the PLAYBOOK

WHY a PLAYBOOK?

Have you ever wished you had a manual for something? Like raising a child or figuring out a complicated life problem or perhaps how to repair a busted relationship. I bet, once anyway, you perused YouTube videos, because surely, there's a how-to on a thing you were desperate to resolve. Have you ever wished YOU came with a manual? (PSST! there are some who wish you did!)

I imagine you have heard it said that if you do not stand for something you will fall for anything. And if you have never taken the time to know yourself and seek your purpose—to study YOUR playbook—you can easily be tossed about on the stormy seas of life, a double-minded person, jostled here and there by the winds of change.

Imagine a football game and the quarterback not having his playbook wrapped around his wrist, unable to make calls which affect not only the players on both sides, but actually the entire forecast of the game! When you don't consult your playbook—or even have a playbook to consult—it not only affects you, but everyone else in your 'game'. Some people call it a testimony; some call it a mission statement; to some, it is a calling. It is what you choose to live by.

For all of our lives, our playbook is being written, by us. When we allow, it is edited by our Creator. There are numerous revisions that will take place over a lifetime. There are times when we may even rip it up, throw it away, start over again. I know I did; I had to. I was not following my playbook, but rather, someone else's. Do you know that you have a playbook that is all your own, being scripted just for you, and it bears the scribbles that outline who you specifically are? It is earmarked with the strategies, instructions and methods for you to become the best version of yourself the God of the Universe created you to be. And for the entirety of your life and mine, He will continue to refine our playbooks, to depict the purpose He placed like a treasure inside of us both.

Because He knew we would need it, He gave to mankind the most valuable playbook ever, the Bible. It is called the inerrant, the infallible Word of God because it is foolproof and its instructions are flawless. And no matter what crossroad you ever find yourself at, you can pick up His playbook and find direction for any path on which you journey.

Proverbs 3:5-6, 'Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; He's the one who will keep you on track.' (MSG)