

Looking – Hoping - Learning

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Life as a woman is a series of over the shoulder glances.

Looking to see:

- if your children are with you
- if you're being followed
- if your work is being stolen
- if your abuser is tracking you
- if your neighbors are looking down on you
- if your mother is disappointed in you
- if your sister is battling the same demons
- if your daughter is fighting the same issues

Life as a woman is a series of progressive moments.

Hoping to see:

- your foot in the door
- your paycheck inching upwards
- your boss's respect you
- your sister promoted
- your mother relieved
- your grandmother gratified
- your daughter better off than you were
- your collective crack in the glass ceiling expanding

Life as a woman is a series of unfolding realizations.

Learning that:

- your coworker is your spiritual sister
- other women are not your enemy
- your children can have a better future
- others will not fight for you if you don't fight for yourself
- your talents are required
- other opportunities exist
- your spouse does not define you
- others aren't there to limit you

The Descent of Women

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We are women, and **we** are ***remarkable!***

We are the daughters of grandmothers who braved conquest and crusade, sickness and shipwreck

We are the daughters of mothers whose ingenuity ensured their daughter's survival

We are the daughters of mothers who survived

We are the daughters of immigrants surviving hunger and hurricane, tempest and twister

We are the daughters of farmers and factory workers, saints and sinners

We are the daughters of great rulers, writers, scientists, and doctors

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We are the embodiment of the primordial goddess Gaia, breathing life into the world

We are the standard bearer of the warrior goddess Freya, unafraid to lead the battle

We are the paramour descended from the goddess Venus, bringing love and romance

We are the women who fight for equity in education and healthcare for all children

We are the women who support women who have less, so that one day we may all have more

We are the women who lifts up her spiritual sisters instead of tearing them down

We are the daughters of mothers who breathed life, fought battles, brought love, struggled, and succeeded...

and ***we*** are ***remarkable!***