

**Chapter 1 : THE GLORIOUS AWAKENING on Vimeo**

*Revivals are glorious. Awakenings are HUGE. They change the destiny of nations by permanently changing the mindsets, perspectives and attitudes of the majority.*

Roots of Revolution The major effect of the Awakening was a rebellion against authoritarian religious rule which spilled over into other areas of colonial life. Amidst the growing population of the colonies within the 18th Century and mass public gatherings, charismatic personalities such as Whitefield and Tennent rolled through to deliver their messages. Though a religious movement, the Awakening had repercussions in cultural and political spheres as well. Customs of civility and courtesy, the governing norms of life in the colonies, were set aside in favor of a more quarrelsome age. Practices and mind-sets were changed by the Awakening like never before. Towards an American Identity Revivalism in the colonies did not form around a complex theology of religious freedom, but nevertheless the ideas it produced opposed the notion of a single truth or a single church. As preachers visited town after town, sects began to break off larger churches and a multitude of Protestant denominations sprouted. The older groups that dominated the early colonies – the Puritans and the Anglicans – eventually began a drastic downward trend in popularity. The effect of Great Awakening unity was an attitude that went against the deferential thinking that consumed English politics and religion. The chain of authority no longer ran from God to ruler to people, but from God to people to ruler. The children of revivalism later echoed this radicalism and popular self-righteousness in the American Revolution, when self-assertion turned against the tyrannical ways of George III. Government as Contract Another effect of the Great Awakening on colonial culture was the growth of the notion of state rule as a contract with the people. Parishioners during the revival gained an understanding of covenants with their churches as contractual schemes; they argued that each believer owed the church their obedience, and the churches in turn owed their congregants the duty to be faithful to the Gospel. Parishioners therefore reserved the right to dissolve the covenant and to sever ties with the church without prior permission. This notion of covenant was a popular one in Puritan society and reflected a common biblical understanding of association. Present in the Mayflower Compact and later forming an ideological basis for breaking from Great Britain, the notion of covenant grew to link religion and politics in the colonies. With the frequency by which believers broke away from larger churches to form splinter groups, the colonists must have been accustomed to separating themselves from larger institutions. Religious Uniformity Perhaps the greatest fuel added to the revolutionary fire that began burning in the latter half of the 18th Century was religious pluralism within the colonies. Unlike England, which after the Glorious Revolution of had become spiritually stagnant under the Church of England, the colonists adhered to no single denomination. The splits in churches that revivalism had caused prevented uniformity in religion from becoming a reality. While groups such as the Quakers and Anglicans still existed in areas, none could rise to dominate the religious scene and become the primary American religion. So long as the colonists did not become complacent, their religious zeal would continue to burn strong. Eventually, this religious zeal turned to revolution and sentiments of self-governance. That the religious spirit of the colonists was a necessary component to the drive for independence is confirmed in the sentiments of those who lived during the period of fighting. Shared Goals The religious revival of the Great Awakening melded the colonists in a way that would not have been possible otherwise. Eighteenth Century Americans thought of religion as something communitarian – a form of social cooperation – rather than a competitive endeavor of individuals that the world of commerce envisioned. Christians were told to be benevolent and to make self-sacrifices, and many were bound together by way of their shared mass conversions. Thus, they could afford to make sacrifices for their land in times of need. Another shared sentiment of the chiefly Protestant nation was a fear of Catholic domination. While this feeling may have been contributed to by fear of foreign political domination, the revivalist zeal of the colonists no doubt played a part in the anti-hierarchical nature of anti-Catholic attitudes. Through cataclysmic events such as world earthquakes in and , expectations of the new millennial age increased. The colonists viewed these as divine signs, and so when questions arose about the Antichrist they turned to the Catholics. They considered the pope to be the enemy during the French and

Indian War, and celebrations in Boston and in other places, Anti-Pope Day furthered Protestant zeal. Anti-Catholicism was one of the most prominent traits in the colonies prior to the revolution. This attitude was significant in the New England way of life and existed not only in the churches but also in taverns, newspapers, and schools. Despite political or theological differences between colonists, one common understanding shared by all was an opposition to Roman Catholicism. They found him in George III, who needed to be expelled from the colonies in order to bring forth the new age of righteousness. The religious fervor spawned by the Great Awakening provided the catalyst for political and military action necessary for fulfillment of religious expectations. The crusade against the Catholics provided the necessary focal point over the course of the 18th Century until the new crusade against the British took over.

**Chapter 2 : Nathan Shaw: "Revivals Are Glorious. Awakenings Are HUGE. The Destiny of Nations Are Changing"**

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The Destiny of Nations Are Changing! You might be one of them! Enjoy and be encouraged! And thanks for forwarding this to your friends! They can subscribe just below Huge shifts are about to take place in the nations – both politically and spiritually. God has a plan for the nations and He is strategically positioning them like chess pieces on a chess board. God gave me two words that describe many of the shifts that are about to happen. Two thousand years ago, a solitary figure came on the scene and initiated a revolution that radically changed the world. The impact was phenomenal. There was no good reason why John the Baptist should have gained the attention of the nation of Israel. His ministry was based in the remote regions around the Jordan River. His clothing was primitive. His lifestyle was unconventional. Despite the things stacked against him, all of Judea and Jerusalem came to hear him. And more than that – they were so moved by his message that they responded with dramatic life style changes see Mark 1: They found the situation so perplexing that they sent people to inquire of John personally. Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you? What do you say about yourself? He knew who he was. He was a prophetic voice crying in the wilderness. His cry was so impacting it shook individuals, institutions, civil authorities and religious systems. What does it mean to be a voice crying in the wilderness? It comes from another realm. It causes the rival kingdoms of light and darkness to clash. It was quickly overshadowed by the ministry of Jesus Himself. Consider the following scenario: Judas betrayed Jesus and then hung himself. Within a short time Peter announced that another person must be selected to take the place of Judas. Notice that Peter says, "Beginning from the baptism of John. In fact, the revolution continues today. The Wuest translation of Mark 6: He was attracted to the cry but repelled by the conviction. Fast forward twenty years. A teacher called Apollos visits the city of Ephesus in Asia Minor: Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. There he found disciples that had never heard of the Holy Spirit. They only knew the baptism of John Acts Revival Cries and Awakenings Are Huge! Fast forward to the modern day. American society was significantly shaped by the First and Second Great Awakenings of the 18th and 19th centuries. George Whitefield came with a cry that awakened people from lifeless, ritualistic religion. His emphasis was a living, dynamic, and intensely personal relationship with God. Photo of George Whitefield via wikipedia Awakenings are a lot bigger than revivals. They change the destiny of nations by permanently changing the mindsets, perspectives and attitudes of the majority. Revivals tend to impact the Church or particular regions. Awakenings shift and shape whole nations. Two recent ministries that had a powerful impact on my life personally were Leonard Ravenhill and Jill Austin. It was this cry that stirred and awakened my heart to experience and know God in a real way. It is this same cry that will awaken the present generation. John the Baptist is a prophetic model foreshadowing multitudes of world changers that God is raising up in our generation. Multiply the prophetic cries of John the Baptist, George Whitefield, Leonard Ravenhill, Jill Austin and a multitude of others and you will begin to get the picture. It starts with a prophetic cry that challenges the status quo. For thirty years John the Baptist was unknown to the multitudes. During this time God was preparing him in hiddenness. Many are being prepared by God right now. When they come on the scene it will be unexpected. We must be prepared for the unexpected and the unconventional. These messengers will arise not only in the Church but also in every sphere of society. Lives will be transformed. The Kingdom will advance.

**Chapter 3 : JESUS CULTURE - GLORIOUS LYRICS**

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I pointed out to him that the decision whether or not to jump into bed with a man has irrevocably changed the direction of my life at several critical junctures. What could he offer me and why did I want him? Perhaps I forced myself into a scenario in which I had to take care of myself. Richard insisted that I would always make the same decision. Anyway, to be a free agent implies that there are other agents acting upon the stew that is this moment in time. The movie makes evident all the possible realities stemming from each moment acting upon each other moment, all the variables including the decisions that were depicted in the flick, of two players who are playing g-ds. Yet those g-dlike choices do not determine the outcome. We do have will but it is not free. I was aware in those moments to fuck or not to fuck of the monstrous momentousness of that decision. God decided to play craps instead of boring solitaire. A personal version of the old Life is shit and then you die. Go here and not there. Talk to this person. Smile at that one. Then the end of the game. Death is part of life, part of the process. Without death there could be no life, for this is a world created in duality. Although the cosmos, again as we know it through astronomy and physics, certainly is at its inception, a division between matter and energy. Life is not shit. Though when I am in my state of nothingness, my desperate disparate Non-Being, I feel like shit. It seems so natural that sleep would be the core cause of manic-depression. And it seems so obvious how manic-depressive disorder could well have developed as a survival mechanism in evolution. How is this any different from our so-called modern world?? I have a wacko theory that we Jews are a very very old, and by imperative, relatively pure set of DNA.. Derrida used the image of a talking donkey to illustrate a point about language and communication. The only reason I even knew that this Jewish holiday is coming up Sunday is because of a conversation with an observant Jew who is one of our vendors. My task was to resolve a discrepancy between our delivery record and his invoice. This Sunday is Shavuot. What do you think Josh? I feel like a bitch. He perceived that I was criticizing his abilities in bed, the worst possible thing a woman can do to a man. That was not my intention. And when I asked for this, awkwardly and when were about to go to sleep, he became defensive and crushed. We both get crushed easily. We are not resilient. When punched, we stay down for the count. The image of boxing is a good one because in my conversation with Manny a few minutes ago, I described resilience as being like a muscle. With the right genetic makeup, a person can build up muscles and gain strength. Some people will never build much muscle, no matter what they do. So there is a genetic component to resilience. But then there is training. Some parents are good coaches, setting up solid dependable training sessions and modeling how to roll with the punches. Those are households in which there are rules. When a young person is given structure and trained, the youngster builds those psychological muscles and with a few good fights under the belt, finds that he or she now has confidence. That individual now possesses the EQ of a winner. These characteristics can be modeled. They can be taught. And yet, there is a genetic predisposition towards weakness or strength in these areas. The tiniest praise puffs me up like a dandelion. A silly dandy lion.. The merest slight blows me adrift. But now, with the aid of computer graphics, now it is do-able. Those artists who did psychedelic posters, the one for example of the tree-man, they were artists. Now that stuff is nearly commonplace, though the vision need be there first. It seemed somehow humiliating to lie down.. What other silly pictures? Would I really sit at a computer and learn the skills to create this, an old old idea? The last piece was to be the crazy tempera painting, in full glorious childlike color: Today I am a lame horse. And Virginia Woolf herself! I just realized that in the prose of Mrs. Dalloway, she depicted for others to experience the glow of mania. She enabled the reader to feel the love of life that we feel in that divine madness. Great writing is the thing itself, not a description of the thing. My writing is merely anecdotal, and only my little perceptions of my little life. Woolf and other bi-polar greats found the vein of gold. Others of us bring out of the earth only coal. The quality of internality? I have that theory. He or she said this to me. It is not even the chewy gristly grist for the mill of

fiction writing. It might be, at best, the stuff of philosophy. But I am the first to admit that I am not a linear thinker, and philosophy is linear. Philosophy can be reduced to pure logic, mathematics in fact. Even my emotions in my journal are expressed literally and not in poetic brilliance. This self-criticism is the clear result of reading a really great book. Does a mind that comprehends male and female consciousness often find itself in a body that finds comfort in physical love of both males and females? I brought this up at breakfast with Richard a few minutes ago. As usual, he proved that I was spouting a stereotype and how meaningless stereotypes are. Not that I have a definite viewpoint. But Richard is much more persuasive in his debating techniques. So do we really have great conversations, or do I simply like listening to him lecture like my personal live-in professor?

**Chapter 4 : Glorious Awakening: The Mother's Union Edition**

*The Glorious Awakening pays tribute to you all at this time. The Glorious Awakening Magazine is specifically published for the enlightenment of the Christian family and for the glory of the Church of Christ.*

On the 2nd left is Sixbert Macumi of Burundi. On the extreme right is the communications officer, Mombasa diocese, and behind him Isaac Mukasa coordinator for dialogue Church of Canada. As the bishops listened to each other in partnership and relationship around the wider table, they discovered a lot about the contexts of the churches in which they serve in different countries all across the world. The realities, including the burning issues of poverty and peace, emerged as the deepest concerns. The bishops also devoted time to sharing and reflecting on the aftermath of slavery, slave trade and colonialism. The Easter edition of the Glorious Awakening remind us of the death and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ who died in our place making a full atonement for our sins. During this Easter season the Church commemorates four principal fundamental doctrines which every Christian is entitled to practice: The Vigil is perhaps the oldest of all the celebrations which means watching or waiting throughout the night, which the early Church observed, as revealed in the scriptures, praying till dawn when Jesus Christ was acclaimed. Some Episcopal Churches still observe the same custom even today, either for the whole night or just part of it or even hold a brief vigil service either immediately before the Service of Light or on Saturday evening in preparation for the celebration of the Easter festival. During the Service of Light the resurrection of our Lord is the main theme while the word is proclaimed dramatically, and the Easter candles are lit, symbolizing the passion of Christ in his true nature as the Light of the World, risen from the darkness of death and the grave. Baptism and Easter were traditionally intertwined in the days of yore of the early Church. Sources from the early church fathers say that this was the only season within the church year during which baptisms were regularly performed in the early church. That is therefore why the early church fathers administered baptism and confirmation during the Easter liturgy. There was too the renewal of baptismal vows by the entire congregation as the final part of the Lenten fast as an affirmation of their union with the risen CHRIST. The climax of the entire Easter liturgy is the celebration of the Holy Eucharist in which we are sacramentally united with risen Lord. During the ancient days, the Eucharist was celebrated very early, at dawn, on the Easter day while the Congregation faced East in token of him who is referred to as the Sun of Righteousness. Happy Easter to you all over there. The 19 Bishops, representing the 11 provinces of the Anglican Communion were: Shanon Johnston from the diocese of Virginia, The Rt. Sixbert Macumi from Burundi; Rt. Mdimi, Central Tangayika; Rt. Michael Perham Bishop of Gloucester; Rt. Michael Bird Bishop of Niagara; Rt. George Bruce, Bishop of Ontario; Rt. John Chapman Bishop of Ottawa; Rt. Terry Dance, Bishop of Huron; Rt. Collin Johnston, Bishop of Toronto plus the six observers. The Dar es Salaam Bishops in Dialogue Conference traces its origins way back to the Lambeth Conference during which partnerships and relations in missions and commitment to dialogue were established. The 19 bishops meeting in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, engaged themselves in a process of patience and holy listening, to one another. It was also noted that the present challenges in the wider communion have presented a good forum to renew commitments to each other. It is therefore significant to state that the church leaders need to turn to one another within the Body of Christ; to know one another and trust one another as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Challenges are disease, poverty, and wars, being just some of the factors. The 19 bishops plus the six observers who gathered in the City of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, through Bible studies, guided by the Holy Spirit, and the Indaba groups, revealed true friendship and commitment to relationships with diocese to diocese partnership in mission work and continued support of one another. The Bishops and the six observers worshipped together, praised God for the gift of partnerships, praying for the Church and the needs of the world, the Church of Christ across the globe , being mindful of the calamities, disasters and crises happening in the world, during the five day Indaba Bishops in Dialogue Conference in Tanzania. Augustine Preparatory School and St. Every activity - you name it. The bishops also engaged themselves in deep serious theological reflections and dialogue. True dialogue or negotiation and discussion is all about turning to one another and paying attention; listening attentively to the other with openness and with a clear heart and mind.

True Christian dialogue is turning to one another within the body of Christ, knowing one another and above everything trusting each other with confidence and love as brothers and sisters in Christ. There are moments in life where human beings develop judgmental attitudes against one another, behaving as if we are in a court of law! This definitely is not Indaba or true dialogue. It was evident that during the Indaba Bishops conference in Dar the testimonies offered by the bishops from both sides of the Atlantic, within the Anglican Communion, revolved around partnership in mission work from where a common trend arose through cross cultural experiences, across the world, around the Anglican Communion whereby it was discovered that they are indeed stronger in relationship than when they are apart. Thus this will steer the work of engaging in communion building to avoid the expense of breaking apart of the whole communion. We are engaged in living in mutual responsibility and interdependence. As the 19 Anglican bishops sat at the round table during the Indaba Conference in Dar es Salaam in March this year, a lot was revealed about the nature and the context of churches in different parts of the Anglican Communion around the globe. The bishops, during the Indaba, shared stories and testimonies of the common mission of Christ that takes different dimensions in different parts of the Anglican Communion worldwide. The bishops focused on prayer; sharing and reflecting on the aftermath of colonialism, the repercussions and horror of the slave trade that left many African communities homeless, fragmented with a lot of insecurity and hopelessness. The story of slavery and the slave trade in Africa is a sad tale of atrocities committed against humanity. Its legacy touches us all. The bishops agreed that it would be a healing for all of us as a Communion to get engaged in broad based negotiations concerning the harrowing history and its ramifications in order to work toward communion building, solidarity, togetherness, perestroika and above all turning towards one another with the love and compassion and kindness of Christ. It was also noted during the Indaba, that global partnerships can have a profound impact on the poorest communities all over the world: No one claimed that any one of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. There were no needy persons among them. All of the local projects toured by the 19 bishops are being financed through partnerships between the Anglican Church and some other charitable organizations. Global Economic Crisis The bishops also learned that because of the economic crisis facing the whole world, some ministries and other charitable organizations will, soon or later, cease to exist or are on the verge of being phased out! What about the orphans? What about tropical illnesses like Malaria? Who is going to provide them? The Church has a great role to play in ensuring that these people are holistically cared for. The bishops engaged themselves in the process of holy listening to one another in the spirit of unity and togetherness concerning our common work and witness coming into deep conviction that they have been collectively called at such a time as this to serve the Church of Christ around the globe in its dire need of this kind of work and above everything praying to have the zeal and the power to undertake such a noble and divine task. Valentino Mokiwa, Primate of Tanzania, for a warm and hospitable welcome and for his beautiful Tanzanian Swahili. Testimony of Grace by Bishops: Mdimi Mhongolo Has been a bishop since He is the Bishop of Central Tanganyika. Central Tanganyika was carved from Mombasa and many other dioceses have been created out of it. The diocese of central Tanganyika has parishes and congregations. Central Tanganyika diocese has partnership relationships with the Diocese of New York. His diocese is predominantly Anglo Catholics. Mombasa Diocese is the mother of all other Dioceses in this region. Though there is a fast spread of Islam, which is a great challenge, the diocese is trying very hard to have dialogue with Muslims. The diocese of Mombasa has an assistant Bishop. Despite drought and famine in many areas, Mombasa Diocese is doing well. Daniel Sarfo The Rt. Bishop Daniel hails from the Asante people in coastal Ghana. He has been a Bishop for 15 years. The Diocese of Kumasi is reported to be growing very well. The Bishop of Kumasi has a great passion for the Anglican Communion at heart. He has shown great enthusiasm and was very happy to be in Dar to dialogue with other Bishops in the Anglican Communion. Bishop Sarfo is a retired armed forces chaplain with the rank of major. He was ordained priest in and was consecrated bishop in The Bishop gave a harrowing testimony of the story about slavery and the slave trade that affected the West African Coast during the 17th and 18th Centuries in what became known as the Trans Atlantic slave trade. The slaves used to be shipped across the Atlantic to the Americas to work in the tobacco and sugar plantations before the raw material was taken to England. A monument has been erected in the diocese to commemorate this. The

diocese of Niagara is cosmopolitan in nature. Geographically speaking Niagara is the smallest of all dioceses in size, but ranked number three in terms of the population of Anglicans. The Niagara Cathedral is located in Central Hamilton which is characterized by unemployment and extreme poverty due to the drying up of the steel industry. This is one of the poorest regions in Canada. This has given the diocese a great focus on missions here. Niagara is a diocese in decline that needs to rediscover itself and try to discover what God is calling them to do! The Bishop has travelled extensively across the diocese which has over 40 congregations. The Bishop affirms that dialogue is the solution to the problems facing the communion. George Bruce The Rt. George Bruce is the Bishop of Ontario and is on his way to retirement in May His diocese is largely rural and cosmopolitan with small congregations. Kajo Keji is a few Kilometres from the Ugandan border in a place geographically called Equatorial Sudan. He has been the Bishop for four years now. His diocese has 58 parishes and has a partnership with the diocese of Bethlehem and Pennsylvania. The Bishop said that the guns have fallen silent in the Sudan and the referendum is a great welcome. Valentino Mokiwa The Most Rev. The whole area is predominantly Muslim.

**Chapter 5 : Glorious | Awakening Leadership Center**

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McKay , 60â€™69 As Christ lives after death, so shall all men, each taking that place in the next world for which he is best fitted. McKay, then a member of the Twelve, and his wife, Emma Ray, experienced their first great sorrow in parenthood when their two-and-a-half-year-old son, Royle, passed away. O what a night of suffering for our darling boy! Every breath he drew seemed agony to him! The doctors examined him this morning, and discovered that his pain was due to pleurisy [inflammation of the lung] on both sides. At this we almost lost hope; but later when [the doctor] told us that by an examination he knew what germ had caused the infection and that he had the anti-toxin, we again took courage. He battled bravely all day, taking the little stimulant given him at intervals as willingly as a grown person would. Ray felt very hopeful, and lay down on the cot beside him for a little rest. Soon his little pulse weakened, and we knew that our baby would soon leave us. Just before the end came, he stretched out his little hands, and as I stooped to caress him, he encircled my neck, and gave me the last of many of the most loving caresses ever a father received from a darling child. I am sure he recognized his Mama a moment later. She had rested only a few minutes; and noticing that the nurses were somewhat agitated, she was bending over her darling baby in a second and did not leave him until we gently led her from the room from which Death had taken our baby boy. He did not die. About two thousand years ago â€! there were some pretty gloomy apostles. The other apostles had fled. Judas had realized what a crime he had committed. What a gloomy night! Next morning Christ arose. But now he was gone. They were left alone, and they seemed confused and helpless. It was the revelation that Christ had risen from the grave. His promises had been kept, his Messianic mission fulfilled. They were witnesses of the fact. From Mark we hear the glorious proclamation of the first empty tomb in all the world. To him the resurrection was not questionableâ€”it was real; and the appearance of his Lord and Master among men was a fact established in his mind beyond the shadow of a doubt. To the proclaiming of this truth he devoted his life, and if tradition can be relied upon, he sealed his testimony with his blood. Another who records the testimony of eye witnesses was Luke, a Gentile, or, as some think, a proselyte of Antioch in Syria, where he followed the profession of physician. Even some of his most severe modern critics have placed him in the first rank of an historian, and his personal contact with early apostles makes his statements of inestimable value. What he wrote was the result of personal inquiry and investigation, and was drawn from all available sources. According to all trustworthy testimony, we have the Gospel of Luke as it came from his hand. He is not here, but is risen. It is true that neither Mark nor Luke testifies to having personally seen the risen Lord, and therefore, some urge that their recorded testimonies cannot be taken as first hand evidence. That they do not so testify, and yet were convinced that others did see Him, shows how incontrovertible was the evidence among the apostles and other disciples that the resurrection was a reality. Fortunately, however, there is a document which does give the personal testimony of an eye witness to an appearance of Jesus after his death and burial. This personal witness also corroborates the testimony not only of the two men whom I have quoted but of others also. I refer to Saul, a Jew of Tarsus, educated at the feet of Gamaliel, a strict Pharisee, and before his conversion a bitter persecutor of all who believed in Jesus of Nazareth as having risen from the dead. And now in the oldest authentic document in existence relating or testifying to the resurrection of Christ, we find Paul saying this to the Corinthians: After that he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. We read that on his way to the Areopagus, Paul had beheld magnificent statues erected to various gods. In the midst of all this worldly wisdom there stood a lonely little brown-eyed man who challenged much of their philosophy as false and their worship of images as gross errorâ€”the only man in that great city of intellectuals who knew by actual experience that a man may pass through the portals of death and live. When they heard of the resurrection, some mocked and all but a few turned away, leaving him who had declared the truth even more lonely than ever. Today, as then, too many men and women have other gods to which they give more thought than to the

resurrected Lord. In their minds there was absolutely no doubt. They knew because their eyes beheld, their ears heard, their hands felt the corporal presence of the risen Redeemer. Death, but a sleep, is followed by a glorious awakening in the morning of an eternal realm. When Mary and Martha saw their brother only as a corpse in the dark and silent tomb, Christ saw him still a living being. This fact he expressed in two words: If everyone knew that the crucified Christ actually rose on the third day—that after having greeted others and mingled with others in the spirit world, his spirit did again reanimate his pierced body, and after sojourning among men for the space of forty days, he ascended a glorified soul to his Father—what benign peace would come to souls now troubled with doubt and uncertainty! For over four thousand years, man had looked into the grave and had seen only the end of life. Of all the millions who had entered therein, not one person had ever returned as a resurrected, immortal being. In it stand revealed the omnipotence of God and the immortality of man. To all who accept it as fact, it is but a manifestation of a uniform law of life. Because man does not understand the law, he calls it a miracle. Like the stillness of death Old Winter has held all vegetable life in his grasp, but as Spring approaches the tender life-giving power of heat and light compels him to relinquish his grip, and what seems to have been dead comes forth in newness of life, refreshed, invigorated, strengthened after a peaceful sleep. So it is with man. What we call death Jesus referred to as sleep. Indeed, to the Savior of the world there is no such thing as death—only life—eternal life. He that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live. There is no cause to fear death; it is but an incident in life. It is as natural as birth. Why should we fear it? Some fear it because they think it is the end of life, and life often is the dearest thing we have. No man can accept the resurrection and be consistent in his belief without accepting also the existence of a personal God. Through the resurrection Christ conquered death and became an immortal soul. The message of the resurrection, therefore, is the most comforting, the most glorious ever given to man, for when death takes a loved one from us, our sorrowing hearts are assuaged by the hope and the divine assurance expressed in the words: I bear you witness that He does live. I know it, as I hope you know that divine truth. He knew happiness, he experienced pain. He rejoiced as well as sorrowed with others. He experienced, also, the sadness that comes through traitors and false accusers. He died a mortal death even as you will. Since Christ lived after death, so shall you, and so shall I. In rising from the dead, he conquered death and is now Lord of the earth. How is the doctrine of the Resurrection a fundamental part of the plan of salvation? How might you use this analogy to help children understand the Resurrection? How can we gain or strengthen a testimony of the Resurrection? How does your testimony of the Resurrection influence the decisions you make? What other gospel principles are more easily understood after we have a testimony of the Resurrection? How does a knowledge of the Resurrection lessen the sorrow associated with death and help comfort those who mourn? What examples have you seen of people being strengthened in trials by their testimony of the Resurrection? Why is the existence of a resurrected God so important to mankind?

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Over delegates from different parishes were in attendance. We should give our husbands allowances to be human! The year , was full of life events that were most inspiring in our journey of faith with Christ. Those of us who were in Kanamai and Mama Ngina girls will not forget the awesome worship in which the clergy and their spouses were invited to participate in a such a spectacular manner, profoundly united in praising God and participating in the Holy Eucharist. The clergy and their spouses, the laity and numerous church workers, stood side by side, their hearts and minds fully focused on that divine love. The clergy and their spouses together with other church workers, discovered many new things about each other as they sat together in small groups, sharing stories of ministry and mission, from so many different settings within the Mombasa Diocese of the Anglican Church The majority of us were really inspired by the stories of faith and courage from our brothers from USA during SOMA conference, where resolutions, challenges and conflicts of our faith can often be so sharp. This for most of us is a painful experience and one which will live with us for a long time. It is good to say these experiences are realities of life situations indeed part of family life. As believers in Christ, we are not immune to challenges and disputes of the world, and neither should we be expecting to have an easy ride. What we have however is the precious gift as we face and address the hard questions and tribulations of life. We will be walking in the Spirit and there is nothing to scare us! Sadly this marvelous reverend, curate at St. By the time of filing this story, news reached our desk of the passing on of the father of Rev. William Katam of St. Sadly too Dr J. Okanga went to be with Lord in October Once again the cruel hand of death has robbed us our beloved ones. Diani, Mariakani, Rabai, Changombe, St. Thomas Kilifi, Mnarani, Matsangoni, St. It was a wonderful thing to see all the women of our diocese congregating and worshipping together. Praising God for their many precious gifts and talents and partnerships praying for their families, praying for the widows, widowers, orphans and those with disabilities or with special needs. Praying also for the problems of drought and famine that have affected many parts of the diocese; praying for the Church and the needs of the whole world. The delegates to the conference shared testimonies and life experiences, their walk with faith and commitment to helping one another through prayers, partnership and fellowship. The women in the conference enjoyed each others company sharing both joys and set backs; singing, praising, drama, chasing the chickens with laughter. All the ups and downs of life, you name them! The ladies of our diocese, through their facilitators, Ann Ikucha from Nairobi Diocese, Paulyn Mbashu from Taita Taveta, Everlyn Manjewa, Ann Ofundi and Sam Maraga all from Mombasa Diocese engaged in theological discussion and reflected on the topics they were given to teach the delegates. We, at the same moment, tasted the warm, wonderful welcome and the hospitality of the Singwaya Church Archdeacon, Venerable Morris Mwambawa, who together with his wife, cared for us during our one week stay in his Archdeaconry of Mpeketoni, Lamu. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. The women found out that in this gathering the presence and power of the Holy Ghost was manifested in our midst through the ministry of the word by various excellent and gifted speakers. As a part of the Anglican Diocese of Mombasa, the women recognized that they are but a small section of the numerous fellowships which also, in holy and lovely friendship, are taking place around the diocese, offering themselves as living sacrifices of praise to edify the body of Christ. As true Anglicans, guided by the Holy Spirit and grounded on scripture, coming from a wide range of contexts and from diverse backgrounds, have chosen to turn to each other in love, patience and kindness within the body of Christ. It was crystal clear that commitment to true Christian fellowship has led them to know one another, discover themselves in each other as women, their role in the churches, the society and national governance and to depend on their engagement in the Christian mission and with one another. Ann Omusugu took to the stage and explicitly expounded the just adapted document for all the women to comprehend. The delegates at the conference comprised of women of diverse backgrounds varying levels of

education and understanding of what the Constitution is all about. They learned that a constitution is simply a set of rules and regulations that govern people. Just as the Bible acts as a constitution that guides Christians, the constitution is there to guide and protect the rights of all its citizens. Quoting from Gen 1: She went on to reiterate that the Constitution says that human life begins at conception the way the Bible says in Jeremiah. The conference was also told that abortion is not permitted unless it is the otherwise recommended opinion of a medical expert. There is no gender discrimination of women against men; men and women have equal opportunities in politics, culture and other social circles. Challenged other women Mrs. Omusgu challenged the MU delegates to take active roles in church and national leadership as the new Constitution mandates them to do. There were also mythological figures Athena and Diana who inspire other women. The conference was also told that women should take a leading role in establishment of small businesses to boost their economic status and to raise living standards by taking loans from charitable organizations. Mrs Omusugu speaking during the conference; women have a role to play in leadership! The women took time to reflect and shared stories of common mission and fellowship of Jesus Christ that takes different dimensions in different spheres of life across the entire diocese of Mombasa. The women devoted time to pray, sharing and reflecting on the aftermath of the institution of parenting and widowhood. Its legacy touches us all, especially women whose husbands have gone to be with the Lord. It is a litmus test; she narrated a very harrowing experience which widows who fall into the hands of unscrupulous men who often abuse them for sexual gain and satisfaction. The church needs to show compassion and care to widows and orphans. To provide service to widows in their hardest and most difficult moment in life is a true gesture of the kind of religion with which our God will find no fault. Pauline reiterated that, despite the fact that some widows were left comparatively well off; there is a great need for them to be protected from the unscrupulous, evil minded and stupid men. Pauline Mbashu, the widow, a gifted speaker and orator, sent the conference participants into a frenzy of delirium when she quoted from Psalm God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing, but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land. In this picture foreground. The causative agent is medically referred to as Human Immunodeficiency Virus. D s " crynonym " Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. This viral illness attacks human beings of all ages, hence Human Immuno Deficiency Virus. The patient can have the viral load in the bloodstream but have not yet developed the disease. AIDs has no cure at the moment. The conference learned about abstinence and being faithful. Women are most affected because of the large number who are widows " their husbands having succumbed to AIDs. Malaria The conference was also sensitized about Malaria. Malaria is a tropical illness vectored by a mosquito of the anopheles species - plasmodium being the causative agent. The plasmodium is categorized into-palciparam, ovale, vivax and Malaria. Malariae is the most prevalent of the four. Malaria has a profound effect on pregnant women causing miscarriages among other serious repercussions. It was recommended therefore that all expectant women sleep under mosquito nets to avoid risk of infection. Some other complications at birth Atreacia This is a disorder whereby female children are born with blocked reproductive organs. Usually there is a membrane covering the genital organ. Medically speaking, experts say it is curable. Atreacia vaginalis refers to vaginal blockage whereas atreacia analis is anal blockage. Surgical operation is available in all local hospitals. Samuel Maranga, left, addressing women in Mpeketoni Lamu. There is great need of all women to give birth in hospital where we have professional midwives. Marriage to be honored My name is Ann Ikucha. I convey greetings of my Archbishop Wabukala, and from my husband Ikucha and from Machakos where I was last week. I came to know about Christ in when I was a girl and have walked with Jesus since then and I am indeed humbled to speak to you Mombasa women today, though my Kiswahili is not all that good. Please bear with me! Unfortunately for us, there are no such institutions to attend for one to graduate as a mother. All in all the book of proverbs gives us some tips on how to go about this noble profession. The seminars, workshops, books and conferences, like this one , for parenting abound, yet the question is: Is getting the necessary information the real solution to better parenting? Wisdom is therefore more important than gaining the required information through intellect. Wisdom does not necessarily mean gathering of information. To be knowledgeable for that matter is a process of applying the word of God as a measure and guide for our daily life decision making processes. According to Proverbs 1: Before embarking on a journey in pursuit of wisdom, of mothering and parenting, first of all we

have to bow down our hearts in reverence to God in total humble submission. Remember the most important of all the things: How to minister to stubborn men The majority of men in the world today undergo some sort of disappointment and in the course of their life get injured. Therefore just like soldier, who goes to war and is at the forefront, is wounded and injured, a man will at some time be wounded by events in life, beyond his control. The only way a woman can minister to such a husband is by being compassionate. Joblessness, sickness or even death of a beloved one are but some of the wounds a man may incur in the course of life. Forgiveness Men need comfort and forgiveness from their wives. Men are part of the fallen human race. They are true human beings. Therefore they are not perfect the way God is. The women were told that they need to see their husbands as human beings; mortal, with failings and limitations but capable of that which is noble as well as doing what is best in all situations.

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