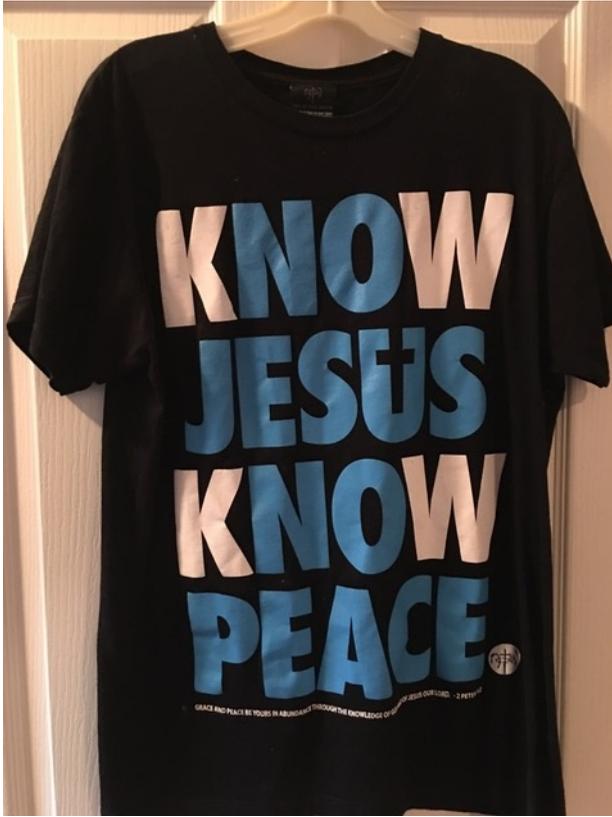
“5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“5:24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.”

We love you Jesus! PRAISE THE LORD!!!!

Remember: KNOW Jesus, KNOW Peace.

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# Book of Dora: 'What Has Made Your Faith Stronger?'



**T**he question this week is “What has made your faith stronger?”

That’s an interesting question. I've also asked has my faith been strengthened in the good times or the bad times?

The obvious answer for me is my faith is stronger during the bad times. When I have trials I know that my faith is being tested daily.

I've experienced a lot of rough times in my life. For example, six years ago this past April I fell down. I injured myself. I had a compress fracture. During that time I've gone through cancer as well. Praise God! He has healed me from cancer. However I have constant pain in my back from the compress fracture. I have

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moaned and growned in pain and cried in my crying towel. I could have given up, but I've decided to press on.

My faith in Jesus and the Word of God has helped me. I've gone through Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. I looked at all the Scriptures on healing and wrote them down. Matthew Chapter 8 is one of my favorite chapters on healing.

After the Sermon on the Mount Jesus came down from the mountain. Great multitudes followed Him. Look at Matthew 8:2-3.

“8:2 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

”8:3 And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.”

Notice how the leper approached Jesus. The first thing he did was worshipped Jesus. He may have said “I love you” or “I worship you” or “I adore you,” something like that (smile).

Now I would have said “What a wonderful Savior you are.”

The leper said “Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.”

Jesus reached out His hand and touched him. Saying, “I will; be thou clean.”

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I like that word, "immediately." And Immediately the disease was gone.

Years ago (in 1965) when Ron was stationed at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany I was in the hospital. My temperature was around 104-105 for about four to five days. Doctors couldn't figure out what was wrong with me. They didn't know how to break that fever or what caused it. I didn't know Jesus. But many years later it was revealed to me that a conversation went on with the devil and Jesus and myself. There was a spiritual battle going for my soul. I remember a voice saying to me "I am Here. I will help you." That same voice who told me He would help me was Jesus. That's the same voice who spoke to the leper.

What did He say to the leper. "I will; be thou clean." What did Jesus say to the centurion in verse seven? "I will come and heal him."

In that same passage the centurion felt unworthy, so he asked Jesus to speak the Word only and he knew that his servant would be healed. Now look at this. The centurion asked the Word (Jesus) to speak the Word.

Now let's look at verse 15. Jesus touched Peter's mother-in-law who was sick with a fever. She was healed.

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When evening was come they brought to Jesus people possessed with devils, and He cast out the spirits with His word, and healed all that were sick.

In verse 17 the Bible says "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself [Jesus] took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."

Now back to the question. What has made my faith stronger? The answer is Jesus, the Word of God. That's enough for me, Dora Lee Elizabeth Holmes Owens, a child of God!

Oh yes, there are times I get discouraged. There are times I cry. But I do not lose my faith in Jesus and God's Word. The same voice that spoke to me at Ramstein, Germany, in 1965 was and is Jesus who healed all those people in Israel more than 2,000 years ago.

Remember John 18:4-6 in the Garden of Gethsemane when soldiers came to arrest Jesus? They asked Him who He was and Jesus said, I AM HE. As soon He said unto them, I AM HE, they went backward, and fell to the ground."

So, when I cry and get discouraged and when I'm really in pain I turn to Jesus, The Bible, for Jesus is the great I AM!

Yes, when I cry and get discouraged, I pray and know Jesus will never, never, never leave this black woman.

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Just as God said in Exodus 15:26 “If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I AM the LORD that healeth thee.”

**PRAISE THE LORD!**



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# Book of Dora: 'My Best Meal'



**W**hat is the best meal you've ever had?

I like mustard greens, salad and corn bread. I also like tacos and barbecue ribs. But every time I go to Ruth's Chris Steak House I experience eating the best meal. I like Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, but Ruth's Chris is special.

We usually make reservations. The atmosphere is great. You are greeted warmly as soon as you enter the door. You are treated, or should I say you are pampered. White linen is on the dining room tables.

I always order lamb chops. The menu says the lamb chops are "marinated overnight and broiled to perfection." They are seasoned and delicious. I like my chops well done -- burnt! The first bite is what I think of when I think of Ruth's Chris' lamb chops.

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I also order creamy mashed potatoes laced with roasted garlic. I liked the way they are seasoned. The mash potatoes are smooth because they are whipped really nice. Then I order a Caesar salad. The bread is always hot. I don't want to eat too much of the bread because it will take my appetite away.

Quite naturally being 85 years old I've eaten a lot of tasty meals, especially at Ruth's Chris Steak House. But the best meal I'm looking forward to eating is in Heaven.

PRAISE GOD!! PRAISE GOD!! PRAISE GOD!!

Revelation 19:7-9 reads "19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready.

"19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

"19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."

Verse eight says I am righteous and I will wear "fine linen." Ruth's Chris table cloths are really nice linen. But I am going to "be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white." This verse also says I am called a "saint."

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Verse nine says that I'm "called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb."

My reservations were made when I accepted my Jesus. My seat is already reserved -- written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

I do not know what's going to be on the menu. But I know the Host. His name is Jesus. I also know some of the guests -- Mom, Papa Dave, Harriet Sterling, who prayed for our family for 20 years, and many others.

That will be enough for me! And that meal in Heaven will be the best meal I will ever have!

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Where are those lamb chops?

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Ron Jr., Mom, Ron (who took this picture) and I celebrate Mom's 99th Birthday in May, 2008

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# Book of Dora: 'Most Expensive Things We've Bought'



I have not personally bought anything expensive, but Ron and I have bought expensive things together.

Oh, we've bought expensive things like a house, TVs, furniture electronic stuff. We bought a new satellite dish and a stove, plus cabinets when we renovated our kitchen at our first house. We've bought hardwood floor and an air conditioner unit in our current house. We bought a new spa at the old house and we're in the process of buying a spa, now.

Since Ron and I have been married we've certainly bought cars. We've owned a 1967 burgundy Volkswagen (VW) bus, a 1969 beige VW Bus (Jesus Express), and a 1971 white VW Bus (Jake). We've owned a rust-color four-door Buick Regal (Noah Dan), a white GMC Buick Envoy, a burgundy GMC Buick Envoy and a

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white GMC Yukon XL. We've also owned three Cadillac's. There ain't nothing like a Cadillac! We've owned a 1990 blue Sedan de Ville (Blue Boy), a 2013 gray Cadillac SRX (Joshua), and now a 2017 white Cadillac XTS (Michael). Like I said, there ain't nothing like a Cadillac!

If I bought anything expensive and sold it I would put money aside for my three "great grands," Lyric, Aria and Revy.

Back to the subject -- if I could buy something really expensive on my own with my own money, it would be nothing compared to what the Lord Jesus has blessed me. Jesus has blessed me with so much -- both spiritually and materially.

In 1 Corinthians 6:20 it states that I am "bought with a price." Jesus paid that price for me. Jesus died in my place. Jesus was lied about, beaten, whipped, crucified and put in the grave for me. Jesus went to hell and whipped the devil for me. Praise the Lord Jesus arose from the dead and He is making intercession for me.

I did not have to purchase or buy anything. Jesus did this all for me. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is free. There are no strings attached. Jesus paid for my salvation.

1 Corinthians 6:20 reads "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are

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God's.”

And 1 Corinthians 4:10 reads “We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised.”

Yes, I am a despised and a fool for Jesus. I would gladly wear that title. There is no amount of money that can pay for my salvation. I am blessed. I am saved. I am filled with the Holy Spirit. And I am going to Heaven.

I really look forward to dying, to be with my Lord Jesus. I will really be alive.

“Lord Jesus you can come and take Dora Lee Elizabeth Holmes Owens with you at anytime. It's up to you. Praise God!!”

**PRAISE THE LORD!!**

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# Book of Dora: 'I AM HERE!'



## I AM HERE!

I was sick with a fever at Ramstein Air Force Base Germany. My temperature was over 100 degrees on the third day. I really got worried. Usually my doctor would come and check up and see how I was doing. I couldn't lie down. It hurt too much.

Sitting in my hospital bed I began thinking about my husband and the children. I knew that I was dying. I asked myself what's going to happen to the family if I died? I remember thinking that I didn't want to die. Maybe I should pray.

I heard a voice on my left asking: "Pray? You have never prayed before."

I answered or agreed with the voice.

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”Yes, I have never prayed,” I said. You see I wasn’t a Christian then.

Another voice from the right side of my bed said: “I am here. I will help you.”

This three-way dialogue went on for about 15 to 20 minutes. I could not take it any longer. So I finally yelled as loudly as I could “GOD HELP ME!!!”

God did help me. A few minutes later the doctor came in and said that I had fluid around my right lung.

Years later the kids and I stayed in Los Angeles at my stepdad’s house. Ron was at Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City, Louisiana. One day I thought about my experience at the hospital room in Ramstein. The Holy Spirit told me that the voice in the left was Satan and the voice on the right was Jesus. I had no idea that eternity for me was going on amongst the three of us. I praise God that I cried out to God for help.’

Harriet Sterling, Mom’s sister-in-law, married Mom’s brother, David Sterling. Harriet was a Christian. We learned later that Harriet had been praying for our family for more than 20 years. I am Harriet's answered prayer. All of us are Harriet's prayer. Harriet is with Jesus now.

”LOOK I SEE JESUS”

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Dorothy Johnson, Ron's late mother, had lung cancer. She lived alone in Oakland. We lived in Rancho Cordova, about 90 miles away. We had our disagreements over the years. But with Jesus operating in our lives we moved on.

When she got lung cancer we insisted that Dorothy come and stay with us. We moved our bed in the front room and put Dorothy's hospital bed in our bedroom.

At night time we would hear her cry out to God. She would tell God how much pain she was in. Mom was staying with us as well. One Monday night while Dorothy cried out in pain I remember telling the Lord to heal her or come and take her home to be with Him.

Friday morning that same week Ron went to work. The children were either working or attending college. I don't remember. Anyway, Mom and I took care of Dorothy. We got her breakfast, sponged her off and combed her hair. I was reading the Bible to her that morning. All of a sudden Dorothy became agitated I didn't know what to do. I ran next door to my neighbor's house to get Bonnie Eastman. Bonnie was a nurse. Bonnie and I ran back to the house. While I was gone Mom had already gotten a wash cloth and was wiping Dorothy's forehead.

Bonnie settled Dorothy down. About 15 to 20 minutes later Dorothy sat straight up. She pointed her finger ahead and she

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said, "LOOK, I SEE JESUS!"

Dorothy had the biggest smile on her face. She laid back down. Jesus came and took Dorothy with him.

Ron Jr. had read the Bible to Dorothy the night before. He asked her had she accepted Jesus as her savior and she said "yes."

The Lord answered my prayer. I asked Him Monday night when Dorothy was in pain to heal her or take her home with Him. That Friday morning, Dorothy was taken to her new home in Heaven.

Oh – Bonnie said that she heard Dorothy speak in tongues. Dorothy did not have the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in tongues. What a mighty God we serve.

"JESUS IS LORD! JESUS IS LORD!"

Ron Jr. said "Nana, Jesus is Lord! Nana, Jesus is Lord! Nana, Jesus is Lord!"

"Jesus is Lord," Mom answered Ron Jr. on a November Wednesday night. "Jesus is Lord!"

We didn't know then but that would be the last words Mom would say.

Thursday morning we tried to wake her up. We called Kaiser Hospital. We were told that she was in a coma. Jesus came to take Mom home to be with Him on Friday, November 20, 2015 at 2:04

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p.m.

Dorothy and Mom went home on a Friday.

So I've written to describe how Jesus appeared to Dorothy and how Jesus allowed Mom to call Him the Lord of her life and how Jesus spoke to me in the hospital at Ramstein Germany more than 50 years ago. I did not know Jesus but He knew me.

When and how He's going to come for me – I do not know. But Jesus is going to come for me. Mom used to say “Keep your face in Jesus' face.”

One of my favorite scriptural passages of John 14:1-3.

1 “Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. 2 There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? 3 When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.”

(New Living Translation)

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# Book of Dora: 'Did You Play Any Sports in School?'



**D**id you play any sports in school?

Before kids had skateboards we had roller skates. I had my own bike. I was athletic. Yes I played sports in throughout school. I mainly played softball, basketball and tennis.

I was so good that the boys at Dayton Heights Grammar School and Virgil Junior High School in Los Angeles wanted me to play on their team. I was chosen first and I played against the other boys.

While attending Belmont High School some dumb nurse had a chart which indicated that I should weigh some stupid weight. They thought that I was too skinny. So instead of playing during gym they had me eating Graham Crackers and drinking milk. Then I had to lie down on a mat with the other girls for the rest of the period, while the other kids played outside. I fussed and

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complained. That was bold of me because I wasn't that kind of person. I fussed so much they finally let me out of that program.

My favorite sport was basketball. I played on first base, left field and pitcher in softball. It may sound like I'm bragging but I was darn good. Playing with the girls was like playing against first graders.

While I joined the WAF (Women in the Air Force) I joined the women basketball team. We traveled to other bases.

After I got married I was still athletic. I played softball when Ron was stationed at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida. I played with the kids, too. We turned off the lights and played hide-and-go seek in the house. We also wrestled.

We even played tackle football in the backyard. One day I stiff-armed Ron, Jr. I thought "aha, I got him, I got him." I ran into a telephone poll. I stood there for a couple seconds and keeled over. My left shoulder sure hurt, but that was funny. I was laid up for a few days.

After Ron retired from the Air Force we started playing golf. We bought our own golf clubs. I did a lot of walking as well.

Well that's it. Oh, by the way, I'm a Los Angeles Dodgers and Los Angels Lakers fan.

**PRAISE THE LORD!!**

# Book of Dora: '63rd Wedding Anniversary Comments'



I just celebrated my 63rd wedding anniversary on Monday, August 7, 2017.

Wow, 63 years of being a wife. I love and appreciate my husband. He has always been there for me -- especially these last six years going on seven.

We've prayed together, cried together and laughed together. (Ron has a funny sense of humor.)

I admire him, because he didn't let the stroke he's had for years prevent him from doing the impossible, and the impossible is living day to day. Oh yes -- we have also had our disagreements. But our love for Jesus and our love for one another has been with us all these 63 years.

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I've been a wife and I've been a mother for a very long time -- a very long time (smile). I want to share what's on my heart.

I'm speaking from a mother's perspective. Being a mother isn't easy. There's no university or college you can go too. It's on the job training.

When Terry was born I was scared. I didn't know anything about being a mother. We were at March Air Force Base, Riverside, California. But when I got home with her I just did it. The mother instinct kicked in. Ron Jr. and Linda Lovelei were born at Tachikawa, Japan. Then Leonard Eugene came in Omaha, Nebraska.

I pray that while my children were at home I did the right thing. I hope that I raised them all up in the fear of the LORD. I'm not rich by the standards of the world. But I gave them all I had. I gave them, me.

Terry, Ronnie, Linda and Leonard I hope I did the right thing. I know that I did not always do or say "the right thing," and for that I am sorry. Please forgive me. It has been an honor to be your mother. I am really blessed. I've watched you all and at times I wanted to say something about what you were doing or not doing.

You four are my jewels. Continue to put Jesus first in your life. You all are on the ocean of life. You are in a boat, and Jesus is in

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the boat with you. Keep Him number one in your heart, the decisions you make, and the things you may say.

Again I want to ask for your forgiveness if I did or say anything that hurt you.

I am so proud of you Terry Diana. I am so proud of you, Ronald Frank. I am so proud of you, Linda Lovelei. I am so proud of you, Leonard Eugene.

John 15:5-7 reads...

...15:5 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

15:6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”

I LOVE you ALL! PRAISE THE LORD!!

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# Book of Dora: 'My Favorite Trips'



I'm supposed to share about one of my favorite trips and what made it great.

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I went to the State of Israel and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan twice, in 1995 and 2008. Both times were great!

In Israel I saw the Mount of Olives and the tomb of Jesus. We walked the streets of Jerusalem, including The Via Dolorosa. I sailed on the Sea of Galilee. Many Israelis carried guns. The Israeli soldiers carried guns. But I felt safe.

Ron Jr. was baptized at the Jordan River. We went to the Dead Sea, Masada, site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found and many more places.

In Jordan we went to Petra, Jerash and Mt. Nebo, where Moses viewed the Promised Land.

Jordan was fine but I would like to return to Israel again. I'm older and much wiser (smile). I've also gone to the Grand Canyon as well. What an awesome experience. But I want to return to the people of Israel.

As a sinner, I grew up hating white people. Heck! I even hated myself. But the Jews were really on my hate list.

Every Wednesday morning while Ron was stationed at Patrick Air Force Base, Satellite Beach, Florida (between 1967-71), I went to a women's Bible study. The other ladies and I were told (backed up by God's Word) that the Jews were "God's chosen people." Well that did not set too well with me. Pass experiences

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working in Jewish homes I grew up to really dislike them. I'm not going to get into all that. As I continued to go every Wednesday I began to accept that. They were God's chosen people. Did it happen over night? No!! But knowing and learning how Jesus loved me.

Ephesians 1:6 "To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved." Thank Jesus, I'm "accepted in the beloved."

I began to love the Jews. And I still do. Only Jesus (who is the Word) can erase all hate. I know we've heard that many times, but it's true. No law passed can make people respect one another. Just look at what happened last weekend in Charlottesville, Virginia. The people rose up against one another. Satan and his demons were active. Sin is the root of all problems. Jesus, who died on the cross for our sins, can save us, forgive us, heal us and make us a new creation. The enemy hates us. His job description is to steal, kill and destroy. Jesus came to give us life, His life and His love for us.

Galatians 3:26-29 "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

"3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

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“3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

“3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

My notes in my Dake Bible has 7 Equal Blessings for Christians

- 1) All are children of God.
- 2) All are baptized into Christ.
- 3) All have put on Christ.
- 4) All are equal and one in Christ.
- 5) All belong to Christ.
- 6) All are Abraham's spiritual seed.
- 7) All are heirs by promise.

PRAISE THE LORD!!

# Book of Dora: 'It's Been a Difficult Week'



**T**his week has been a difficult week for me. At times I've been unable to tolerate the pain of this compressed back fracture. I look forward to the day when I have no more back pain.

On August 14, 2017 at 9:45 a.m. Jesus came and took Bessie L. Thornton home to be with Him. John 14:2 "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

Jesus (the Carpenter) escorted Bess to her new home in Heaven. Jesus also said that He had gone to prepare a place for her and He would come again and receive her unto Himself. Praise God!! Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior came and took Bess home with Him.

Bess was a prayer warrior. I wish I could have visited her more often. When I did visit her we had a good time praying in the

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Spirit.

On November 20, 2015 Jesus came and took Mom home with Him. I'm still going through the process of missing Mom. I have good days and I have bad days, along with the pain in my back.

Bess and Mom are not dead. They are in Heaven with Jesus. They are alive!!!

One day Jesus will come for me.

Thank you Lord Jesus for dying for our sins. We love you. I love you.

**PRAISE THE LORD!!**

# Book of Dora: 'What has strengthened my faith?'



**W**hat has strengthened my faith?

Galatians 2:20: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

A daily reading of the Word of God is necessary to see or help your faith grow in Jesus. While going through difficult days and nights, trials, problems, health problems -- all of these have made my faith stronger and continue to strengthen it.

I have faith in Jesus that I am saved. I have faith for healing my body. I have faith that Jesus Christ is living in me. Yes, God's Word tells me that He loved me, and He gave Himself for me. We must make time for Jesus. Turn your TVs off. Put your phones down and stop doing whatever takes us away from Jesus.

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John 1:1-2, "1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

"1:2 The same was in the beginning with God."

In the beginning was Jesus, and Jesus was with God, and Jesus was God. I don't understand it, I just believe it.

PRAISE THE LORD!!!

# Book of Dora: 'Have you pulled any great pranks?'



**H**ave you pulled any great pranks?

My sister's name is Dorothy. Growing up with her wasn't a happy experience. She was a teaser. Mom would tell Dorothy to leave me alone, but behind Mom's back Dorothy would start on me. I stammered so I couldn't communicate what I felt so I was the brunt of her teasing.

I did the housework. Dorothy did not like to work. So one day I got an idea. Dorothy liked her sheets and pillows slips rumped. We cooked with starch, but we also used starch for ironing. It's name was Argo. It consisted of little white rocks. Anyway after I cooked it I poured it in our wash tub and added water. After I washed her sheets and pillow cases, I put them in the starch, squeezed the starch out of them and hung them on the clothes line.

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After they dried I took them off the clothesline. I ironed them, and they looked beautiful. I made up her bed. I put the sheets and pillow slips on the bed. I told her that I made her bed. So that night she got in the bed, laid down, and and began to complain to Mom about how uncomfortable the sheets felt. I starched them so heavily that those suckers stood up by themselves. She complained. I laughed and got even.

Did that prank prevent her from teasing me? “No!”

One of the reasons why I joined the Air Force was to get away from Dorothy.

**PRAISE THE LORD!!!**

# Book of Dora: 'What qualities do you most value in your friends?'



**W**hat qualities do you most value in your friends?

Honesty is what I look for in a friend. You cannot trust a liar, period! They look you dead in your eye and they are lying in your face and I know it. A liar cannot be trusted. I'll say it and write it again. A liar cannot be trusted!

John 8:44 reads “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”

The word lusts means a desire, or crave, or obsess for something, and behind that feeling is Satan. That's one of “his

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qualities.” He is also a murderer, “because there is no truth in him [Satan].” Whatever comes out of his mouth is a lie. He is the father of lies. He's the originator of lies.

So now you can see why I cannot trust a person who lies.

I admit that I do not have too many “friends.” I have acquaintances, but close friends, “NO!”

My friend is Jesus Christ. My friend, of course, is my husband. My friends are my family.

I John 1:7 reads “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”

PRAISE THE LORD!

# Book of Dora: 'What gives you peace of mind?'



**W**hat do you worry about? What gives you peace of mind?

The way the world is going I wonder from day to day what's going to happen to us?

Before I became a Christian, I was a worrier. When I accepted Jesus as my Savior, I still worried a lot.

Peace is the opposite of worry. Years ago I learned that worry is a sin, with a big capital "S!"

Hebrews 12:1-3, in the New International Version's Life Application Study Bible, reads:

Matthew 6:25-34 really got my attention.

"6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body,

what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

“6:26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father fed them. Are ye not much better than they?

“6:27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

“6:28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

“6:29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

“6:30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

“6:31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

“6:32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

“6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

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“6:34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.”

I read this Scriptural passage every day, sometimes more than once a day.

Then the Holy Spirit directed me to John Chapter 4:27:

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: Not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

Notice the word "leave" and the word "give." Jesus left us his peace and has given us His peace. We must accept it. We must believe it. We must live it, praise Him in it and thank Him for it. I hope I'm making sense. I'm trying to give you the remedy for worry, and the beautiful feeling knowing that God has everything under control.

Only through the Word of God will you be able to destroy worry in your life. Only through the Word of God will you have peace.

Praying the Word is dynamite!! I do not care about North Korea. I'm not concerned about the United Nations. I'm not afraid of terrorists. I'm not anxious about taxes. I have planted my faith in my precious Lord Jesus.

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No matter what happens, our home is in Heaven. Keep living in His Word, continue to keep on praying, because we do not know when Jesus is going to call us home.

The last words that Mom said on a November 2015 Wednesday night was “Jesus is Lord.” Little did we know on a Friday afternoon at 2:04 pm, Jesus, her Lord, would come for her in a Kaiser hospital room.

Please, please, please stay in Jesus, as Mom did during her last days. Continue to put Jesus first place in your life. Don't get too busy that we do not have time for Jesus.

We can make time for anything else, we can make time for Jesus. Like I used to tell Terry, Ron Jr., Linda and Leonard, you can do anything that you want too.

So -- do not worry. It's a sin. Accept His peace, His Heavenly peace, not the worldly peace.

Oh Lord Jesus I love you. I'm going to be with you one day. Like Mom used to say, “Keep your face in Jesus' face.”

Hebrews 12:1-3, in the New International Version's Life Application Study Bible, reads:

“1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the

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race marked out for us,

“<sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

“<sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

Hebrews 12:2, in the King James Version, reads:

“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 12:2 in the New American Standard Bible, Inductive Study Bible, reads,

“<sup>2</sup> Affixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

And Hebrews 12:2, in the Amplified Bible, reads,

”<sup>2</sup> [Looking away from all that will distract us and] focusing our eyes on Jesus, who is the Author and Perfecter of faith [the first incentive for our belief and the One who brings our faith to maturity], who for the joy [of accomplishing the goal] set before

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Him endured the cross, disregarding the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God [revealing His deity, His authority, and the completion of His work].

I have a given you the Word to help you and encourage you not to worry. The Holy Spirit will help you to have peace no matter what you are going through. Yes, we all are going through a lot of stuff. But do not worry! The peace of God be with you all.

**PRAISE THE LORD!!!**

# Book of Dora: 'Do you believe that people can change?'



**D**o you believe that people can change? Why or why not?

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 reads:

“5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

“5:18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation.”

I most certainly agree that people can change with Jesus operating in their lives. Yes it is possible. The question can be answered positively or negatively. I'm gong to be positive. When we confess our sins we are instantly forgiven. Praise God!! We are instantly allowing the Holy Spirit to come into our body, in

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our spirit and in our soul. The Bible says we are a new creation, a brand new person. The old Adamic nature is dead! Gone! Period! Jesus took everyone's place. As we stay in the Word of God all things become new in our lives. We have the very nature of God on the inside of us.

Let's look at 2 Peter 1:4. "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

We are partakers of God's divine nature, again I say that we are a new creation, a new person. We do not want to deliberately sin.

The Word of God changes us and changes our attitude. The Holy Spirit works from the inside. He corrects, and with our cooperation we become more and more like Jesus. Our flesh and our soul will not always cooperate. But again here comes the Holy Spirit to our rescue. We must always remember Satan, he is going to try to deceive us, lie to us, to deny our LORD. That's when the Holy Spirit comes to our rescue again and again, as we use the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

Yes, anyone can change if he or she wants too. It's up to us.

Remember, 2 Corinthians 5:18? "All things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the

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ministry of reconciliation.”

I am one who has accepted Jesus as my Savior and LORD!! Yes, anyone can change. Jesus Christ is “always” available to anyone who calls to Him for help. He will help you, save you, heal you and deliver you.

Jesus loves you. He always has and He always will. He is the same yesterday, today and forever!

I love you Jesus!

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# Book of Dora: 'Have you Broken any Habits Over the Years?'



**H**ave you broken any habits over the years?

I want to develop the habit of studying the Word of God, praying daily, and allowing the Holy Spirit to work the Word in me. I want this habit or lifestyle so I can have a closer relationship with Jesus.

But we say “Oh, I’m too busy” or “I really don’t have the time to read my Bible” or “I’m too tired at the end of the day” or “I fall asleep.”

Whether we’re busy, tired or sleepy, spending time in the Word of God really comes in handy when trials and testing come our way. And believe you me they will come. You can take that to the bank!! When those trials and testings come you can’t have your

spiritual tank empty.

One of my favorite Scriptures on this topic is John 15:7, “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”

What a promise! What an encouragement! Jesus invites you and me to live in Him.

Answered prayer is the result of abiding in Jesus. How do we abide in Jesus? Reading the Word. Praying the Word. Memorizing this precious Word of God.

You know something? Answered prayer is what I want. Yes, we all do. But my relationship with Jesus is my motive. Yes I want my prayers answered concerning my “health.” My spiritual nourishment is the Almighty Word of God. My spiritual nourishment is my Jesus. I will continue and develop this lifestyle.

There will be times that I am in the Word a day or two. But I need to be consistent.

You know there is no end of this writing, nor message whatever you want to call this. Jesus will come for me, Dora Lee Elizabeth Holmes Owens, a child of God, to Him be glory, forever!

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PS: Hey troops, keep on abiding!!

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# Book of Dora: 'What Things Matters Most to Me'



**T**he question this week is “what were you like when you were 30?”

I don't remember what I was like when I was 30. I am 86-years-old. That's a long time ago. But that's all in the past. I do remember that I was a sinner. I'm a new creature now. One of my favorite verses is 2 Corinthians 5:17, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

Rather than write what was I like when I was 30, I'm going to write what things matter most to me in my life? Number one is my walk with Jesus Christ. Number two is my husband, Ron. Number three is my family. But I'm going to focus on number one — my walk with Jesus.

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Each day that the LORD allows me to wake up I realize that I'm closer and closer to Heaven. So I want to please Jesus. Being a believer (a Christian) is not easy. Once you say "yes" to Jesus Christ and invite Him in your life, it's a unique experience. It's difficult to turn your whole life over to someone you do not know and to someone you cannot see. Yes, I know when a person accepts Jesus they don't automatically change their way of living and thinking. But as time goes by they learn to trust Jesus more and more. That's what happened to me.

My walk with Jesus means that the Word of God matters to me the most as well.

God's Word (2 Corinthians 5:17) tells me that I am a new creation created in Jesus Christ.

The Word of God tells me that the Old Dora — the sinful hating Dora — is dead. Jesus took my place on the cross.

The Word of God tells me that God and the Holy Spirit are living inside me. Yes, the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is living in me.

The Word of God tells me that I am forgiven of everything I did as a sinner. The Word of God tells me that I am loved by Him.

The Word of God tells me that God is my Heavenly Father. I didn't have a father growing up. It was difficult for me to accept

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the fact that I do have a Father in Heaven and that my Heavenly Father loves me.

Over the years I am finding out that being a Christian is a wonderful feeling. I'm so glad that I accepted Jesus as my LORD. Jesus is my healer, my deliverer, my protector, and my provider.

One of my favorite verses is Hebrews 12:2. "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Can you find any joy in what Jesus went through? Jesus was lied about, beaten, spit on, ridiculed and hung naked on the cross. That was the joy set before Him. He did that for me. Oh yes — I know Jesus died for the whole cotton-picking world, but He died for me!

Jesus is seated in Heaven at the right hand of the throne of God.

My walk with Jesus and the Word of God matter to me most and your walk with Jesus and the Word of God should matter with you as well.

I pray that whoever reads this will accept Jesus. If you already have accepted Jesus, do not give into the world, the flesh or the devil. Continue in the Word of God. It's your life support.

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Proverbs 3:5: “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.”

Thank you Jesus for saving me. I praise you, I worship you, I love you.

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# Book of Dora: 'What qualities do you most value in your better half?'



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What qualities do you most value in your better half?

My husband is an amazing person. He is a man who knows who he is and is satisfied who he is.

He is also a person who thinks things through. When we first got married I wanted an answer immediately whenever a problem arose. But he wouldn't react right away. Being young at marriage I didn't know that he was thinking things through. Guess what? He solved the problem. Was he 100 percent right all the time? No!! But over the years we'd talk about the problem and I'd leave him alone. Maybe he'd find a solution in an hour or a day or in

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three days. But he'd solve the problem.

In our more than 63 years of marriage he lost his temper just once.

My husband is a good man. But above all else he is a Christian. He loves the LORD. He's a good father and a good provider. His family came first.

After serving more than 27 years in the Air Force, he retired. We moved to Sacramento. He worked at Radio Shack for minimum wage plus commission. He supported three of our kids in college and the fourth in high school. He worked at General Motors Acceptance Corporation (GMAC). After retiring from GMAC he worked at the golf course. He was a good provider for the family throughout the years.

He had a stroke on January 15, 2001. He had partial paralysis on his right side and he has problem seeing out of his right eye. He used to write with his right hand but now he taught himself how to write with his left hand. He loves photography.

My better half is a fighter. He's not perfect. I'm pointing out who he is. The LORD has certainly blessed our marriage.

Thank you LORD Jesus for my husband, Ron!!

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# Book of Dora: 'What stories have been told when I was a baby?'



**W**hat stories have been told when I was a baby?

This question reminds me what it must have been like when Jesus was a baby.

“7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

“7:15 Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.”

Butter and honey were usual food for children. The infant was first nourished with honey, and then with milk. This is what baby Jesus had. Isn't that awesome?

This note came from my Dake Bible note, page 1143.

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Now let's talk about Dora Lee Elizabeth Holmes, born on Wednesday, July 22, 1931 at 5:00 am at Los Angeles General Hospital.

I was told that when I was old enough to hold my bottle. I would throw the bottle out of my crib. After finishing sometimes my bottle would break.

When my stepdad heard me throw the bottle on floor he would say: "Damn, girl!"

Funny, isn't it? And to this day when I finished eating my food I push my plate away from me because I'm finished. Ron and Ron Jr. know when I'm done with my plate, they take it away.

Also above my bed was a light. I wanted that light on. If it was turned off I would cry until they turned it back on. They (Mom) said that I would stare at that light.

This childhood memory reminds me John 8:12: "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

My Mom and stepdad were good parents. After their divorce Mom worked hard as a single parent. Thank you Mom for your love, courage, and loving our LORD Jesus Christ.

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He and Mom ended up as friends later, much later. Mom is in Heaven. Papa Dave is in Heaven. I'm headed to Heaven. Are you? You can if you confess your sins, repent, ask Jesus' forgiveness and accept Jesus in your heart!

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# Book of Dora: 'What photograph do you most regret not taking?'



**W**hat photograph do you most regret not taking?

I regret not taking a photograph of Mom. I wish my Mother was here so I can take a picture with her.

Mom died on November 20, 2015. I “know” she is in Heaven. She has been with the LORD for two years. I have good days. I have some pretty bad days.

I’m going to ask some questions. How do I handle grieving Mom, even though she has gone on to be with the LORD Jesus? How do I live from day to day missing her? How do I handle not talking to her and not seeing her and not being with her?

I miss my Mother. Everything is alright. I still miss her. I “know” that I will join her, and see my Jesus. Praise God!!!

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But I have grief and sorrow, which go hand in hand — or maybe it doesn't.

I realize there is no pat answer. Coping day to day is what it's all about. And I rely on Scripture to help comfort me.

One comforting Scripture is Isaiah 53:4. It reads: "Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted."

So I guess that sorrow and grief are cousins. Verse three says Jesus was acquainted with grief.

Another comforting Scripture is 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18. It reads:

"4:16 For the LORD himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

"4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the LORD in the air: and so shall we ever be with the LORD.

"4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

Verse 17 states that we will be alive with the LORD.

Relying on these two Scriptural passages and relying on more Bible verses helps gets me through and comforts me.

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I regret not taking a photograph with my Mom. But whether it be good days or bad days, I know, I know, I know that I will be with my LORD Jesus and with my Mom soon.

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# Book of Dora: 'What was it like growing up?'



**W**hat was it like growing up?

When I was a child there was Mom, Dorothy (my sister) and of course, me. There were times when all the furniture we had was a bed.

Today, grocery stores use cardboard boxes. Back then stores had wooden bins. My, how times have changed. So in those days we would go behind grocery stores and bring home wooden bins. We'd use them as chairs. We'd also use them to burn in the fireplace.

We would go to bed early just to stay warm. All three of us slept in the same bed. Mom was in the middle. Dorothy was on one side. I was on the other side. Dorothy and I would play a game that sleeping on the right was better than sleeping on the left side. That was fun.

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Mom couldn't find a job so she received welfare. She was given enough money to pay rent and buy food. But there were too many do's and don'ts. For example, we never knew when the case worker was going to show up to see if we bought anything new. One time Mom needed some pots and pans. Mom bought them. When the case worker showed up we hid them in the closet so they wouldn't see them.

Mom finally found work and she got off welfare. She worked in white people's homes. Women who worked in that kind of work were called maids. Mom would work as a maid in one home on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's. She would then work in another home on Tuesday's and Thursday's. Years later we took Mom to see "The Help," a 2011 movie about black women who were maids in white people's homes. Mom seeing that movie sure brought back memories.

Mom also worked in a toy factory. Mom finally got on her feet. She was working and had her own apartment. Everything was going well for her. I was married to Ron by then. My sister Dorothy was married but she was separated from her second husband. Dorothy didn't want to take care of her three kids. Mom gave up her lifestyle. She went back on welfare to take care of her three grandchildren. I'm not blaming anyone. I'm just stating the facts.

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We couldn't let Mom live like that so my husband, Ron, and I decided to ask her to come and live with us. In 1969, Ron made Mom his Air Force dependent. In 2011, Mom had a stroke. She couldn't walk. Ron, Ron Jr. and I took care of her. It was hard, but we worked together to make Mom's life comfortable. Finally on November 20, 2015, Jesus came and took Mom with Him. Mom lived with us for more than 46 years.

My Mom, Lovelei C. Sterling, was not afraid to work. She didn't leave a lot of material things. But what she did leave us was something that you can't buy. She left a life of unselfishness.

Nowadays, selfishness is the lifestyle for many people. Even at an early age Mom was unselfish. She gave up graduating from high school to help support her mom and her family. Later on, after Mom needed them to help her, family members were not there for her. People — be they family members or Christians — say they love you, but inspect their fruit.

Look at Jesus' fruit. Jesus gave His life for us. A true born again Christian will give. They will give by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others. They will give by walking the talk. We "say" we love Jesus, well prove it!! Mom proved it. Did she have faults yes we "all" do.

Mom kept on giving. She knew Jesus as her LORD and Savior. Now she has her reward. Heaven is her home.

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That's how it was like growing up. This is some of the things that is part of Mom's and my background.

I know Mom is fine. I miss her. I miss her very much. Mom, and I love you.

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One of the pots Mom bought when I was growing up is in the foreground. One of the ceramics Mom made is in the background.

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# Book of Dora: 'What is some advice your mother ever gave you?'



**W**hat is some advice your mother ever gave you?

Mom always told my sister and me to be honest. She told us don't lie. Don't cheat. Work hard. But I want to zero in on one advice Mom drilled in us. She told us to **KEEP YOUR BUSINESS TO YOURSELF!!!**

She said don't tell people what you are going to do. Don't tell people your plans. Don't tell people what you want to do or where you might go.

“KEEP YOUR BUSINESS TO YOURSELF,” she would say.

Mom always told us that a lot of people don't mean you any good. They would hold bad feelings against you. They would be jealous. They would talk about you behind your back. If

something that you shared with them didn't happen, they would say: "I thought you said you were going to..." do this or that? Then you would have to explain why it didn't happen.

Some people are really not your friends. So, I tried to pass this "KEEP YOUR BUSINESS TO YOURSELF" advice to my four children — Terry, Ron Jr., Linda and Leonard.

Of course you might want to share things with your immediate family. My advice now since I'm a believer, is go to the Lord Jesus Christ, first!!! Share with Jesus!!!

Two Bible verses come to mind that tells us to take one day at a time.

James 4:13-14 states: "Go to now, ye that say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:' Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

And Matthew 6:34 reads: "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Now Mom would advise us — and Jesus commissioned us — to share with others our personal testimony.

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Matthew “28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

“28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

Mom (Lovelei C. Sterling) went home to be with Jesus to her new home at 2:04 pm, on Monday, November 20, 2017. See you soon, Mom!

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# Book of Dora: 'What was your first leave from military like?'



**M**y topic or subject is “what was your first leave from military like?”

At the end of basic training during the early 50s, the Air Force gave us the weekend off. Our training was Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

I caught the bus and went into San Antonio by myself. I walked around the city a little bit. But I didn't feel comfortable. So I had to wait about an hour for the bus to go back to the base. I got on the bus and sat down behind the bus driver. As we moved from stop to stop picking up passengers I began to notice that people were boarding the bus and staring at me. I was wearing my military uniform, but it wasn't that.

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I glanced down at the floor and noticed a white line behind the third or fourth seat. Then it dawned on me that I was supposed to sit behind that seat. Being a Negro that was my place in the back of the bus.

I got angry. I stared at these white men and women staring back at me. I did not get up and go to the back of the bus. I remained sitting behind the bus driver. Not being a Christian I began to hate white people from the south. I did not go into San Antonio anymore. And being from Los Angeles, racism was a little more subtle. Oh well, what an experience.

While stationed at March Air Force Base, in Riverside, California, our WAF basketball team (see pictures) played a tournament at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia. The members of our team were really excited about going. The plane we flew on was a C-47 (see me standing near the airplane door in the other picture).

Well anyway, we arrived there safely. We got there a day early. So we decided to go into town at a place where there was like the old days. I remember that there was a charge. Well, when the cashier found out that the some on the team and our coach were Negroes, he wouldn't let us go in. So the entire team said that if we Negroes couldn't go in, they (the white girls) wouldn't go in. So we left.

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That experience was really embarrassing for me. My hatred and distrust for white people deepened all the more.

But when I became a Christian in 1965, the LORD Jesus started to deal with me about white people. And now I love them. I may dislike some of the things they do or say, but I still love them.

I praise and thank the LORD Jesus for dying for my sins and for dying for the sins of the whole world. The Bible says in John that we are to love one another.

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*Sara*

I've never seen pictures of you playing basketball before! Thanks for sharing this! I hadn't seen the first picture either. Very cool!

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# Book of Dora: 'What is my favorite motto?'



**W**hat is my favorite motto? I do not have a favorite motto. But I am a Christian and I would like to share some of my favorite Scriptures.

One verse I really cherish is John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

God loved the world. God loved you and me. God loved the unborn. God sent Jesus to die for all of our sins.

When we come to Jesus and confess our sins, we have everlasting life. We will be with Jesus forever.

Another Scripture I want to share is 2 Corinthians 5:17: “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

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You see why God sent Jesus to die for our sins? So we are in Christ, and brand new creature. A brand new person. The old person is dead, as we daily walk in Him and live in Him. And how do we do that? By reading and meditating on the Word of God.

God Bless you!

PRAISE THE LORD!!

# Book of Dora: 'What are my favorite TV shows'



**W**hat are my favorite TV shows?

I watch news programs, such as FOX News. I like to watch westerns. I like the old “Gunsmoke” (1955-1975 TV) series.

I also like police series, such as “Blue Bloods.” I like the grandfather (retired), father (police chief), two sons (cops) and daughter (district attorney) in that series. I like to watch them because they are family orientated. Every Sunday they meet at their father’s house for dinner. I love to see them pray before they eat.

I also like the following TV series: “Chicago P.D.” (2014-Present), “Law & Order” (1990-2010), and “Law & Order: Special Victims Unit” (1999-Present).

But my favorite TV shows and movies are westerns.

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There are Christian TV movies on Trinity Broadcasting Network, Tri-State Christian Television and God TV I like to watch.

I try to be careful what I watch, especially the language. I want to be careful what I feed my spirit.

Watch what you see and watch what you listen too. Words mean things. Be careful!!

And as 1 Thessalonians 5:28 states, "The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ be with you. AMEN."

**PRAISE THE LORD!!!!**

# Book of Dora: 'Who are the best cooks?'



**W**ho are the best cooks in your family?

My Mom was the best cook. In fact growing up she was the only cook in our family. She cooked tamale pies and macaroni and cheese. She baked lemon meringue pies.

Years after I got married Mom lived with us from 1969 to 2015. I learned a lot from her about cooking those 46 years.

My Grandmother (Lula Sterling) was an awesome cook. Her biscuits were so light and fluffy. Man, could she cook. Another member of my family who is a great cook is Saleta Fontaine, my cousin. Barbecue ribs was her speciality.

Back to Mom — Mom taught me to clean and wash dishes as I cooked. That way I don't have a mess on my hands when I finish cooking.

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I miss my Grandmother's biscuits. I don't remember the last I had Saleta's ribs. Even though I am 86, I still miss Mom's cooking.

Ron and I just finished reading. He was praying and he closed his prayer with this "thank you LORD for the gift of being a Christian."

PRAISE THE LORD!!

# Book of Dora: 'What does Christmas me?'



**W**hat does Christmas meant to me?

While I was a sinner I did not know that Jesus died for my sins, sicknesses and disease.

As a believer I am so grateful that Jesus loves me. Living a life of a Christian is not always peaches and cream. Life at times throws some curve balls at you. I have found out that when that happens, you either stand or you will buckle under the pressures of life.

Thank God for His Son Jesus (The Word). The Word of God is my rock. The Word of God is my Comfort. The Word of God is Jesus. Jesus is my Rock. Jesus is my Comfort. and Praise God Jesus is my Healer. There has been times, especially these last six years, when I've quoted the Word of God (especially healing Scriptures) through pain and tears.

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Matthew Chapter 8 has been one of my mainstays. A leper came to Jesus. The first thing the leper did was to worship Jesus. Then the leper said you are willing you can make me clean. Jesus said, "I will, be thou clean." Immediately he was healed. Praise God!!

A centurion came to Jesus and asked Him to heal his servant who was home sick of the palsy. The servant was in a lot of pain. Jesus said "I will come and heal him." The centurion said "No, No! Just speak the Word and I know he will be healed." That's' what he told Jesus, the Word. In essence the centurion was telling the Word (Jesus) to speak the Word. Oh – what a Savior! Well his servant was healed.

Jesus went to Peter's mother-in-law's house. She was sick in bed with a fever. Jesus saw that she was sick. He touched her hand and the fever left her. She got up, healed of course, and waited on Jesus. That evening many people came to Jesus, and He healed them all.

It's important to go to Jesus first!!! The leper worshipped Jesus. The centurion called Him LORD!

Matthew 8:16-17 reads, "When the even was come, they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with His Word, and healed all that were sick."

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So when I hear someone say: “Have a Merry Christmas,” I think  
“but Jesus was wounded for our transgressions.”

When I hear someone say: “ Have a blessed Christmas,” I am  
reminded that “Jesus was bruised for our iniquities.”

When someone says: “Have a peaceful Christmas,” I remember  
“that the chastisement of our peace was upon Jesus.”

And when someone says: “Have a wonderful Christmas,” I think  
“with His stripes we are healed.”

These are some of the reasons why I am so grateful and thankful  
to my Savior, and LORD, that I am saved, and that Jesus died for  
Dora Lee Elizabeth Holmes Owens.

I love you LORD Jesus. Himself took our infirmities.

Merry Christmas! Have a blessed Christmas! Have a peaceful  
Christmas! Have a wonderful Christmas!

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# Book of Dora: 'Who has been one of the most important people in your life?'



**W**ho has been one of the most important people in your life?  
Can you tell me about him or her?

The most important person in my life is Jesus Christ! He is my Savior, and my Lord. He died for my sins. He saved my soul.

The second most important person in my life is Ronald F. Owens, my husband. We have been married for more than 63 years. He's a Christian. He loves the Lord. Obviously, he is a good husband and father. He's a musician. He served in the United States Air Force. He played the French Horn. Which, by the way, is not an easy instrument to play. He also was a choir conductor.

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There is nothing that he cannot do. I found that out early in our marriage. I also found out early in our marriage that he would think things through before he would act. I wanted him to do things immediately. After he retired from the Air Force, he went to work at Radio Shack, GMAC, and Mather Golf Course. Ron was a hard worker. He wasn't afraid to venture out. I depended on him a lot. He was a good provider. He took care of us — Terry, Ron Jr., Linda and Leonard, who is a truck driver. The other three graduated from Sacramento State University and have office jobs. All of them are Christians. They love the Lord Jesus.

Ron had a stroke in 2001. He has no feeling on his right side. Ron had to teach himself to write with his left hand. He loves photography. Camera's are one of his endeavors.

So the most important person in my life is my Savior Jesus Christ, who saved my soul. And dependable, trustworthy and reliable husband, Ron Owens.

I love Ron. I thank God that Ron is my husband. I love Jesus. I thank God that Jesus is my Savior.

**PRAISE THE LORD!!!**

