



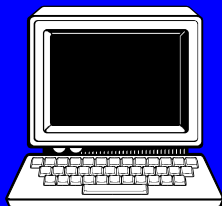
Newsletter Insights

By Marilyn Conrad

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My staff and I enjoy putting the newsletter together each month. We are blessed to see how God directs those who write the articles and how their topics seem to always flow together and compliment each other.

One question. Did you turn to “*Covenant Moments From Around the World*” and read those first? Most of our readers say they do and I know how encouraging these praise reports are for most of you.

In addition, this month we have some excellent articles that might take some time and concentration on your part. Perhaps you will need to read them several times to really digest their content.

I hope you will take time to look up the scripture references that Joanne Fergusson gives in “*Fight the Good Fight*.” Pastor Ken’s article encourages us to not be intimidated by those in the world system and those within the church who tell us to abandon our stands for our marriages and families. This article is one that needs to be saved and read from time to time, especially when we are discouraged.

Duke Rohe, a covenant keeper from Houston, Texas demonstrates nuggets of truth for us at our annual conference each year. His article on “*Peepholes and Bookmarks*” gives distinct insights on how God is working in our lives while we stand.

Covenant Keepers has been blessed for many years to have Louis and Carol Gordon serve on our Board of Directors. Since Louis moved to heaven Carol has continued to lead Heart Menders International and is being used to minister especially to women. I believe her article on marriage will bless and inspire you.

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"We Get Mail" is always a favorite and this month is no different.

Now, I hope you are inspired to send us those articles you have written (or keep saying you are going to write) because it is time for you to bless

others. There are so many out there who are going through tough times and sharing what God has shown and taught you will minister to them. You have been a receiver – now become a giver! Send those articles and be a blessing!

WE GET MAIL LOUISIANA MEETING

Praise God! He showed Himself strong on behalf of our group. The enemy tried to steal our Yellow Ribbon Day last Fall but we persevered and had a great meeting recently. Charles and Rita Holland who have a healed marriage, came from Pensacola, Florida to encourage us and several covenant keepers came from Lafayette. One beloved stander whom we had not seen in awhile came, bringing another covenant keeper who had not been able to come to meetings for almost 10 years. Charles and Rita gave us hope and exhorted us to "having done all, to stand." Charles impressed upon us the impor-



tance of being about God's work while we wait for the restoration of our marriages, knowing that it is already accomplished in God's will. It will be in His perfect timing. The prayer time was powerful. The yoke was broken and one covenant keeper received her joy again. Everyone was encouraged and we received new hope. Of course, the meal and fellowship were wonderful. An afternoon planned to end at 3:00 pm stretched to 5:00. God is so good, loving and so wonderful!

**Debbie Launey, Louisiana
Group Leader, USA**

Dancing With God

When I meditated on the word GUIDANCE, I was drawn to "dance" at the end of the word. I reflected upon how doing God's will is a lot like dancing.

When two people try to lead, nothing feels right. The movement doesn't flow with the music, and everything is quite uncomfortable and jerky. When one person realizes this and lets the other lead, both bodies begin to flow with the music. One gives gentle cues, perhaps with a nudge to the back or by pressing lightly in one direction or another. It's as if two become one body, moving beautifully. The dance takes surrender, willingness, and attentiveness from one person and gentle guidance and skill from the other.



My eyes drew back to the word GUIDANCE. When I saw "G," I thought of God, followed by "u" and "i." "God, "u" and "i" dance."! God, you, and I dance. This statement is what guidance means to me. As I lowered my head, I became willing to trust that I would get guidance about my life. Once again, I became willing to let God lead. My prayer for you today is that God's blessings and mercies be upon you and your family on this day and everyday. May you abide in Him as He abides in you. Dance together with God, trusting Him to lead and to guide you through each season of your life. I Hope You Dance!

Tara Wright, Bishops Stortford, England

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FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

By Joanne Fergusson, National Director for New Zealand

"Fight the good fight of faith..." (1 Timothy 6:12) "...Contend for the faith that was once entrusted to the saints." Jude 3



How do we fight the good fight of faith? We do this by trusting in Jesus and the power of the cross. He overcame evil in the heavenly realm. (Colossians 2:15) But as stated in the following Scriptures, our earthly struggle is against sin:

"...In your struggle against sin." Hebrews 12: 4

"...One is tempted by his evil desire...(which) gives birth to sin.." James 1:14

"...To abstain from sinful desires which war against our soul..." 1 Peter 2:11

Our marriages have failed because of sin. Our sin, our spouse's sin and the sins of previous generations which would attempt to destroy our faith in God.

But how do we fight the fight of faith for our marriages? *"But you man of God flee from all this and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith"* (1 Timothy 6:11). *"Our weapons are that of righteousness..."* (2 Corinthians 6:7b). *"Purity, understanding, patience and kindness and in sincere love and in truthful speech..."* (verse 6). We do not fight this battle for our marriages and against sin in our own strength. Our weapons are not worldly weapons of arrogance and fear (2 Corinthians 10:4-6). We are to bring our minds in line with Christ. Ephesians 4:20 -24; 1 Corinthians 2:16b

Like Jehosaphat, we need to remember that the power is in God's hands (2 Chronicles 20:6-9).

Abraham's descendants said, *"If calamity comes against us... we will stand in your presence.... and cry out to you in our distress and you will hear us and save us"* (verse 9).

Then Jehosaphat says in verse 10, *"But now here are (our enemies), whose territory you would not allow Israel to invade ...coming to*

drive us out of the possession you gave us as an inheritance." We might feel the same. We are keeping our covenant, being loving and forgiving and now circumstances are coming against us to destroy what we have gained!

In verse 12 Jehosaphat says, **"We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."** And as they looked to God and trusted Him, He spoke and said... *"Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours but God's"* (verse 15b).

In verse 17 God says, *"You will not have to fight this battle. **Take up your position and stand firm.... do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out and face them.... and the Lord will be with you."***

They were to take up their position and stand firm. As Covenant Keepers we also take up our position by remaining faithful. We stand firm, facing our enemy (that is, our circumstances) trusting that God has the power to achieve His purposes.

Jehosaphat said, *"Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful"* (verse 20b). Jehosaphat appointed men to praise God for His splendour and His holiness. This was a heart-felt response to God's gracious love and holiness. We are to praise God for who He is and what He has done for us through Jesus, regardless of our circumstances.

God did not tell Jehosaphat **how** he would fight the battle for them. What they had to do was trust God, take up their positions and stand firm.

As covenant keepers we also take up our position by remaining faithful and we stand firm,

Do Not Allow Fear To Be Placed Upon You

By Pastor Ken Savage

Faith is a great gift to the church from the Lord. Luke 17:5-6 reads, "The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' And the Lord said, 'If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea'; and it would obey you.'"

When confronted with threats of abuse and harm after the healing of a man who had been a cripple from birth some 40 years, the apostles prayed a faith-filled prayer that was answered that very moment. The account is recorded in the book of Acts, chapter 4:29-31, which we will deal with later. The Jewish leaders were trying to intimidate the disciples so they would not preach about Jesus and His resurrection.

ABANDON THE STAND

As Covenant Keepers we have the grave responsibility to stand for the healing of our marriages when almost everyone else is telling us to abandon our stand. The world is lined up against the covenant of marriage. The media is bent on purging Biblical beliefs from our society in the name of acceptance and openness. Schools expound a non-biblical agenda that attacks the fabric of marriage all in the name of inclusivism.

From every quarter there is an attempt to place fear, doubt and anxiety upon you.

The Jewish leaders were threatening Peter and John. They wanted fear to be their guide, not faith. They wanted the name of Jesus to be associated with fear and anxiety. Do not let people or situations put fear and anxiety on

you. Do what the apostles did.

In Acts 4:19 one reads: "But Peter and John answered and said to them, 'Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge; for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.' When they had threatened them further, they let them go."

The first thing Peter and John did was to remind themselves and those in the situation who was really to be feared. Fear places doubt on your relationship with

Fear places doubt on your relationship with God and calls into question His desire to care for your needs.

God and calls into question His desire to care for your needs. This is what the Enemy was attempting to do through the Jewish leaders. But Peter and John did not let fear be placed on them. They knew in whom they believed and in whom their trust was solidly placed.

As Covenant Keepers we need to place our trust completely in God and in God alone. Peter writes: "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:6-7

"After leaving the Jewish leaders the Disciples went to where the believers were gathered, and prayed. 'And now, Lord, take note

of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.' And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness." Acts 4:29-31

NO DENIAL

In this prayer one finds the keys to keeping fear off and placing faith on. It starts by asking the Lord to take note of their threats. This may seem foolish at first glance because would one not think God was very much aware of the threats? Why pray it? The answer is found in the fact that one cannot be in faith if they are also in denial. Let's say someone is diagnosed with cancer. As long as they deny the diagnosis they cannot release their faith for God's healing power to come to their bodies. As long as the disciples minimized the threats, they were in no position to hear the will of God and therefore could not release their faith according to His will. When someone is attempting to place fear on you, for the most part there may be truth in what they are saying or attempting to do. Deal with it by giving it to God through prayer.

BOLDNESS

Secondly they prayed for boldness. They knew the will of God was to preach Jesus so they asked for boldness to accomplish that task. You know that standing

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for your marriage is the will of God and that redemption lies down that road. Therefore ask for boldness in that stand. This does not mean that you are to be obnoxious in your stand; it simply means that you are to have a faith-filled confidence that what you are doing is pleasing to the Lord and that He will intervene on your behalf. To be bold has nothing to do with volume or attitude. It has to do with confidence in who you are and in Whom you serve. Boldness is the ability to stand when no one stands with you. It is the ability to see what no one else sees and be confident that what you see will come to fruition.

As a result of all they did the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and signs, wonders and miracles followed them. **The healing of your marriage will be a great wonder and a sign for generations to come.** They prayed, *"While You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus."* They knew the end result of boldness was going to be the miraculous. They prayed and then, *"The place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness."*

REPLACE FEAR

The Lord took the threats and the fear that was placed on them and completely replaced it with Holy Spirit boldness. Miracles took place and the disciples walked in the fullness that the Lord had for them even to the point of giving their lives for the sake of the gospel. This prayer had everlasting effects. The healing of your marriage will also have everlasting effects. Do not allow fear to be placed upon you. Walk this day and forever in faith.

Sometimes A Peephole: Sometimes A Bookmark
By Duke Rohe, Houston, Texas USA

The Lord has fantastic ways of taking what we would consider to be glitches in life, and using them to open His life to us. It takes us on a path we would have never elected, yet these so called glitches are the very devices Jesus uses to help connect us with a lively Hope.

SOMETIMES A PEEPHOLE

Sometimes we only get to see portions of our life through a peephole. As one standing for the restoration of my marriage, I only get to see my kids during small periods of times. It feels as if I am outside the door of their home life and I get only the obscured view of the peephole. I long to see more of them and be more with them so I strain to see all that I can, given the limitation of the peephole. I cry out, "Lord I want more. I only see them during windows of time and so want to be a whole family as You intended it from the beginning."

The Lord is quick to point out, a little with Him is a lot for us. A peephole view grows things in me that would never have been accomplished any other way. I would have fulfillment of just treasuring together. Our time is awareness that life is precious. My have is so much greater. I is protecting from my line of use this peephole view to receptiveness, and my love for the plan He wants to unfold in me.



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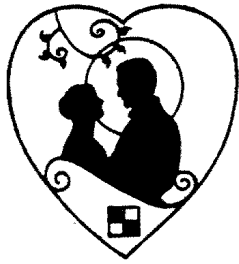
SOMETIMES A BOOKMARK

Just when we feel we have life figured out, it throws us for a loop and we find ourselves sidelined from the plans we made and those entitlements we deserved. Being put on hold from the life we thought we "earned" is frustrating. See, time is ticking away and we feel we are missing out. We are growing older and our plan is slipping away; we are losing out on the best years of our lives- **NOT!**

What God wants to breathe into us is that it is better be a doorkeeper to the path of the Lord than in the driver's seat of our own plan. Wherever Jesus is, is where He wants us to be. Wherever we are, regardless of the circumstances, irrespective of "our" plan, God is demanding that He is enough. He is sufficient. Being anxious for what we are missing out on is an idol if it is not accepting of what God wants to do in our life. If we are seeking Him, we are missing nothing. It's as if God uses us as His bookmark in the timeline of life. He takes us off line, teaches us and grows us and when He knows we are ready, He'll open the book back up to that bookmark to complete the plan He intended. We will find that whatever we lost in time is more than made up for in being grown into the image of Christ. We haven't lost the best years on our lives; we've gained a new heart for the One who invented time.

Peepholes and bookmarks are fine with me.

Covenant Moments From Around The World



TOGETHER AGAIN!

Queensland, Australia: CK praises God that her husband is home and is attending church and also a new Christian's class with her. She praises God for the wonderful change in him: that he has stopped drinking and is seeking forgiveness in many areas. He is also taking his role as head of the house seriously and disciplining the children.



AUSTRALIA

New South Wales: After little contact, CK's husband is phoning daughters regularly now.

CK and wife are getting on better than ever, holidaying together and wife is even talking about reconciling.

CK was given grace to deal with husband's anger, and was able to share about her stand.

CK was able to forgive and let go of valuable items husband took from home. She realizes God will provide for her now and one day restore what was lost.

CK helped husband deal with father's death and was welcomed by his family.

CK was able to speak to husband and had a family photo at daughter's awards day.

Husband gave CK money for new washing machine and wants to pay for other repairs.

CK getting on well with husband and they are going to buy a house together.

Queensland: Husband took CK out to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary and is reading a Christian book.

After many years, CK is no longer upset when she sees husband with non-covenant.

Husband was prevented from getting a check for divorce.

CK is able to see his children more now and spend quality time with them.

CK's daughter is on speaking terms with him again.

CK went to counselor with wife and was able to say that he loved her. She is now going to church.

CK prayed and felt led to give maintenance money to husband when he asked.

CK's wife offered to help him.

CK praises God for more friendly meetings with husband.

South Australia: Wife came to CK's 60th birthday party. CK was given prophetic insight about her depression and abuse at the hands of husband and the other woman - a release to have it recognized. She feels stronger now and realizes she can't make reconciliation happen by pleasing husband. She was able to pull back a bit emotionally. CK recently felt tempted to seek another woman, but his young daughter prayed that mum would come home and they would be a family again.

Victoria: CK is attending counseling with husband.

Husband told CK he sees a change in her, and is also spending more time with children.

CK's family is moving nearby, a real answer to prayer.

The Lord told CK to stand firm with husband about access time with their child, and he was amazed at her new strength.



CANADA

British Columbia: CK's spouse invited her to a family barbecue. They "grand parented" together and even hugged!

CK's wife came to his job, they talked about their lives, and she gave him a BIG hug!

CK is going on an expense paid cruise and her husband wants to go as well. It just happens to be on their 30th anniversary.

CK's husband is spending more and more time with their sons.

CK's husband came from out of town to their daughter's graduation.

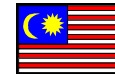
Ontario: CK's pastor prayed (at a public prayer meeting) for God to help families to reconcile and heal their differences, so that they could be the image of Christ to others. CK said he sounded like a covenant keeper. Others joined in and prayed for marriages also.

"My daughter brought flowers to honour my 45th anniversary, even though her dad refuses to acknowledge it. The bouquet was mainly lilacs because she remembered me saying the day we married the church was filled with their aroma as lilacs over-flowed the altar."

CK's husband is no longer with the other woman and wishes to work on restoring their marriage.

Saskatchewan: CK's husband came over and offered to help with supper.

CK went to a wedding with his daughter. They cherished their time together.



MALAYSIA

On her husband's birthday this year, CK had the courage to send him 2 Christian tapes and a key chain with a Christian message. And for the first time, he acknowledged the gifts and said "thank you" to CK.

A few days ago, CK met her husband and his girlfriend and CK was able to control herself and stay calm.

Although it is a little hard on CK's "pocket", CK is glad that his son is learning to turn to him for things he needs. CK sees it as a bridge to his daughter and his wife also.

CK's daughter went to see her grandmother whilst CK stayed in the car. After a while, the daughter came out and said, "Aunty and Grandma ask you to go in." CK declined but her mother-in-law then came out and warmly welcomed CK and they had a good chat. CK was able to embrace her mother-in-law and much healing took place.

CK needed to upgrade her computer at home and her husband helped pay for part of it.

On the birthday of CK's husband, CK helped her daughter buy a present for him; they then went to his place of work to give him the present. CK's daughter

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went in by herself whilst CK waited in her car. Their daughter was very excited and so happy that her father kissed her on the cheek and rubbed her head. He also told the daughter to send his regards to CK.

Whilst CK was away traveling, her husband came to the town where she lives and took their two daughters out for dinner. The two girls later told CK they had a good time chatting with their dad. During the time CK was away, CK also visited her mother-in-law, stayed the night and slept in her husband's bed but he was away. CK was touched by the warm welcome from her in-laws.

CK's husband told her that he is planning to buy a second car for her since both their children are now in college and they find it hard to manage with one car. Meanwhile he gave his children his home e-mail address, something he had never done before.



NEW ZEALAND

Christchurch: CK was able to have lunch with his daughter, grandchild, and his wife and spent two hours with his wife after his daughter had left.

Napier: CK's wife gave him a cuddle and kiss after they shared a pleasant family time together with their two sons.

CK's husband said he would read a book she gave him called *"How to Hear From God."*

CK's wife asked him to pray over a trampoline he had assembled for the children.

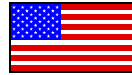
Palmerston North: CK attended a recent wedding at his church. The father of the bride who was also an ordained minister took the newly married couple through a communion celebration. He shared some very good words about the difference between covenant and contract. He said that when counseling couples prior to marriage, he asked them what they think their contribution to the marriage should be. The first answer is 50/50. Wrong! The second answer is 100/100. Also wrong. The correct answer is 100/0. Willing to give 100% love even if nothing is returned.

Tauranga: CK enjoyed an overseas holiday with his three children.

CK's wife listened to Christian music CD he gave her and gave him a hug saying, "It's a long time between hugs."

CK has had three speaking engagements at which he shared his involvement in CK.

CK was able to send congratulatory message to her husband on the birth of a non-covenant child.



UNITED STATES

Arizona: CK went to the ballet with her husband for the second time.

CK's husband took her out for her birthday.

California: CK's communication with spouse is progressing.

CK's mate has returned to their home church and is attending regularly. He seems happy to see CK.

CK is spending time with mate, and he kept in touch while he was on vacation.

Spouse arranged dinner for CK and family and had her sign a Mother's Day card for his mother.

CK's mate gave her a coin that signified the year of their marriage. Their daughters planned a daylong Mother's Day celebration.

CK passed test to become a licensed engineer!

Connecticut: CK's husband came to the hospital before her daughter went in for surgery and then spent the whole day.

Idaho: CK and husband have agreed to be remarried on their original wedding date.

Minnesota: CK saw his wife for the first time in 6 ½ years, and she smiled at him. He was able to greet estranged son and learned that he has a new daughter-in-law and a 2-year-old granddaughter.

New York: "I just wanted to drop a line and thank you for your monthly newsletter. Every month it seems like what I am dealing with and what God is walking me through is in the newsletter."

"Please keep me on your mailing list. It is greatly appreciated and has been a blessing."

Oklahoma: CK received a birthday card and monetary gift from her husband with

a note. It is the first time he has acknowledged her birthday since he left.

CK had an opportunity to talk to her husband at a convention. He has refused communication for many months. He agreed to go to dinner with her and they had a good talk.

Pennsylvania: CK attended a new church and the pastor immediately prayed for reconciliation of the marriage.

CK's wife left non-covenant spouse.

Tennessee: CK's house was hit by a tornado in April. God has blessed her with friends to help her move to another house, and insurance coverage that will repair many things that have been needed. When it is finished it will be like a new house!

CK's husband came over on Father's Day and spent time with CK and son. He cooked hamburgers on the grill.

CK talked to spouse for two hours on the phone. He said if he had it to do over, he would not have left.

CK's spouse is reading a book on spiritual warfare and he is not wearing his wedding ring from the non-covenant marriage.

Texas: CK's co-worker gave her a gift certificate to the Outback Steakhouse. CK invited husband and he agreed to go with her. They had a nice dinner, ran some errands, and then came home to watch a movie together. They had 8 pleasant hours together and she gives God all the glory.

"I want to continue receiving *Covenant Comments*. It is truly a blessing, and always come right on time! God bless you for your faithfulness and the work that you do for His kingdom."

CK received an email from mate with family photos, an unexpected act of kindness after much hostility.

Virginia: "Thanks to God and you for your prayers for doors of utterance between my wife and I. Your newsletters are great."

Washington: CK's daughter graduated from college, and husband insisted on buying CK's lunch after the ceremony.

CK was able to take care of husband after surgery.

You Will Not Surely Die

By Carol Gordon, Heart Menders International



“You will not surely die,’ the serpent said to the woman. ‘For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.” (Gen 3:4-7)

There is enormous conflict over marriage and God’s purpose for it. The enemy’s first attack was not only to have mankind rebel against God, but also to drive a wedge between the man and the woman. He is dreadfully afraid of the spiritual authority of a husband and wife walking in agreement.

Father created man and woman to cooperate as well as create. When they flow as a team, working to stay in agreement, they are unstoppable. Louis and I experienced many supernatural victories when we stood fast in prayer agreement.

Naturally, the enemy of our souls does not want this to happen – ever! That is why he works diligently to see that couples do not enter a marriage covenant at all, or if they marry, do so already having been intimate physically. The plan and purpose of the Creator is totally

ignored: one man and one woman, who have saved their hearts and their bodies for that one mate.

The spiritual aspect of marriage is acknowledged only in a few words at the ceremony, if that. We **are** spirits, and the drawing of two people together is a spiritual event. Granted, sometimes the enemy gets the “wrong” spirit involved, and tragic connections result. If the flesh is not under the discipline of the spirit, how can we know we are following the Lord’s plan for our life?

The Biblical worldview is one of warfare. The powers of darkness are attempting to overcome the authority of the Holy One. It is a battle that is not eternal but will come to an end here on the earth. Marriage and family, the raising of children, is one of the primary battlefields. ***“Another thing you do: You flood the LORD’s altar with tears. You weep and wail because he no longer pays attention to your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands. You ask, “Why?” It is because the LORD is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant. Has not [the LORD] made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth.”*** (Mal 2:13-15) Here Father clearly states His purpose for families.

How can we raise godly children, who are strong in their spirits, if we do not live in the “ways of God?” For good or ill, children are copies of their parents. Our culture is so twisted that we dishonor and reject our parents and think only of our children’s contribution to us, not our obligation to them. Our Heavenly Father wants to re-parent us and teach us to bless our children, and bring them into their identity and destiny in Him.

We can never do that unless we deal with our own issues and prepare to work out marriage by the plan of God. We are not ready for marriage unless we have let the Lord heal our hearts, and become whole. Most of us do not discover this until **already** married. It takes that kind of intimacy for many of our hidden issues to surface. And surface they will, when the pressure of becoming one is evident.

One issue we have completely ignored is the protection afforded within covenant. Women today do not seem to realize how badly in need of protection they are until it is too late. So many are like Jacob’s daughter, Dinah, who took herself off to see the nearby city and wound up raped and the cause of a wholesale slaughter by her brothers. Just one prideful step out of covenant protection can be lethal. In Numbers Chapter 30, there are strong references to the authority to protect daughters and wives from harming themselves. It is my opinion that this authority is so powerful that had Adam said, “No, way,” that he could have recovered Eve from the deception she fell for.

Therefore, we must be prepared to go to war with the deceptions of darkness that come against our marriages. We can purpose to have a

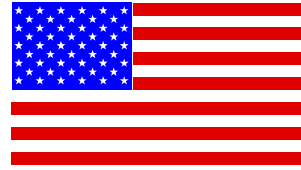
Fight The Good Fight

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regardless of the circumstances, trusting that God has the power to achieve His purposes (Romans 4:21). Jesus defeated Satan by His obedience and submission to God, not through His own strength or supernatural power (Matthew 4:1-10). We are to overcome evil with good, with weapons of righteousness, compassion and mercy, and humble living. Romans 12: 9-21

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you..." (James 4:6) *"Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will lift you up."* James 4:10

As we humble ourselves we will grow in our heart's understanding of God's gracious love towards us and that He can be trusted to work out what is best for us. Then we will be able to say with the Apostle Paul, *"I have fought the good fight... I have kept the faith."* 2 Timothy 4:7

WELL SAID, MR. PRESIDENT!

"Marriage is the most enduring and important human institution, honored and encouraged in all cultures and by every religious faith. Ages of experience have taught us that the commitment of a husband and a wife to love and to serve one another promotes the welfare of children and the stability of society. Marriage cannot be cut off from its cultural, religious, and natural roots without weakening this good influence on society. Government, by recognizing and protecting marriage, serves the interests of all."

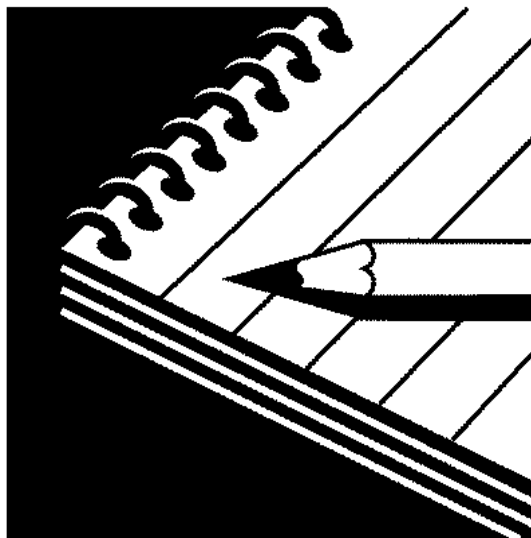
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marriage that reflects the honor and glory of the Lord. Paul compares marriage to the relationship of Christ and the Church, who is His bride. **“After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church - for we are members of his body. ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ This is a profound mystery-but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.”** (Eph 5:29-33) This is a profound standard for our marriage. In Him we can have this! And we must! How else can the marriages of Christians be a light in the darkness?

We are His representatives on the earth; He lives in us and we in Him. When we let Him **“act as umpire”** in our marriages. (Col 3:15 AMP) He will teach us to let the peace of God reign in our homes.

We Get Mail

TWICE BLESSED

I would like to thank the Lord, for twice so far He has been there for me. And like Esther, I have been reprieved.

In October of 2005 my husband served me with divorce papers, claiming we had been apart 5 years. When in fact we had come together on and off, while the longest time being together was 11 months.

Upon receiving the papers I was given 21 days to contest it. If I did not respond the divorce would go through automatically.



I had been reading Isaiah 37 and in verse 14 Hezekiah had received a distressing letter and he laid it before the Lord. Since I was in a real quandary about what to do, I did the same thing. The very next day the Lord answered my prayer and confirmed to me that I was to contest it, on the grounds that the times stated were false. I immediately put my case forward to the court, which halted the proceedings and the case held over until January 2006. That was the first reprieve.

The second answer to prayer came on the day of the court hearing. That day my husband, after being questioned by the judge, admitted I was correct about the time frame of our being together. The case was dismissed and the divorce was denied at that time.

God has been so good. Now, as things come up I just lay them out before Him. I want to give Him all the glory, knowing that He has everything under control.

I'm now waiting with great expectation for God's next miracle.

New Zealand

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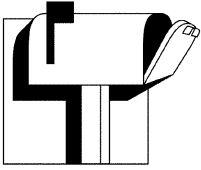
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