



HARVEST OF
SURVIVAL

AN AFFIRMATION DECK
INSPIRED BY OCTAVIA BUTLER



“WE ARE
A HARVEST
OF SURVIVORS.

BUT THEN,
THAT'S WHAT
WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN.”

octavia e. butler

PARABLE OF THE SOWER

**WHO DO YOU NEED TO KNOW
AND REMEMBER TO GET THROUGH
THIS TIME RIGHT NOW?**

FROM THE ASHES



“ IN ORDER
TO RISE
FROM ITS
OWN ASHES
A PHOENIX
FIRST
MUST
BURN. ”

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PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

**WHAT IS ONE WAY YOU CAN
HONOR HOW FAR YOU HAVE COME?**

FROM THE ASHES




“KINDNESS
EASES CHANGE.
LOVE QUIETS FEAR.”

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**WHAT IS POSSIBLE
IF WE RELEASE FEAR?**

F O R W A R D



“THE ONLY WAY TO
DEAL WITH AN
UNFREE WORLD IS
TO BECOME
SO **ABSOLUTELY FREE**
THAT YOUR VERY EXISTENCE
IS AN ACT OF REBELLION.”

adrienne maree brown

**WHAT IS ONE REBELLIOUS ACT
YOU ARE COMMITTED TO
IN THE NAME OF FREEDOM?**

F O R W A R D

“ SELF IS.
SELF IS BODY AND BODILY
PERCEPTION. SELF IS THOUGHT,
MEMORY, BELIEF.
SELF CREATES. SELF DESTROYS.
SELF LEARNS, DISCOVERS, BECOMES.
SELF SHAPES. SELF ADAPTS.
SELF INVENTS ITS OWN REASONS
FOR BEING.
TO SHAPE GOD, SHAPE SELF. ”

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**WHAT ARE YOU DISCOVERING
ABOUT YOURSELF IN THIS TIME?**

INNERVERSE

“ LET US
COUNTER FEAR
WITH RADICAL LOVE
AND GENEROSITY

HEALING OUR WOMBS
WITH FIERCE CARE FOR OURSELVES
GOING BEYOND BINARIES,
BIRTHING THE REVOLUTION

WE FOLLOW THE SUN LIKE
SUNFLOWERS CARRYING
OUR ANCESTORS WISDOM ”

adrienne maree brown

**WHAT IS ONE WAY YOU WILL
NOURISH YOURSELF THIS WEEK?**

INNERVERSE

“WE DO NOT KNOW
A PLANET THAT IS HOME.

WE ARE ALWAYS HOME.

IT IS OUR JOB TO SEE AND MAP
AND LEARN LANGUAGES
AND STORIES AND CARRY
THEM FROM PLACE TO PLACE.”

nalo hopkinson
SO LONG BEEN DREAMING

**HOW ARE YOU HOME BUILDING,
WORLD BUILDING AND
UNIVERSE BUILDING?**

B E N D R E A L I T Y

“ IF YOU CAN'T SEE THE SMALL
YOU MISS THE WHOLE MIRACLE
IT IS ALL MOMENTS NEARLY
MISSED, PRIVATE, IMPOSSIBLE
TO PERFORM, OR PERFECTLY
ACTED, CONTEXT AND ALL
MOMENTS OF FAITH HIT THE
SURFACE AND CHANGE IT
SHIVERING US OPEN
TO LOVE. ”

adrienne maree brown

**WHAT ARE THE SMALL MOMENTS
YOU GET TO BE GRATEFUL
FOR RIGHT NOW?**

B E N D R E A L I T Y

“ ALL THAT YOU TOUCH
YOU CHANGE.
ALL THAT YOU CHANGE
CHANGES YOU.

THE ONLY LASTING TRUTH
IS CHANGE.
GOD IS CHANGE. ”

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**WHAT IS A CHANGE YOU ARE
EMBRACING THIS SEASON?**

SPIRIT

“ TO SHAPE GOD
WITH WISDOM AND
FORETHOUGHT,
TO BENEFIT YOUR WORLD,
YOUR PEOPLE,
YOUR LIFE,
CONSIDER CONSEQUENCES,
MINIMIZE HARM
ASK QUESTIONS,
SEEK ANSWERS,
LEARN,
TEACH. ”

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**HOW ARE YOU PROTECTING
AND SUPPORTING YOUR LIFE,
YOUR PEOPLE, AND YOUR WORLD?**

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