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*WHEN NO ROOF MEANS NO
SAFETY: A FAITH RESPONSE
TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
RISING*



"Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause." — Isaiah 1:17 (ESV)

This summer, Executive Order 14321, "Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets", reshaped federal homelessness strategy. Moving away from the Housing First model, the order prioritizes enforcement and treatment-based interventions, including involuntary civil commitments for individuals deemed a risk to themselves or others.

Supporters see potential for faster recovery and neighborhood stability. Critics warn that it risks criminalizing poverty and pushing vulnerable people—especially survivors of domestic violence—into systems that may retraumatize them.

Bethany House in the Crosshairs

In Laredo, Texas, Bethany House has served as a lifeline for the unhoused for over 40 years. Its staircase model—addressing immediate needs first, then guiding individuals toward independence—aligns partially with the new policy's treatment goals. Yet, as Board President Carl Barto explains:

"Our work depends on building trust. If survivors think we're a pipeline to forced institutionalization, they won't come to us for help."

Domestic violence survivors often avoid traditional shelters if they fear their personal autonomy will be compromised. This makes faith-based safe spaces even more critical in the months ahead.

Faith as Both Refuge and Advocate

Faith communities have two key roles in this evolving landscape:

1. Sanctuary Spaces: Churches, mosques, and synagogues can offer interim housing, counseling, and pastoral care that preserves survivor agency.
2. Policy Advocacy: Through interfaith coalitions, faith leaders can press lawmakers to balance public safety with compassionate housing solutions.

Deacon Luis Ramirez, a longtime homelessness advocate, notes:

"Faith groups have been here before—navigating shifting laws while keeping human dignity at the center. The law may change, but our mission doesn't."

Ground-Level Ministry Amid Policy Shifts

Despite federal changes, localized ministry remains effective. Congregations can:

- Maintain Housing First principles within their own programs.
- Partner with mental health professionals for trauma-informed care.
- Offer rapid rehousing funds to prevent survivors from slipping into chronic homelessness.



Meet Your Counselor

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God has the Power to make it happen. You have the Authority to make it happen. So stop complaining, get up, & manifest your destiny.

Everything you perceive, externally, is the manifestation of some internal part of you. If it was not, it would not be present in your perceived reality. God-given destiny.

“

**Take a deep breath and
try all over again.**

You have to be determined not to live in a state of worry and frustration. When you are in peace, you are in a position of power. But let me be clear: peace is not the absence of trouble. Peace is knowing God is right there with you in the midst of your misfortune.

Make a commitment to give up on toxic thoughts, behaviors, and relationships, but never give up on yourself and your dreams.



Accept the fact that some people will never support you and give you the respect you deserve. Also, realize you do not need them to fulfill your destiny.

Do not go back to your old ways. Toxic habits, people, and energy always try to return when you are doing better. Stay focused, and stop giving your critics and haters the front row of your mind.

“

Release Your Faith!

If you feel unappreciated for what you have done, God wants you to know that He sees you. The hours you have put in, the kindness you have shown is making a difference in the hearts of the people around you, and God is working through you in more ways than you realize.

Rumors are passed by haters, spread by fools, and believed by idiots. People only rain on your parade because they are jealous of your sun and tired of their shade. Do not worry; they cannot stop you!





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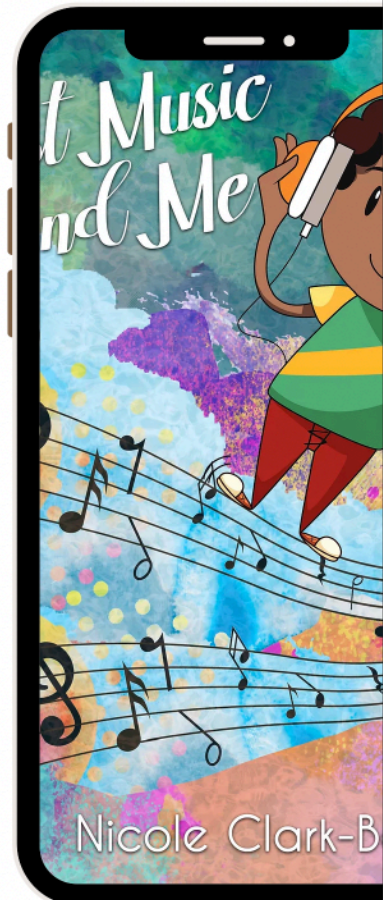
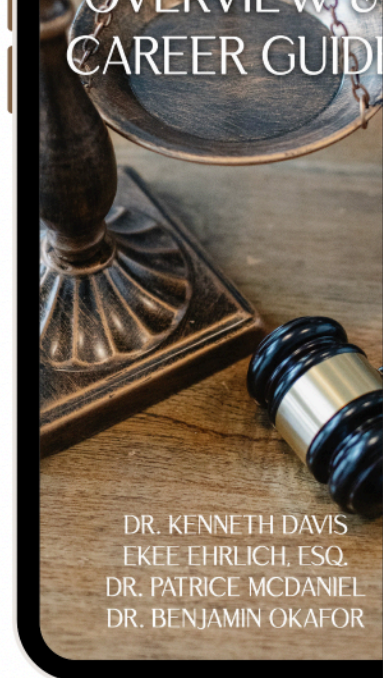
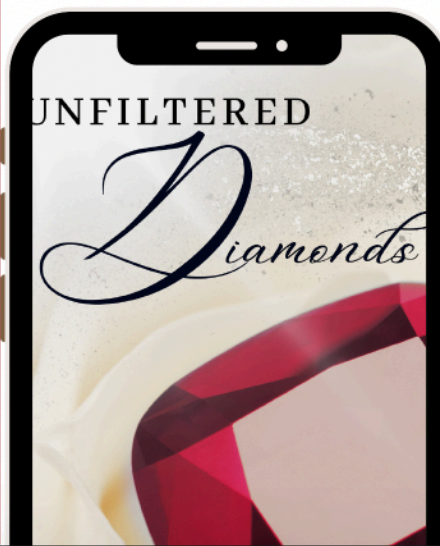
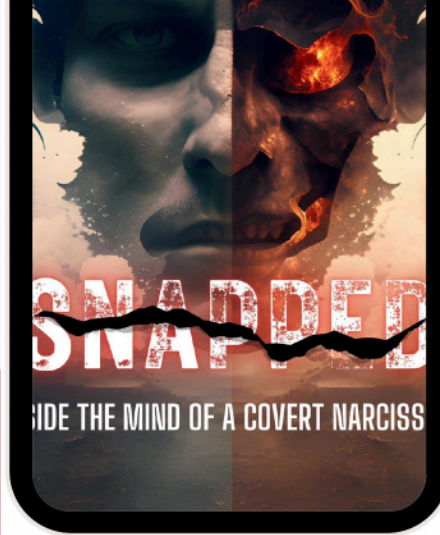
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