GENUINE FAITH!

**As I sit here with plenty on my mind, all I could think of is how people take any opportunity to do nothing and try to justify it. We should never take what God has given to us as a blessing to take moral advantage of another. Be it male or female. Each of us is valuable and precious in the sight of God and created for His purpose. Unfortunately, most of us do not get to the goal line because of life circumstances that continuously seem to get in our way and hinder us. Age and maturity are major factors and having Elders with great wisdom that we can confide in and mentor us along the way in this journey called life.**

**I am reminded of what Paul said to Timothy, *“I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you.” 2 Timothy 1:5***

**As I think on these Elders, I feel a deep since of sadness today that our moral resources are now a rare commodity and most of these jewels have gone on, however, they have left us with wonderful life lessons for us to follow in. However, we now have generations that have no clue as to what MORALITY, INTEGRITY, HONESTY, HUMULITY and LOVE truly stand for. THEY ARE LOST not only PHYSICALLY but LOST SPIRITUALLY, which is death and separation from God!**

**Someone once asked me the question “Shari, HOW DO YOU ESCAPE THE WORLD?” For me I had to come to the realization that initially I was the world and what that entailed (Lust of the Eyes, Lust of the Flesh, and the Pride of Life). The Bible Says.**

***“For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.” 1 John 2:16***

**Then, I had to ask myself WHO IS HOLDING ME HOSTAGE? When I looked in the mirror, I realized it was myself, I was my own CAPTOR. I realized that I was living a life of deception and if I wanted to ESCAPE with my life and live FREELY, PEACEFULLY, HAPPILY and be able for stand and face and stare a storm down and win, then I needed to come clean with ME. I had to look in the mirror and be HONEST with ME, be OPEN MINED with ME, be WILLING with ME.**

**If, I wasn’t WILLING to be OPEN to the ARSENAL God had laid before me to make a way of TOTAL ESCAPE and be HONEST with me about wanting to truly stay free then there would never be TRUE DELIVERANCE just continued FAKE FELLOWSHIP with myself.**

**So, I urge you to seek out those Elders, those who have gone before us and sit with them and listen to the wisdom of their experiences through their own words. The treasures that God has allowed us to learn from our Valued Elders. For me I know it have been rough at times but nevertheless they were needed and essential to my growth as a not only a person but as a Daughter of the most high God. For me I can honestly say their teachings have ENRICHED MY LIFE.**

**Therefore, I can now uplift, encourage, and help in enriching the lives of others.**

**4 For indeed He was crucified because of weakness, yet He lives because of the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, yet we will live with Him because of the power of God directed toward you.**

**5 Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?  
2 Corinthians 13:4-5**

**Something to meditate on** “genUine FAiTH”  
LOVE, shari "LOVE" With THE HEART OF GOD!