



JOURNAL ENTRY OF TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019

As a member of the 2019 LSJI Environmental Justice team, I listened today and marveled at the experiences of the volunteers who have returned from helping to restore the wetlands.



They remembered every step! Step 1 ~ Stay together with your group; Step 2 ~ One person must dig, the other person will plant; and the third person is needed to secure the seed by packing it into the wet soil; Step 3 ~ Remember to space the plant seeds to assure room for growth.

Why? The purpose of your service today was to help prevent erosion from occurring along the Louisiana wetlands. The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina has left the people, wildlife, and land vulnerable. To restore, protect, and sustain will take continuous purposeful efforts and prayers of not only the residents and tourists of New Orleans, but the entire country. By providing your support to the regions of Louisiana today, you have demonstrated just how United we can be as a Nation, even if it was just one citizen at a time, one volunteer at a time, or one donation at a time, you made a difference.

For the truth is, we all have our personal Katrina Storms and we are all restoring our own Lower Ninth Ward Districts in our lives. Can you see where I'm going with this? Your work that you have done for yourself, your family and for others have not been done in vain. So do not faint. You too will reap a harvest of blessings. Just know that all you have planted in your personal environments have taken root. So that if a flood of life does occur, your packed seeds of prayer and patience have already grown strong roots in order to sustain and protect. Nothing that happens in life can cause an erosion that will be able to wipe out your soul or heart's desires.

*Continue to restore yourself daily by reading the Word of God and taking a few moments to put on meditation music and journal. If a life storm does arrive, don't panic, for you are prepared!! Reflect back and relate your hurricane situation to the restoration process of restoring the wetlands of Louisiana. In times of trouble, just don't forget the steps! **Step 1** ~ Stay together! Keep in touch. Fellowship with your family and friends - old and new!; **Step 2** ~ Pray with and for one another. "Let us remember, we are in the holy presence of God " Take immediate actions to recover - One person must dig, the other person will plant; and the third person is needed to secure the seed by packing it into the soil. For The Seed, for Believers, is the Word of God - (Mathew 18:20 reminds us that "For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them") **Step 3** ~ Wait! Remember to space the plant seeds to assure growth. Have faith. Be kind to yourself and others by giving and receiving the gift of time. Saith the Lord, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end".*

*Knowing this, I encourage you all to **DARE TO DREAM!***

~ Robin Guy~