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**Posted by: sonshineonme Aug 15 2006, 02:15 PM**

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Sincerely,

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**Posted by: Lucyladye Aug 15 2006, 02:37 PM**

As you all know, I am a very new member, and have done much reading on your site before giving any opinions. But I do recall a verse which I apply to myself, and will share with you. Luke 21:15 "Jesus will give me an open mouth and wisdom, which all my adversaries shall not be able to contradict nor resist". As far as I am concerned, if one can be certain that his principles are right, he need not worry about the consequences. In other words....why run? 

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**Posted by: September Aug 15 2006, 08:09 PM**

I really appreciated that letter from Ms. Dunbar. I will continue to pray--and especially on Aug. 26th.

You know, one of the most valuable tools for healing the wounds of someone who has been hurt, whether it be physical, emotional, or spiritual abuse, is to have someone who has 'been there, done that' in their own lives be able to relate to the victim, know what I mean? For example, when I had a miscarriage, I had a lot of well-meaning people show their sympathy and support--but it was the "I know what you're going through" from other women who had been through a miscarriage that was the most valuable to me and meant the most--because they could speak from their own experience. The way I see it, Linda has been through a whole gamut of abuse--a wide range, if you will. What an amazing help and comfort she is simply because she has been through the fires of so much abuse! I'm not saying that those who haven't been hurt in the same way as others can't help another hurting soul--for they can and often they are in the right place at the right time to help minister to someone! But I would venture to say that perhaps Linda went through what she did 'for such a time as this'.

**Posted by: sonshineonme Aug 24 2006, 06:20 PM**

I just wanted to bring this to the top once more - if were wanting to join her in prayer, the 26th is this coming Sabbath, this was a reminder if you needed one. Much is happening now, lets pray for God's hand in it all, as always. (see below)

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Dr. Dunbar is still doing a great work that is appreciated by many. We must not forget her great work or women in need.

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