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PAIN GAVE BIRTH TO WORSHIP – REMOFILWE MOKOTO

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Meet our fellow sister in Christ, Remofilwe Mokoto. Born and bred in Bodibe village in Mahikeng North West Province of the Republic of South Africa.

A final year student with North West University, studying Barchelor of Arts degree in Languages and Literary Studies.

Remofilwe is a born again believer in Yeshua known as Christ in the testimony of the New Testament. She is a self motivated young lady whom loves the LORD dearly and devoted to His worship.

TRAIN UP A CHILD:



One of the challenges of village life is that in most cases one is deprived from all the opportunities that comes with city life. Perhaps the reason for that could be cause by lack of infrastructure and resources for those living in big cities.

Remofilwe Mokoto prides herself with being born and bred in Bodibe village. She embraces fully her cultural background and is determined not to allow her background be a stumbling block to her reaching her dreams. Coming from a religious family played a major role in how she has turned out to be. As Proverbs 26:6 states "train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Her parents created a spiritually conducive environment for her learning.

It is always ideal for parents not to seek to theoretically teach their children about the word of God, but in actual fact it should be through practical methods and observation by the children. Remofilwe attests to that her mother has been her pillar of strength throughout her finding her way to the LORD in choosing Him as LORD and personal Saviour of her life.

There came a point in her life that her parents allowed her to be able to decide her Christian walk with the Saviour. It happened that her parents subscribed to a different denomination than the one they belonged to all along. Ms Mokoto narrates that this was the beginning of her journey as she had to stand firm for her faith. The support that came from her mother was truly remarkable. In her own words, Remofilwe describes her mother as woman of prayer that has been her spiritual pillar.

Despite her commitment to Yeshua (Christ), she was not exempted from the challenges of youthful years. The fact that we believe in God doesn't mean we will not pass through trials and tribulations. Things went from great to bad within a short space of time. As an upcoming inspirational gospel singer amongst her peers, Remo as she is affectionally known fell pregnant and that changed her life even in the house of prayer.

DEALING WITH PREGNANCY



The Bible declares that children are a heritage from the LORD, although it is unfortunate that some kids are born out of wedlock. Ours is not to judge how people conceive, as that is the prerogative of God. The most spiritually mature thing to do was for sister Remofilwe to inform the Church leadership about her situation.

Having showed signs of guilt and maturity, that didn't work towards her favour. The Church took a stance which left Remo devastated. The pain wasn't caused by discipline but how it was enforced and how it prevented her from being able to actively participate in worship. This is what she recalls about the ordeal: "I would cry all the time as I was deprived the opportunity to sing at church and I felt like going to church was a burden."

During the period of her pregnancy, Remo wasn't at liberty to bless the Church with her special gift of music. It was a frustrating and painful period which she had to endure. It was in the midst of this trial that she learnt that her redeemer wouldn't leave neither forsake her, as all things works together for good to those who love the LORD and who are called according to His purposes.

She was to learn from her mistake and wait for that opportunity to praise her LORD and Saviour through music again. Time away from the mic gave her a depth understanding and articulation of how to praise Him in truth without the prospect of singing to please others or for self gratification. As hard as it might have been, we are truly grateful that though she passed those fires, she was not consumed for LORD kept her for His glory.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR:



Many young people end up resenting the church because of how its leadership deals with the errors of the youth. Our approach in dealing with such issues is not to condemn but rather to redeem. It is our duty as leadership to guide the youth with love and mercy. We should ask ourselves, what would Yeshua do in this situation? How would He discipline?

If we do so, many young people wouldn't have hatred towards the church. As and when we discipline the youth, we should have pragmatic programmes on how to correct their error and how to re-integrate them to the fellowship of the saints. Not only teach them how to behave but show them through practical methodologies.

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