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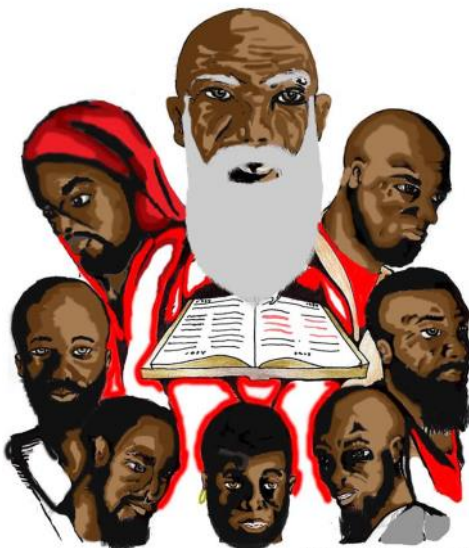
The Black Sons of Abraham

by Dr. Debra Johnson, Editor

Ask any Muslim, Jew, or Christian how many sons Abraham had. The answer will probably be two, because Ishmael and Isaac are the only children of Abraham we hear about across the pulpit or in Sunday School. During Black History Month, it may be time to acknowledge that according to the Holy Bible (Genesis 16:16, 17:19, and 25:1 and 2), Abraham was the father of eight sons. Seven of Abraham's sons grew up to be black men.

How do we know they were black men? Ishmael's mother was

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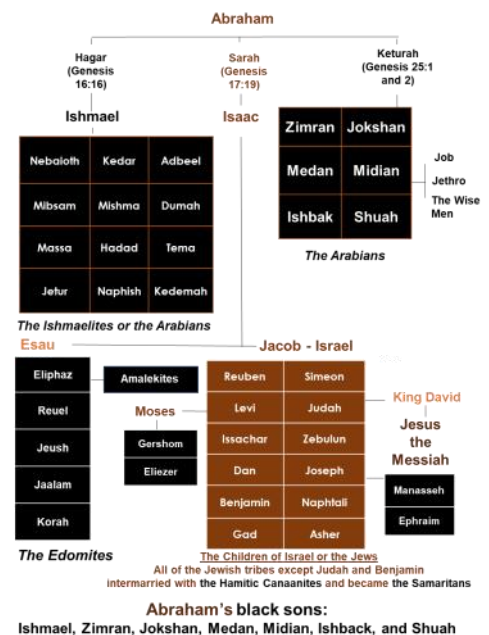
Hagar, an Egyptian. The Egyptians are descended from Mizraim, a son of Ham (Genesis 10:6) Thus, Ishmael was Jewish and black.

The mother of Abraham's other six black sons was Keturah (Genesis 25:1 and 2). How do we know she was black? One of her sons was named Midian. The Prophet Moses married a Midianite woman named Zipporah (Exodus 2:21). She was so black the Holy Bible calls her an Ethiopian woman in Numbers 12:1. The Greek word Ethiopian means burnt face. Miriam and Aaron objected to this dark-skinned sister who was Moses' wife and they spoke against Moses, so God punished Miriam by giving her leprosy. She turned white as snow (which could not have been her original skin tone) and was shut up for seven days (Numbers 12:2 – 15). For this Midianite woman to have been black, Keturah, the woman from whom Zipporah was descended, must have

been black, too.

As I read the Word of God, I realized Abraham had children by two black women, but I could find no outside information on the six brothers. Thus, I researched all seven black men and their male descendants in the Holy Bible. I tell their stories and the stories of all men who were mixed with Jewish and Hamitic blood in my new book titled *The Black Sons of Abraham*, now available for free at drdebrabooks.com. I hope you enjoy the charts, the pictures, and the Biblical text!

The Eight Sons of Abraham:
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The Edomites
The Children of Israel or the Jews
All of the Jewish tribes except Judah and Benjamin intermarried with the Hamitic Canaanites and became the Samaritans

Abraham's black sons:
Ishmael, Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishback, and Shuah

Editorials and Opinions

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Turning Pressure into Power via 31 Days of Prayer

by Evangelist Cherlyn A. Williams, ISPA President

Wow! This year of 2021 has been an amazing new beginning and a great, fresh start for the 31 Days of Prayer in January for the International Single People's Alliance of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. We celebrated our sixth year! God spoke to me that prayer is needed and His people must return to their first love. This is our brand: God is always speaking. All you have to do is listen and become obedient to the Word of God."

God speaks every day and all day. Can't you hear Him in the still of the night, whether the temperature is freezing cold or boiling hot? He's speaking early in the morning or at noonday. Isaiah 33:2 states: **O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be Thou their arm every morning, our**

salvation also in the time of trouble (KJV). Turning Pressure into Power is the ISPA theme for 2021.

We're in a season where so many saints' faith has been shaken or weakened. During this pandemic, God is still God! So many of our speakers during the 31 Days of Prayer were steadfast in sharing the Word of God. One speaker said that we should never let our circumstances create a false picture of who God is. He is still God even though we go through different trials and experience hardship!

Evangelist Margaret Walls said "We had 62 speakers and each one added to the buffet a different spiritual food that was good for both body and soul. Some participants expressed how God used the pressure in their lives and turned it into power. One speaker mentioned that God can take you out of your comfort zone and put you in His. This caused me to know that God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary

things. Sixty-two speakers help to build 62 rooms in His spiritual house and each room was different. At the end, we had a spiritual explosion of power!"

"As I think back to January 1 through 31, 2021, at 6:30 am and 6:30 pm," said Evangelist Dorothy

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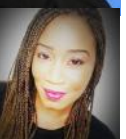
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ISPA's Upcoming Events

Turning Pressure into Power
Saturdays at 9:00 am EST
on Facebook Live

ISPA Virtual Dating Game
Friday, February 12, 2021
8:30 pm EST – PAWsingles.com

ISPA Virtual Prayer Conference
March 26 and 27, 2021
Registration will be \$12

Features

The Comfort of Jesus

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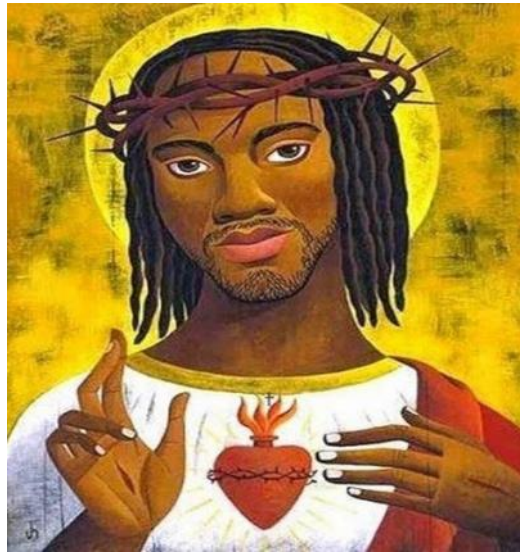
Let's think about the comfort of Jesus and turning pressure into power through faith in Jesus! Isaiah 40:1 and 2 begin:

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins (KJV).

John 14:16-18 begins: **And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.**

Our third Scripture is Romans 1:12 which reads: **That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.** Thus far our Scriptures.

Excluding times of war and the destruction of the World Trade Center 20 years ago, the current time may be the most agonizing and anxious time in this country for all Americans. After four years of a president who was publicly described as a liar, we are beginning to breathe a sigh of relief as we welcome a new president and a black female



vice president. Both not only acknowledge God, but also attribute their political victories to black women and especially, Stacy Abrams.

Still, 462,000 dead Americans, which include our beloved relatives and friends, will not let us forget the yet untamed and constantly mutating Covid –19 virus. It is a pestilence that walketh in darkness as Psalm 91:6 states. We may get our vaccines, wear multiple masks, and refuse to leave our homes, but in our hearts, we know that our safety rests solely in the grace of God.

Isaiah speaks to us of comfort during a time that preceded the devastating 70 year captivity of the Jews. These words of Isaiah came during the reign of King Hezekiah and they reflect the tendency of our loving Father to reassure us even before a negative event occurs.

We begin with the word comfort in Isaiah 40:1. The word comfort, from Latin, has two parts. Com means together, and fortis means

strong. The verb comfort is an action word that means to strengthen, to invigorate, to cheer or enlighten. To comfort is to soothe in distress or sorrow, to ease the misery or grief of someone, to bring consolation or hope to a person.

In Isaiah 40:1, Isaiah writes:

Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, saith your God. God is telling His people, together we are strong. When we join ourselves to God in prayer, we are transformed from being fearful and depressed to overcomers with the victory! Isaiah says in verse 2: **Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned...** As a whole, the Jewish kings and people had not been faithful to God even though God had been faithful to them. Before He plunges them into Babylonian captivity, God sends them words that let them know their pain has a limit, their sorrow has a boundary, their hurt will not go on forever due to His mercy. Although the Jews have done wrong, Jesus wants them to know He has forgiven them, just as He forgives our sins after we repent. God is not like us—He doesn't hold grudges. Let us forgive others because He really does forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors in Matthew 6:12. If we don't forgive others, we cannot expect forgiveness from God!

Let's look at the end of verse 2: **...for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her**

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Dickson, “my heart rejoiced in knowing that I was ready to receive a word of encouragement. I was ready to hear how many ways that pressure could be turned into power. Just know that I enjoyed each and every speaker and I thank God in that I was able to be on the Prayer Line each and every day.”

Evangelist Veola McRae indicated: “What I loved about the 31 Days of Prayer was how Evangelist Cherlyn Williams was able to keep the flow of the sessions moving smoothly with or without a speaker. She immediately welcomed callers as family members!”

I would like to thank the entire ISPA staff, especially our Executive Secretary, Minister Sarah Johnson, and our Assistant Secretary, Missionary Rachel Taylor for their diligent assistance during the 31 days of Prayer. Thank you to every speaker who made this sixth anniversary awesome. Thank you all for every scripture, song, and praise!

Speakers and Topics for 31 Days of Prayer

by Evangelists Dorothy Dickson and Felita Hibbitt

- 1 AM - **Bishop Jeffery Goldsmith** Philippians 4:6. Let your praise be made known. Don't worry in every situation, just pray.
- PM – **Pastor Cecil Ashford II** Chronicles 20:11. Fear will cripple you. We are our tallest when we are on our knees.



- 2 AM – **Evg. Camilla Hill** Philippians 4:6-9. We are comfortable in familiar things, but we don't want to deal with the unknown. Ask God to give us focus.
- PM - **Sister Shari Denny** Chronicles 2:13-14. We are turning pressure into power, prayer, and praise. God is with us.
- 3 AM – **Evg. Sharon Gallimore** I Samuel 1: 1-3. We learn to fight with prayer, a powerful thing to fight with. Give your pressure to Jesus. Children of the Most High, we pray.
- PM – **Evg. Michelle McQueen** Ephesians 1:3-5. We should be holy and without blame. Jesus

is returning for His glorious church...His Bride.

- 4 AM – **Elder DeMarcus Williams** Hebrews 10:2, 10-14. We must turn to God when pressure is on.
- PM - **Elder Donald Robertson** Matthew 26:36-39. The pain we felt was necessary to get us where we need to be. Pressure produces power, and diamonds are made under pressure.
- 5 AM – **Evg Ashley Shaw I** Peter 5:7. Pressure often sends us to another level. Give me a fresh wind of Your glory.
- PM – **Elder Earl Brewer** Matthew 13:4. We are under a lot of pressure. Learn how to trust God if you want to turn pressure into power.
- 6 AM – **Sister Carolyn Moyer** Daniel 2:18-19. Compared Daniel & David and both were troubled on every side, and they both came out as pure gold. But He knoweth the way that I take when He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold Job 23:10.
- PM - **Elder Shelton Turner** Matthew 15:21-28. Know Who you belong to... Rejoice, God has given us the power.

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The Comfort of Jesus

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sins. Why would the Jews receive double for all of their sins? Why would they receive twice as much punishment? Because they alone knew God! No other tribe on this earth had received God's personal attention, God's miracles, God's laws, and God's blessings! As saints, sometimes we wonder why we may have it harder than other people when we sin. When we sin, we get pregnant or catch an STD! When we lie, steal, or commit adultery, we get caught! Why? Not only because we know better, but also because we know God! For those of us in sin, we had better stop sinning right now!

John 14:16 begins with Jesus saying these words: **And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever.** Here, we see the word Comforter as a noun, which is the name of a person, place, or thing. The noun comfort means relief from pain, grief or distress. Comfort is a state of ease and quiet enjoyment wherein one is free from worry or pain. Comfort is a person or thing that comforts. Comfort is anything that makes life easy, satisfied, pleasant, agreeable, cozy, convenient and consoled.

Jesus is telling the disciples that He will give them a manifestation of Himself that will never leave them. Jesus comforted the disciples while He was with them, but He knew that He was going to leave them in



the flesh. This Comforter Whom we call the Holy Ghost would be with them to provide comfort every minute of this life, even during and after death. Verse 17 states: **Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.** Jesus said in John 14:6: **I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

Why can't the world receive the truth of Jesus? Why can't the world see Jesus? Why can't the world know Jesus? Because the world is steeped in sin and the lying spirit of Satan the Accuser. When saints lie, we cut ourselves off from the truth and we make it impossible for us to receive the comfort of Jesus. Saints who lie receive the misery and torment of Satan. This type of anxiety due to telling lies and living in sin will not be alleviated by medication or psychotherapy. Lying saints need to repent and start telling the truth

or there will be no Comforter for them in this life or the life to come.

In verse 18, Jesus assures the disciples that He will never leave His children without comfort. Loving father that He is, Jesus is always there to provide loving comfort to His children.

Our final Scriptures include Romans 1:12. The Apostle Paul wrote these words to the saints at Rome: **That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.** In this Scripture, we see a manifestation of the definition of the word comfort as meaning together and strong. Paul is telling the saints that our faith will serve to comfort each other and make each other strong. Well, you might say, I have faith, I fellowship with the saints as much as I can under the circumstances, but I still feel anxious. To you, I say, the kind of comfort that Paul is talking about is derived only from giving God 100% of yourself as Jesus said in Mark 12:30: **And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength; this is the first commandment.**

In order to experience the comfort of Jesus, we must give Him our all as Paul the Apostle did along with the saints at Rome.

In conclusion, to experience the comfort of Jesus, we must give Jesus 100% of ourselves. Then, and only then, as we abide in His sweet love, will we experience the eternal comfort of all of God's children who abide in His love day and night. Let's turn pressure into power through faith as we obey God's Word by loving Him with 100% of ourselves.

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- 7 AM – **Evg. Juanita Davis Daniels** Luke 4:14. You got to go through, to get through, to get up. A powerful testimony about blindness.
PM – **Bishop Mark Hibbitt** Matthew 5:8. It is God . I press towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:14.
- 8 AM – **Elder Darius Walker** II Timothy 2:22-26. Lord, equip us with your word. Let us not get caught up in the cares of this world. Covid-19 should be afraid of us!
PM – **Minister Margie Edge** Psalm 91. Trust God. Allow the pressure to press us into doing what God requires of us.
- 9 AM – **Brother Tony Ashford.** Psalm 24:1, Ephesians 6:12. Pressure presses until change comes. God put pressure on us so that we can walk into our calling.
PM – **Evg. Felita Hibbitt** Exodus 14:13-14. God knows what we are capable of handling, and sometimes He has to show us what we are capable of.
- 10 AM – **Evg. Dorothy Dickson** Matthew 9:20. Woman with issue of blood pressed her way through to touch the hem of Jesus' garment.
PM – **Evg. Melinda Peterman** II Chronicles 7:14. Prayer is our most powerful weapon. Be specific in our prayers.
- 11 AM – **Elder Gregory Ward** Romans 2:7-10. America has not repented. God has handpicked us, and chosen us to be a masterpiece.
PM – **Evg. Yvonne Pendleton** I Timothy 2:1. Be godly for the Lord. Be obedient, let God speak to you. Wake up, saints!
- 12 AM – **Evg. Beverly Williams** Allow God to turn all your pressure into power. The bigger the diamond, the greater the value.
PM. **Evg. Victoria Eubanks** I Corinthians 7:34 Keep me even when I don't want to be kept.
- 13 AM – **Elder Marlon Dickson** Genesis 32:24. Pray for yourself. Pray your own prayer, it's me, O Lord.
PM – **ISPA Executive Secretary Minister Sarah Johnson** Act 7:51. Are you willing to finish what God has called you to do? Your pressure will turn into something useful.
- 14 AM – **Bishop Garfield Parker** I Samuel 30:1-6. God is many things: love, joy, peace. God is the Living Word. The Bible is the printed word.
PM – **Elder Dwight Stewart** Mark 2:1-12. Rise up above the press. Who can forgive sin? Don't allow the latter to stop you from going to see Jesus.
- 15 AM – **Evg. Phyllis Gerald** Genesis 32:22-30. The pressures of life will make you feel like a loser. Pressures of life makes things bitter.
PM – **Evg. Janelle Henderson** Isaiah 10:27. Lord, teach me again. The oil of God is the power of God.
- 16 AM – **Pastor Harold Rayford** Exodus 5:1. Lord, speak to me through a new song. Ask the Lord to give you a new song to be birthed during this pandemic.
PM – **Former ISPA Newsletter Editor Sister Donna Williams** St. John 7:37-39. Pressures of life: job, car breakdown, sickness, not enough money to meet the needs of the family, time, ex-wife, ex-husband can cause us to be anxious.
- 17 AM – **ISPA Treasurer Elder Willie Hines, Jr.** Jeremiah 20:9. A fire that's burning within. His word was like fire that was in my heart. Seek God's face.
PM – **Sister Clinique Ferrell.** St. John 21:1-13. Encouraging others through the pressures of life. Look at Jesus
- 18 AM – **Evg. Eva Taylor.** II Chronicles 7:14. Praise is good, but worship takes us to another level. Let us smile with our voice.
PM – **Prayer and Testimony, ISPA President Evg. Cherlyn Williams**
- 19 AM – **Brother Phillip Reid** John 15:13. God has equipped up to make sure we can make it.
PM – **ISPA Executive Secretary Minister Sarah Johnson.** God is our solid rock and we can trust and depend on Him.
- 20 AM – **Elder Anthony Gerald** Daniel 3:12-25. We are going to have to take a stand for God.
PM – **Evg. Charlotte Moore** Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus. Whatsoever, no matter how bad it looks, don't let your past contaminate your future.
- 21 AM – **Evg. Ruth Moore** Judges 6:7. No pressure, no diamond. You can't play patty cake with the Lord.
PM – **Elder Earl Brewer.** John 1:12. Turning pressure into power only when you submit to God.
- 22 AM – **Evg. Veronica Westbrook** I Peter 3:1-4; 12-13. In the will of God, we are sometimes called to suffer for others.
PM – **Suff. Bishop Michael Cooper** Psalm 118:5-6. Pressure brings out the impurities in you. Put pressure on your pressure.
- 23 AM – **Sister Ivy Brewer** II Corinthian 7:14-18. Through the power of the Holy Ghost, we can walk with God. Submit yourself and the devil will flee.
PM. **ISPA 2nd Vice President, Associate Pastor Evg. Utsey Shelton.** Acts 16:36-39. Encouragement. We can speak life into each other. God is a refuge in time of trouble.
- 24 AM – **Sister Briana Wheeler** II Corinthians 12:7-10. My grace is sufficient for you.
PM. – **Evg. Christina Rodriguez** Isaiah 40:29, 31. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength
- 25 AM – **Elder Maurice M. Henderson** Isaiah 40: 29-31. God said He would give strength and more abundance.
PM – **Evg. Evelyn Bass** Luke 14:15-24. No more excuses.
- 26 AM – **Evg. Joanne Seegers** Acts 16:30-40. God knows when to say yes. He knows when it is enough.
PM – **ISPA Newsletter Editor Dr. Debra Johnson** Isaiah 40:1-2. The Comfort of Jesus. If we don't forgive others, we can't expect God to forgive us.
- 27 AM – **Sister Whitney Jones** Zachariah 4:6. We were not created to withstand pressure alone.
PM – **Prayer and Testimony, ISPA President Evg. Cherlyn Williams**
- 28 AM – **Evg. Doreatha Scott** Genesis 18:14. When God is in picture, we are not to assist Him.
PM – **Elder Louise Graves Caves** Ephesians 6:10-13. Slogan: Just do it.
- 29 AM – **Bishop Dennis Huggins** Proverbs 4:18. A full and perfect day is only in Christ Jesus.
PM – **Evg. Veola McRae** Genesis 1:1, Jeremiah 1:5. When did the caterpillar get the revelation?
- 30 AM – **Evg Margaret Walls** Daniel 6:20. Turning pressure into power. The gift that keeps on giving.
PM – **Prayer and Testimony, ISPA President Evg. Cherlyn Williams**
- 31 AM. – **Elder Terrance Banks** Job 29:20-25. Turning yearning into learning. Job prayed for his friends.
PM – **Dr. Nathan Knotts** Those that will live ⁶ godly shall suffer pressure.