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Preface

Hope in the overwhelming moments.

There is an enemy mankind faces - An enemy that knows our weakness inside and out. He is like a roaring lion searching for a vulnerable target to consume.

His attack is not by a massive display of force; but rather by small blows with his fiery darts. His mission is to deliver those darts which inspire utter despair, failure and hopelessness in the hearts of women globally. His target is to destroy a vital support pillar in the greater family of creation.

The attack against women started 6000 years ago in the Garden of Eden with Eve. Since then millions of women have been the victims of cruelty and hatred by the innovative works of the enemy. The enemy's fiery darts almost seem to have an overwhelming victory against her. How can anyone stand in the face of such hatred and wickedness? Is there any hope alive which can rescue her?

There is Hope for the woman of today. Hope against overwhelming odds.
Hope received by a woman at a well who previously only found disappointment.
Hope experienced by a woman caught in adultery and saved from her accusers.
Hope for a woman without purpose; finding it by giving her most precious perfume.
Hope given to a woman, who lost her Son due to injustice; then receiving restoration when finding Him in a garden in all His resurrection glory.

All these women in the Bible had a very real encounter with Hope. Hope which was alive and well - dedicated to defeating the most overwhelming of circumstances. Hope capable of saying to the most violent storms "peace, be still". Hope that comes to you in only one form and that is Jesus Christ.

This is "Hope alive" because the Son of God did not stay dead leaving mankind and womankind in hopelessness; but He arose triumphantly with the offer of new life. Jesus defeated the enemy, making a show of them openly, giving all people the chance to be set free.

It is with this inspiration of Hope that we bring to you the first of many booklets containing precious poems and writings dedicated to uplifting a woman and helping her to develop spiritually. These poems and writings are written mostly by women, many of whom have been through uncounted hardships. They all concluded that through all the hardships faced, Jesus was their only Hope and solution to the impossible. These inspired words have been coupled with inspirational Bible verses. We pray that they will kindle Hope in your heart - Inspiring you as so many others before in history: to become a victorious daughter of God.

Woman Alive with Hope!

There is a woman who is serving You Father;
She doesn't look left or right.
She looks toward You Father,
As an eagle which searches out its prey.
In sickness or in health;
In lack or abundance.
She walks and never gets weary;
Seeking to do Your will.

You renew her everyday;
You give her strength when she is weary.
You lift her up when she is down;
You hide her in Your secret place!
You lead her by Your spirit;
You are her keeper.
She is Your servant; a woman alive with hope.

Isaiah 40: 31 (Paraphrased)

"The woman who hopes in the LORD for help will find her strength renewed. She will rise on wings like eagles; she will run and not grow tired; she will walk and not grow fragile."

No Future.

Lord it is dark;
I hear the dogs bark.
What a life?
Where is a knife?
A bright light shines on my face.
The knife slips out of my hand;
What happened?

Hope and Grace have happened.
Lord, Your light entered into my darkness

1 Peter 2:9 MKJV

"...you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for possession, so that you might speak of the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light"

Hope.

"Jesus! Jesus!" called the voice.
Slowly He turned His face!
Jesus! Help Me I can't go on!
Jesus reached out and touched her head softly,
Smiled and said with a tender voice:
"Don't concern yourself my child, You're safe in my arms"
The voice answered softly: "Thank You Jesus"
And way back into His loving arms she goes;
With Total Trust and peace.

THE TREE

Alone on a hill stands a tree,
Who would know the agony and pain it would carry.
Brightly the morning sun shines,
Birds fly, singing a welcoming song to a new day.

Down in the valley there's a commotion,
It's coming closer and closer, what could it be?
People's feet crashing down on a stony path,
Dragging sounds of "something heavy" fills the air.

Birds stop singing,
Clouds cover the sun and silence falls on the hill.
A clashing sound of hammer against nail
People shuffle closer.

Then a voice "Father, Father forgive them,
They do not know what they do!"
Raindrops fall from a black sky.
Rivers of water run down the foot path mixed with His precious blood.

The Silence looms.
People stare at the tree on the hill top
Slowly, very slowly, they step back with the understanding:
"Surely He was the Son of God?"

O what agony, what pain, what a price was paid for our freedom.
Slowly they lower His body down to the cold wet ground.
Around Him blood and water mix, signs of a broken heart;
Opened for all mankind; rescuing us from sin and death.

Love so divine.

My God and my Maker!

How mysterious are Your ways my Lord?

I'm standing by, seeing Your love and grace in action.

I stand in awe, watching the awesomeness of Your power.

How intriguing are Your ways my Lord?

You are my daily satisfaction.

Lord You are my light;

Even in the darkest night.

I bend my knees before my Maker;

Who is the forgiver of my sin.

When I'm pinned to my knees in your presence;

Forgiveness is only a breath away.

It is here I realize that You are truly a God of love.

Ephesians 3:19 GNB

“Yes, may you come to know his love — although it can never be fully known — and so be completely filled with the very nature of God”

EXTRA!

EXTRA!

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

**HOPE IN
JESUS!**

"O DEATH,
WHERE IS YOUR
STING? O
GRAVE, WHERE IS
YOUR VICTORY?
THE STING OF
DEATH IS SIN,
AND THE
STRENGTH OF
SIN IS THE LAW.
BUT THANKS BE
TO GOD WHO
GIVES US THE
VICTORY
THROUGH OUR
LORD JESUS
CHRIST."

**1 CORINTHIANS
15:55 - 57 MKJV**

He Lives!

My Redeemer lives!
How awesome, He is alive!
My God is alive!
Hallelujah!
Praise His wonderful name!

My Redeemer lives!
Shout it from the rooftops;
Shout it from the mountains
Tell the whole world He's alive.
How marvelous?
How glorious?
My King is alive!

My Redeemer lives!
He loves me with a love undying.
He has a burning compassion;
To bless me till over-flowing.
He loves unconditionally;
Hallelujah!
He lives forever and ever!

Return of Jesus.

I see Jesus seated in His glorious golden Throne.
High above, angels flying all around,
Up and down in the heavenlies.
Singing in joyful voices:

*“Wake up, the time is near; Open your ears and hear
The time is near; The King is coming
It is time to yield and bend your knee;
The King is coming, Hallelujah!”*

He is truly coming!
Look up into the sky with expectation;
Eagerly waiting for the sign,
Jesus is coming.
Soon very soon He is coming!
Be ready He is coming!

1 Peter 3:15 KJV

“SANCTIFY THE LORD GOD IN
YOUR HEARTS: AND BE READY
ALWAYS TO GIVE AN ANSWER
TO EVERY MAN THAT ASKS
YOU A REASON OF THE
HOPE THAT IS IN YOU WITH
MEEKNESS AND FEAR”

John 4:10 -15 GNB

Jesus answered, "If you only knew what God gives and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would ask him, and he would give you life-giving water." "Sir," the woman said, "you don't have a bucket, and the well is deep. Where would you get that life-giving water? It was our ancestor Jacob who gave us this well; he and his children and his flocks all drank from it. You don't claim to be greater than Jacob, do you?" Jesus answered, "Those who drink this water will get thirsty again, but those who drink the water that I will give them will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give them will become in them a spring which will provide them with life-giving water and give them eternal life." "Sir," the woman said, "give me that water! Then I will never be thirsty again, nor will I have to come here to draw water."

River of Hope.

I turn my face to the sky,
My eyes eagerly seeking for a sign of rain;
But it is silence and darkness that greets me.

Then like a mist out of nowhere,
His presence arises up and around me;
Mercy-drops of love fall upon my thirsty soul.
Faith-drops fall from the sky.
Cool drops of heavenly sweetness;
Life giving drops of hope and of grace.

Peace and faith arise within me.
The Hope of life stirs around me.
The river of hope starts to flow.
A mighty rushing, cry of praise streams forward:
*"Hallelujah!
All praises to the king;
The Lion of Judah;
The King of kings."*

This following poem is called "B.J." It is inspired by the case of a little boy with Kidney Cancer and a mother who had to stand by having her hope and faith in God greatly tested. God proved Himself faithful, once again; and allowed circumstances to come about which would restore the mothers hope in her Saviour and heal the little boy of cancer. We praise God for guiding the doctors involved and for bringing about a full recovery to an innocent child.

B.J.

(And Restoration for a Mother's Hope)

Big brown eyes,
A trusting smile,
A small hand,
Lifted-up in praise to God:
*"The God of miracles;
The God of all comfort;
The God who "can";
The God who performs,
Divine healing in body and soul.
The God who came down,
From heaven above."*

A moment of silence;
Lord it is done.
A sigh of relief;
Restoration of a mother's faith,
Trust and hope,
Between her and her creator.

Matthew 18:1 - 5 ISV

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Who, then, is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?" Calling a little child forward, he had him stand among them. Then he said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven, and whoever receives a little child like this in my name receives me."

A Prayer Away.

Look up into the night sky,
Notice the stars are shining bright.
The moon so full and white,
Feel the stillness of the night.

Know that Jesus is only a prayer away.

When you feel down, head hanging low,
See Jesus at your feet, kneeling down;
Washing that which walked through this world.

Saying “it was worth it, I love you”.

Know that Jesus is only a prayer away.

When you miss your family and friends;
Feel rejected and alone.

Know that Jesus is right beside you,
Calling out “rest in me!”

Reach out your hands to the King of kings;
Worship Him with all your might.

Feel His presence around you;
Comforting you in His peace and grace.

Know that Jesus is only a prayer away.

Find Hope and Overcome!

Romans 8:37 KJV
In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

When the sun slowly rises in the east; there is a **promise** of new day breaking. Yet you feel that you can't face another day. Just stand still and close your eyes. Let the heat of the early morning sun flood over you. Let the warm beams of the sun warm your soul and **consider all God has done**. Be aware of the greatness of God; Know that **God created you with a purpose**. The work that He started with you, He will bring to fulfillment. Now **find peace** in the knowledge that you are a child of God. You are royalty, **by the blood of Jesus - you are His**. You are a Kings child, Co-heir to His wisdom, power and riches in glory. You can have the greatness of God's presence going with you. So woman lift up your head! Face this world with boldness. **Who can be against you when God is for you?** Come woman and grab the bull by the horns; **run the race with gladness**. Reach the end of your race with praises on your lips.

Romans 8:31 KJV

Dear Reader:

If this booklet has touched your heart, then we ask you to consider the following verse: *“For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life.” John 3:16 GNB*

God doesn't just want to touch your heart; He wishes also to give you abundant life, in a relationship with Him. If you would like God to do this, then pray the following prayer today, and don't delay for one minute longer:

Dear father

Father I acknowledge that I am a sinner and fall short of the Glory of God. Father I realize I need your help! I accept that You gave Your only beloved Son to die for me on the cross. I ask You, Jesus, to come into my heart and cleanse me of my sin. I now believe that I am born again and that I am born into God's family. Thank You, Jesus, that my sins are now washed away.

Amen

If you have prayed this prayer, then don't hesitate to contact us today so that we can facilitate you in your walk with Jesus.

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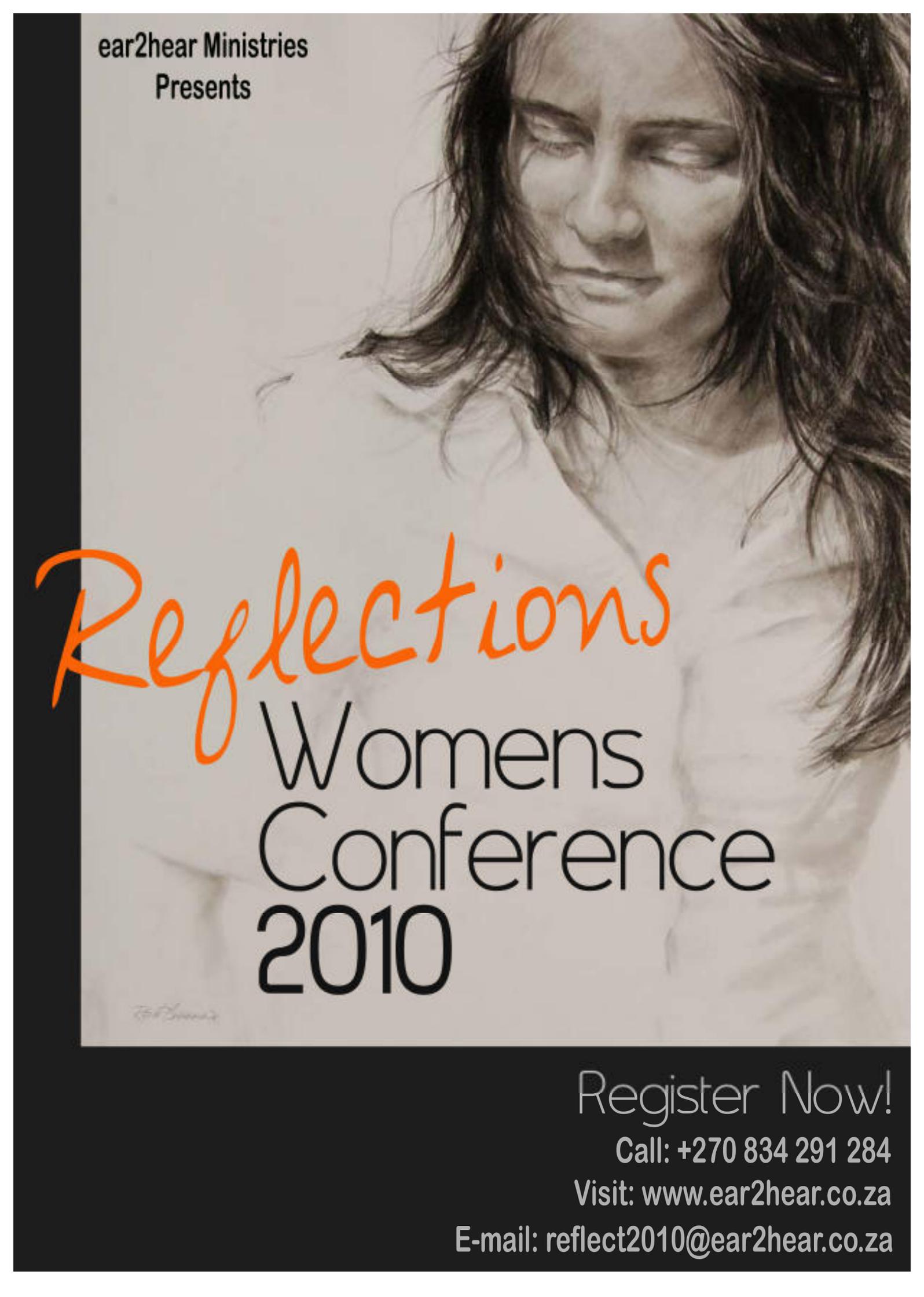
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