

## **"A NEW THING!"**

**Isaiah 43:19** - Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.



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*The month of August is a very special month for me. My birthday is August 9th. My mother's birthday was August 7<sup>th</sup>. My paternal Grandmother's birthday was August 15<sup>th</sup>. And there are a couple of cousins and a niece as well who celebrate their birthdays during this month. It is also the celebratory month for the launching of Abounding Love Bible Ministry website ([www.albministry.org](http://www.albministry.org))! Each year I consistently try to introduce a new feature that will bless the body of Christ! This is also a month where some chapters of my life are "officially" being closed and some new ones are opening up right before my very eyes! God has proven Himself to be strong and mighty and a wonderful provider over and over just this month alone! As I have been preparing for the First Women's Conference that ALB Ministry is hosting, I stand in awe as I have seen God doing a new thing in me, for me, around me and through this ministry because I stepped out on Faith! I'll shout it on the mountain top and even in the valley low that my God is truly amazing!*

*Let's take a look at the biblical significance of the numbers 8 and 9. The Number 8 represents a new beginning, meaning a new order or creation, and man's true 'born again' event when he is resurrected from the dead into eternal life. The Number 9 is used 49 times in Scripture. The number 9 symbolizes divine completeness or conveys the meaning of finality. Nine also represents the fruits of God's Holy Spirit, which are Faithfulness, Gentleness, Goodness, Joy, Kindness, Long suffering, Love, Peace and Self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).*

*Let me tell my story ... My father, the last living relative in my immediate family passed away November 25, 2003. Since that time, I have experienced some heartbreaks, some disappointments, some let downs, some set ups, some setbacks, some betrayal, some criticism, some slander, some anger, some frustration, some failures and some undeserving stress, but guess what? I'm still standing and I'm stronger, wiser and oh so much the better because of it! I have had to totally and completely lean and depend on God to sustain me, to comfort me, to encourage me, and to assure me that He didn't bring me this far to leave me!*

*In fact, because of my faithfulness and my obedience to the call, in spite of my present situation, doors have been opened for and to me. Proverbs 18:16 says, "A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men." God has allowed me to cross denominations and go before great men and proclaim His Word! He has allowed my path to cross with mighty men and women of God who are partnering with me to help me bring the vision that God has given me to fruition! When I thought it was never going to happen, Behold, God is doing a new thing! -- Bigger and better than anything I could dream, imagine or ask of Him!*

*Now here's the glory ... After my Father transitioned in 2003, I returned to the classroom in 2004 with just an AA in Secretarial training. For the past 10 years I have pressed my way, always keeping my eye on the prize. I have earned a B.S. in Business Administration; a Masters of Theology, and am on my way to the finish line of a Doctorate of Ministry Degree. I am the Founder & Visionary of Abounding Love Bible Ministry and the Founder & CEO of OVL Foundation, a community-based non-profit formed in memory of my loving parents, the late Pastor & Mrs. O. V. Latin. And I will be hosting my First Women's Conference under my ministry entitled, "Take Me To the King!" on my birthday. Even though my parents thought they were done having children, God said not yet, I have one more child that needs to be brought forth on this earth to do my will and to make a difference in the lives of others! I'm reminded of Jeremiah 1:5 which says, "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." How I wish they were here to see me now! But their legacy lives on in me. Hallelujah!*

*I solicit your prayers and pray that as God does a new thing in me and continues to elevate me to serve in the Kingdom, that I remain humble, available and accessible to the voice of the Holy Spirit leading me in truth and righteousness so I can be a true blessing to the body of Christ! I do not know where my Journey will take me, but I anxiously await the endless possibilities as I witness God doing a new thing! Won't you surrender and allow Him to do a new thing in you?*

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