



Shofar Christian Church

GIVING BIRTH I

Importance of Intimacy

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18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

Romans 8:18-23 (NKJV)

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²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;

²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Romans 8:18-23 (NKJV)

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²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

²³ Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

Romans 8:18-23 (NKJV)

FOUR ASPECTS OF THE BIRTHING PROCESS:

1. *The importance of intimacy.*
2. *The reality of responsibility.*
3. *The pain of pregnancy.*
4. *The beauty of birthing.*

1. NAKED AND UNASHAMED

²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

²⁵ And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Genesis 2:24-25 (NKJV)

1. NAKED AND UNASHAMED

²⁹ But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was.

³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

Luke 1:29,34 (NKJV)

2. OVERSHADOWED BY HIS PRESENCE

³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God."

Luke 1:35 (NKJV)

2. OVERSHADOWED BY HIS PRESENCE

⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

3. THE SEED OF HIS WORD

³⁶ Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren.

³⁷ For with God nothing will be impossible."

³⁸ Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Luke 1:36-38 (NKJV)

3. THE SEED OF HIS WORD

17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)