



TABITHA'S TEA PARTY

GIRL, GET UP!

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Let me give you the tea about Tabitha's Tea Party. If I had to describe the Girl, Get Up 2018 Conference in a few words I'd say: Elegant, Empowering and Edifying. The conference was a 2 day event held in Frisco, Tx. I attended for the second day of the conference, which was the tea party. From the tea to the topics, the event was thoughtfully detailed. The theme was Girl, Get Up Rising From Dead Places.

Walking into the beautiful venue I was greeted by smiling, helpful, courteous faces. Those faces were welcoming and encouraging me outwardly with their matching tees telling me "Girl, Get Up!"

The morning session opened with a Call to Worship. From the china and place settings to the lovely teapot centerpieces and whimsical balloon backdrop created by TC Party and Event Rentals and Balloons Now, the ambiance of the conference was dazzling. Prior to the event, guests were encouraged to wear vibrant colors to symbolize rising from dead places; therefore, it was amazing to see Queens of all races, shapes and backgrounds come together

and celebrate each other and glorify The King. You could feel the Holy Spirit hovering around as women were worshipping, hands lifted, tears rolling down their faces, singing, "You Made a Way."

The day's events were filled with powerful guest speakers: Pastor Ilya Golden, Carolina Amaya and Angelina Woodard. Pastor Ilya told us to silence the noise and realize we were made for the life that we're living. Carolina admonished us to lay to rest things that aren't good for us and start speaking life giving words over every area of our lives. Angelina got up slaying in her iridescent skirt and dropped a sassy poem on us about being The It Girl.

The break included raffles, food and access to vendors. The vendors supplied an array of beautiful clothing, all natural cosmetics, accessories, insurance options, faith based reading and much more. During the raffle anyone who won had to walk down an imaginary runway like they were The It Girl. I witnessed a woman, who appeared to be an introvert, "Get Up" with



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confidence and walk the runway with her head held high. At that moment I could see the vision was being fulfilled. That young lady might not feel confident often, but in that moment she looked like she was on top of the world, winning.

Anyone who knows me, knows I like to eat that's why I'm getting my life right this month. But anyway, the pasta salad, gourmet sandwiches, pickles and chips were right up my alley. Fanchion had all the tea we needed and it was refreshingly smooth!



We watched a short documentary shot by The Creative Couch, featuring Jessica Youngblood, Veronica Berry, Tiffany Finley and Jackie Bob Pearson. In the film these ladies discussed their testimonies of how God resurrected them from the dead places of substance abuse, mental instability, infertility and depression. Following the documentary there was a discussion led by Deya Smith-Taylor, who encouraged us to stop living in who we used to be, but rather we should relish who we are now.

During the afternoon session Dr. Estrelita Bruce examined the subject from loss to life. She stated that during loss the circumstances might not be favorable but opportunity is often around. Tammy Meinershagen explained how to resurrect dead places through God's amazing grace. Her advice to us was to remember that when resurrecting dead places, our voice matters.

The entire program was facilitated by the incredible personality of Lisa McPhail, founder of B.I.G.G. Enterprises. Her transitions were smooth and her joy permeated the atmosphere, she was down to Earth and churchy at the same time.

The gracious Founder and Visionary, Ebony King, spoke to us and exclaimed: "It is written!" Every problem that we have, every issue we face the answer is in God's Word. She decreed that we must let the little girl heal, stop running from our calling. She commanded us to please God and not man, and be mindful that, this wasn't the time to rest.

People were healed, delivered, set free, prophesied over, slain in the spirit. Yes, I said slain!!!! One of the biggest take aways was this was an ordained event 8-4-2018. Spiritually, the date signified God getting us into spiritual alignment. Thank you, Ebony, for listening to God and executing the vision with excellence. This event empowered me to Get Up because it's bigger than myself it has everything to do with God's Plan! You showed us we have to Get Up because at the end of the day creation is waiting for what we have to offer.

