

Editor's Note:

Agnes Bradley Robinson was a loving and faithful companion in ministry to her husband, Padgett Robinson. She was his soulmate. The family story is that she was singing in chapel at Emmanuel College when Padgett arrived to preach. As he approached the building, he heard the most beautiful female voice. He stopped in his tracks and said, "I'm going to marry that woman." And he did.

Their passion for ministry was unquenchable. They labored side by side for 18 years of marriage and ministry. Their pastorate at East Rockingham P.H. Church was remarkable. They led an average church to become one of the largest and most significant in the Pentecostal Holiness Church. Their outreach in spreading the Gospel and making disciples was astonishing.

Agnes was always very active in ministry to women. At some point, probably when Padgett became superintendent of the SC Conference, she became president of the SC Conference Women's Auxiliary (now Women's Ministry or WM). She served in that role until his death.

Her work was noticed at the general church level when she became the editor of *The Helping Hand*, the national publication of the Women's Auxiliary, a post she held for over 25 years. At that point, both of them served at the general church level, Padgett as an assistant general superintendent and Agnes as editor of the national women's magazine.

Upon his death, Agnes and the girls moved to Franklin Springs, GA where Agnes worked for Advocate Press, continuing her work with *The Helping Hand* and becoming the assistant editor of *The Pentecostal Holiness Advocate*, the denomination's national magazine. Eventually, she added to her responsibilities by becoming the editor of *Reach* magazine, the denomination's national youth publication. In addition, she continued serving the Women's Auxiliary at the national level as a board member.

In 1977, she was elected president of the Women's Auxiliary of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. With her daughters married and beginning families of their own, Agnes moved to Oklahoma City to assume her new duties. In her position, she traveled throughout the United States and around the world in ministry and service to women, a role she relished.

Agnes was a wonderful speaker, eloquent and inspirational. She was often called upon to speak in her various positions in the Women's Auxiliary. Several of Agnes' sermons were discovered in Padgett's sermon archives and are in this folder. As you read these, you will see glimpses of Padgett's phrasing and preaching style which she effortlessly blended with her own unique speaking style. Enjoy these messages from Agnes Bradley Robinson.