



## FIRST FRUITS

GIVING GUIDE 2023

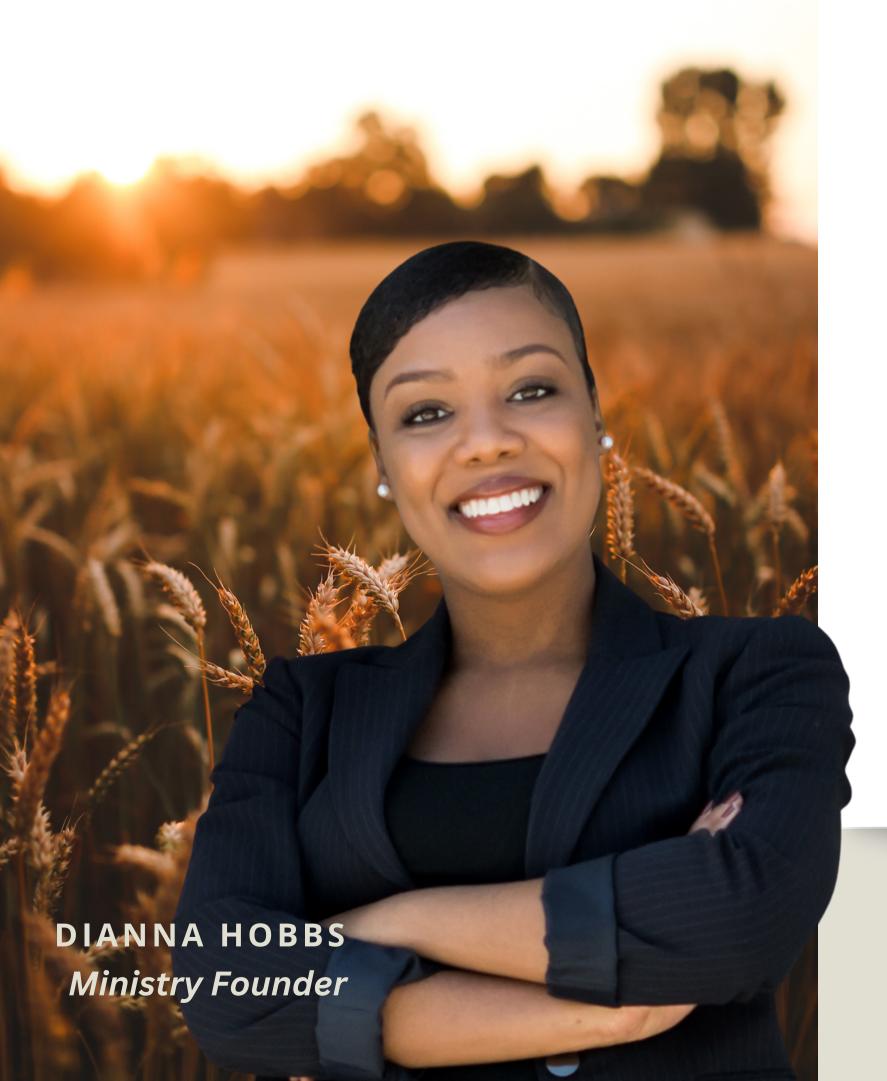
God rewards sacrifice rooted in faith. Sow a First Fruits seed and begin your New Year honoring God and positioning yourself to receive His abundant favor!



# THERE IS A BOSSING!

This is an opportunity to position yourself to reap a harvest in 2023. When you give sacrificially, God blesses you abundantly.





#### **GREETINGS IN THE SWEET NAME OF JESUS!**

I have seen firsthand the power of sowing and reaping. As you give, I speak blessings over your year and declare that God will water your dry places, increase you in times of famine, and give you supernatural breakthrough!

As Philippians 4:19 promises, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." I expect great things for you this year as you give!

Manna Hobse



## What is the biblical origin of the First Fruits offering?

To see where the First Fruits offering originated and to understand the significance of sacrificial giving, let's venture back to the book of **Genesis**4:1-5 and look at the life of Abel.

Abel offered his very best sacrifice to God by faith, and the Lord looked upon it favorably and declared him righteous.

Abel's sacrifice was accepted, not only because it was the best that he could give, but also, it required shedding the blood of the firstborn flock which was a foreshadowing of Christ's atoning blood sacrifice for sin.

Hebrews 12:24 references Abel's sacrifice in this context: "Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel."

### The biblical origin of the First Fruits offering (Cont'd)

The blood of Abel's firstborn flock, offered in faith, was enough to make him righteous in the Old Testament.



In the New Testament, the offering of the blood of Christ, the firstborn, spotless Lamb of God, atoned for our sins. Thus, through faith in Christ's sacrifice, we receive righteousness.

We give a first fruits offering as a sign of our faith. When we honor Christ through our giving, it pleases the Lord.



## PRAY THIS AS YOU GIVE YOUR FIRST FRUITS SEED:

*God,* please look upon this offering with favor as You did with Abel in Genesis 4:4.

I offer the first fruits of my increase to show that I trust and honor You as the provider of all my needs.

Thank You that as I sow this faith seed, You will multiply it and release a greater harvest to me to help me do even more to advance Your Kingdom.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



# HOW TO SOW YOUR FIRST FRUITS SEED



**GIVE ONLINE** 

Safely and securely sow on our website at empoweringeverydaywomen.org/firstfruits



#### MAIL YOUR OFFERING

Send a certified check or money order to the address below.

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