



Kim Carter

Paying Purpose Forward

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I have so many things that I love about God, but one of my favorite things is how God can use anyone and turn it ALL around. I love how God reveals beauty out of brokenness, and transforms tragedy into a Triumphant Testimony. If you are a believer of God and his word, you know that it is more than just words, or old stories. It's living, breathing, and true. The word of God helps us to look at life differently and deal with life differently.

So our doubts, fears, mistakes, pains, and struggles become pillars, and beacons of light to others. It's beautiful when God's glory is given to him the way he intends it to be. Kim Carter is yet another awesome story of trials and tribulations. Take a peek into the life of our courageous sister.

FEMI STAFF (Tyrane Hughes): "You have overcome a lot; tell me, what has this journey been like for you?"

Kim Carter: "Unbelievable! There are no words to describe my gratitude and knowing that God saw fit to 'save me'. Coming from the darkest place where I felt the hopelessness and desperation to end life as I knew it, only to find out that it wasn't until I was at my lowest that I looked for the Most High. Thirty years of being clean and sober, coupled with using my energy to help other women recover and regain HOPE. All that I went through from homelessness, incarceration, and addiction prepared me to help others escape that misery."

FEMI STAFF: How did it feel knowing that Jennifer Hudson and Taraji P. Henson were captivated by your story?

Kim Carter: "Surreal! We often hear about rags to riches, but in my case, it was death to life. After I finally quit pinching myself, I began to have those conversations with Taraji, and I knew she was the REAL DEAL! I knew this movie was going to happen, but didn't know who would play me. Lo and Behold, I'm on Zoom with Taraji and the DIVA, Jennifer Hudson is on there, and she's ecstatic about the script and looking forward to helping the project in any way she could. I'm thinking to myself, 'This woman just played Aretha Franklin, and now she's playing me.' I had the most amazing time on set, reveling in the fact that God was, again, using my mess to send His message. This film, 'Tell It Like A Woman', is an anthology of 7 women's stories from across the globe. It's bigger than me; it's about women worldwide, and to think my story played a small part in shaping that narrative makes me so happy. In the words of Chiara Tilesi, the Visionaire of the movement to bring authentic women's voices to the world, "It's time for women to tell women stories where we are the subject, not the object."



FEMI STAFF: "What do you feel has helped you to hold onto your days of your life?"

Kim Carter: "Having the mustard seed of faith has helped God has not brought me this far to fail me now. Lastly, but not least, others is the best way to get out of self."

FEMI STAFF: "You released your book, 'Waking Up To Me on Recovering, Repairing, Repaying, and Reloicing. Tell us what you expect from the book, and how they can use it."

Kim Carter: "I'm excited to share my story with you first to take the journey with me, and expand on my strength! They will be motivated to face and conquer their own struggles. Remember that, "If Kim Can do it, so can I."

FEMI STAFF: "What message do you want the world to take from your life?"

Kim Carter: "I'm the little engine that could. The road has been climbing and not looking back. I went from being homeless to owning housing. I went from breaking laws, to making laws that protect like me. It's nothing to move forward because going back is easier."

FEMI STAFF: "Share with us about your businesses, 'Center for Housing Advancement and Motivational Projects (CHAMP)', and 'Time for Change Foundation'. Share with us one life-changing moment."

Kim Carter: "The Center for Housing Advancement and Motivational Projects (CHAMP) was created to facilitate the huge request from my peers and me to move into the higher levels of success that I was achieving. I found another; so I am offering my training, coaching, and mentorship to others. As the founder of the Time for Change Foundation for 20 years into a very successful entity. Today, we have three primary areas: 'Direct Services', 'Community Development'. As the Ambassador, I work on new projects and organization has the resources to continue its mission. I've helped over 3,500 women transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Children from foster care have been reunited with their biological families and supportive services. Because my life had transition to help others. It's always been bigger than me."

"It's always been bigger than me"...There are no words to describe when realizing that they've found their purpose. Purpose is not to it. How could it not, being of God. So there is no end to it here. What I will say is that to walk in your purpose is gratifying...and when you pay your purpose forward, by blessings and experiences-I would imagine that brings joy to your heart. I am grateful to people like Kim Carter. Her story is making the world a better place as it does so.