



# POWER LUNCH

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*Bringing Worship to the Workplace*

## Our Future Looks Better Than Our Past

By Lisa Brown

As Americans, this is one of the most exciting times in history. For the first time, we are seeing an African American elected to the highest office in the country. More than ever, we can embrace the struggle that so many people fought and died for and what many people continue to stand for today. As we stand united, fortified by respect and honor, we write a pivotal chapter in the pages of life that will never be forgotten! I believe one of the most beautifully written pages is the page that reflects the heartbeat of what Heaven will resemble – a place where all nationalities and groups will unite AS ONE to worship **THE ONE** who scripted this story so long ago. Our God is the Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end. Throughout each struggle and victory, women have played key roles and are still making tremendous contributions today.

As we celebrate “Women's Month” let us take a moment to celebrate who God created the woman to be. We are strong, yet gracious. We are intelligent, yet humble. We are beautiful, yet modest. We are nurtures, yet firm. We are focused, yet flexible. We are love, because we were made in His image and He is Love.

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## The House of Ruth

By Pamela Jenkins

Who comes out of your house? Are you the Father-Patriarch-brother-friend working to provide, or the Mother-Matron-sister-giver who nourishes, yet provides as well? Are you the college student struggling toward a dream that is deferred; trusting its attainment will be the difference this world needs? Or are you the one who feels purposeless; seeking the need for your existence?

Daily we rise, hopefully pray, and face the day's challenges with hopeful possibilities. Our quest enables us to focus on accomplishing each task and yet, as we prepare our day, as we leave our residences, I ask this rhetorical question, “Who comes out of your house?”

One of the most amazing stories in the Bible is the story of Ruth and Boaz. Ruth, the daughter-in-law of Naomi, was a tenaciously loyal, steadfast, faithful, and obedient widow who chose to follow her Mother-in-Law to Bethlehem after the death of both their husbands. There was famine in the land and they were destitute. Ruth resided to working in the fields for food and as God would design it, the fields where she worked belonged to Boaz, a relative of Naomi, and the wealthy son of the former prostitute, Rahab. The story goes on to admit that Boaz marries Ruth and becomes her earthly redeemer. Out of their house came their son, Obed, out of Obed's house

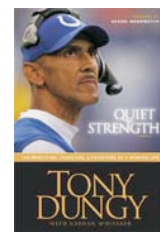
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However, we sometimes stumble. We make mistakes, say the wrong things, roll our eyes one too many times, give people a look that only a woman can give, stare at people like they are crazy and think, "I know you didn't just say that to me!" We have setbacks, but we know we won't be held back. We are stretched to develop new disciplines and confidences. We know that God has given us the strength to stand the struggle, so we continue to move, to grow, to succeed. We realize that after we party, we must have a plan.

As we grow into the women God has destined, we learn to separate ourselves from people who are addicted to gossip and drama. We learn that sanctification really does mean separation. We learn that love doesn't intentionally hurt. We learn that God is more than able to restore what may have been stolen or lost. We develop a confidence that is assured in knowing that our latter days shall be greater than our former days. We realize that our Father wants us to thrive!

As we journey through this life, remember God is saying..."I see into your future...and you look better than your past!" Celebrate the woman God has created in YOU!

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came Jesse, out of Jesse's house came David, and out of the line of David came Jesus the Christ, Savior of the World.

Now for some, the significance of this story would be in how Ruth married into wealth and acquired land that Naomi's family once owned. Another would find significance in her loyalty and devotion toward Naomi. However, we all might agree that Ruth's acceptance in a relationship with God and how instrumental she and Boaz became in the lineage of Jesus Christ, was most significant.

Often times, we fail to realize the importance our lives make to those we come in contact with. We could be the executive that supervises a department or the custodian who maintains our restrooms; however the profession, however your existence, it is imperative that we begin to internalize how significant our lives are to God and how we can best be used by Him... if we allow. A "shifting of our consciousness" is imperative; we should allow God to "transform our minds" (Romans 12:2) and renew it to a higher standard of thinking so that not only we benefit, but others as well. If a Holy God could use the son of a prostitute and a destitute widow to eventually allow the Savior of the World to come to earth, imagine how God could use you.

God's word declares that we are ambassadors for Christ (II Corinthians 5:20), we are members of His Royal Family, we are heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ (Romans 8:17). A loving God awaits to fellowship with us daily and show us the way to new possibilities. Each day brings new mercies and the grace sufficient enough to sustain ALL of life's circumstances. Providing you have a relationship with God, you are not only the father-mother-student-brother-sister-giver-friend; your existence is greater than you can ever imagine. You are an ambassador of Jesus Christ and a member of the Royal Family.

That's who comes out of your house.

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