

# Let's Talk CHANGE DEVOTIONALS



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## FOR THE LADIES

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God gets all the credit for creating woman. If anyone knows us as ladies, He does. God intended for woman to be valued, appreciated, respected, and above all loved. God is viewed as masculine, so one could say the first man to think about a woman is God. He gave woman to man as a lifetime companion when Adam acknowledged he was alone. Adam defined her as bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh. Unfortunately, the harmony in this male-female relationship was flawed by their act of disobedience in the Garden of Eden. From that time to this man has found fault with woman and woman has struggled to remain pleasing to man. God bridged the gap that was between Him and humankind through Jesus Christ. His love for man and woman has never decreased and now through the work of Christ at Calvary man and woman can have an eternal relationship with God. However, the man and woman relationship still suffers on many levels.



As ladies, do not allow your worth/value to be determined by what a man says if it does not hold true to what God says about you. Whether single or married your worth has been declared by the God who created us. When we allow our self image to be managed by a man who does not value us the way God does, we abort the potential of being all God has designed us to be. Allow God's perspective to take precedence in your thinking. The book of Proverbs talks about loose and wayward woman and teaches men to avoid this type. Also, in Proverbs a man is told he finds favor of the Lord when he finds a wife. And the famous virtuous woman in Proverbs 31:30 says a woman is praised if she "reverently and worshipfully fears the Lord."

Ladies, we are more than makeup, outfits and high heels. We are more than pleasure toys and showpieces. Mother's Day is Sunday, however, whether you have birthed a child in the world or not, you should be respected by a man because Jesus removed the curse of sin at the cross and gave you dignity, royalty and honor. Your words should be tempered with grace and your demeanor should reflect the glory of His presence in your life. Single or married, when your life is hid in Christ you are a beautiful woman on the inside and it should show on the outside. Celebrate womanhood being dedicated to Christ and surely you will be honored and recognized by God as His Lady!

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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