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A Passionate Christian Woman by Chila M. Woychik

What is a passionate Christian woman? Well, she's not a woman who's perfect, peerless or guiltless, but as human as you and me. A passionate Christian woman simply has a passion for the things of God and is driven to do something about it.

This woman thirsts for God. God is the driving force of her existence, the meaning behind her life.

She doesn't live primarily for the latest fads, fashions, or fancies, but for God. She cares little for fame or fortune, recognition or reward. Instead, she has experienced the intense satisfaction of a personal relationship with a holy God, and as a deer longs for a cool, refreshing stream to enjoy, so she longs for her God.

She hungers for Truth. In a mixed-up world where wrong often seems right, a passionate believer pursues God's Truth with intensity. Never one to accept mere human opinion or feeling-based experience, she considers God's Word to be as necessary to her as her daily food. She has a Berean mindset (Acts 17:11), persistently compares the spoken word to the written Word, and sifts it to find the Truth. A passionate Christian woman is passionate about the Bible, for therein God has revealed His heart and mind for mankind.

She loves others with godly passion. She demonstrates sincere concern, models unconditional love, and does her utmost to influence those around her

for heaven. She doesn't portray one who has arrived, but one who knows where she's going. Then she coaxes and encourages and helps others to join her on her journey. Her love is practical, pure and positive. The motivation for her outreach is her up-reach to God, and she does it with fervency and attention to detail.



She lives today with tomorrow in mind. A passionate Christian woman knows her time is limited. She is acutely aware that her life is as a drop in the bucket of time and eternity. She will pass off the scene all too quickly with only her influence remaining. She realizes she has no second chance, no

life "held over on account of rain". So she lives each day to its fullest with this goal in mind: to follow hard on the heels of the very God in whom we live and breathe and have our being. This woman lives with a vengeance, committed to going out with a bang instead of a whimper. She fulfills today's duties while focusing on the future. Finally, a

passionate Christian woman avoids sin so she can gain intimacy with God. Though the world allures and tempts, this believer knows her boundaries and accepts her playground. She doesn't walk the fence row, desirous of the apple across the way. She romps and ranges in the field God has given her, content to run home at the end of the day with

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The Spotlight

Sr. Pastor Lincoln Corbin

Welcome Light Post readers. I'm often asked for my sermon notes or at least a place where I compile them for easy access. To tell you the truth, my main place is a sermon notebook and a flash drive. I found one sermon that is one of my favorites and it holds a

lot of relevance in today's generation. We are an image conscience society. We constantly try to find our worth in others and desperately seek validation in those around us. But faith gives us another view point. Here are some points ;

Faith Choices

Verse: Heb 11:23-28, Joshua 24:15

- There are people communicating many different things all over the place.
- Faith has a language of its own. It has a voice of its own.
- The only reason that faith doesn't work in your situation because you really don't believe God at His Word.
- If the Word in you is mixed with unbelief, it doesn't work.
- Your faith can work in two directions. It can work in a positive or negative fashion.
- You always choose to believe something—either positive or negative.
- Believing God isn't harder than not believing God.
- You need to take your faith out of reverse and start thinking forward.
- You don't need faith for yesterday. Faith is futuristic.
- Faith will cause you to make choices.
- Faith in God allows you to assert your God-given identity.



- ◇ The writer here is establishing the fact that Moses' background is one of faith.
- ◇ It's one thing to have a faith background, but another thing to have faith for your self.
- ◇ You can only ride on other people's faith

for so long.

- ◇ Moses faith is shown at his coming of age.
- ◇ Moses had favor on his life to exceed the boundaries on his life.
- ◇ We can sometimes get stuck in a funk and forget how much God has worked in our lives.
- ◇ Moses outlasted everybody. His whole generation got wiped out.
- ◇ You need to think sometimes how you have exceeded expectations.
- ◇ You have been taught things that are in opposition to your identity.
- ◇ When you got saved the Lord then had to work on your mind.
- ◇ Moses lived in an environment that wasn't conducive for having faith in the True God.
- ◇ The society you live in teaches you values that are far from God's values.
- ◇ Moses came to age not because of age but of his faith.
- ◇ It doesn't make a difference what age you are. It's the level of faith that promotes you.
- ◇ You can be in church for years but still not have faith.
- ◇ God will always have a witness. Wherever we go we are to be witnesses for God.
- ◇ If you ever identify, through faith, who you are, thing will turn around dramatically.

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Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 14 - Daylight Saving - Move clocks forward

March 26 @ 7:30 – Friday Night Service with Minister Kaleiah Sjogren

March 21st, Happy Birthday Pastor Leasa!

21st– Marriage Ministry at 4:00PM

March 28th is Palm Sunday, also Singles Ministry is at 4:00 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL **Marvelous Light Church** at 856-461-0600



News & Tidbits

Happy Birthday to Pastor Leasa Corbin who will be celebrating another year of life March 21. We love you and wish you many, many more.

The month of March is women's history month!

Easter Sunday is coming up on April 4th. Lets get ready to let the praises reign for our Risen Savior.

The Lion King play date has been changed to Friday the 23rd. For more details call 856-461-0600



Christian News Around The World

Megachurch Pastor Guides Christians on Demonic Spirits

In the 20-plus years he has known Christ, Brady Boyd has never been to a megachurch where demonic spirits was discussed. And Boyd, who is currently senior pastor at New Life Church in Colorado Springs, considers it a "big, big, big" topic that needs to be talked about. Boyd is now ten weeks into a message series on "The Supernatural." He has already addressed healing, miracles and the gift of prophecy. "Distinguishing Between Spirits" was his message title for this past Sunday. "Do demons really exist?" Boyd, who replaced former pastor Ted Haggard in 2007, posed to thousands of attendees. "I don't want to assume in this building today that all of you even believe that there are demons. I would guess there are some of you out here that may have never heard anyone talk about this and you may not even believe that there are spiritual forces of evil that wish you harm," he said. For Boyd, the existence of demons is very real. He recalled a time when his young son, Abram, had "intense night terrors" (nightmares). They kept Abraham and Boyd up at nights regularly. After recognizing that there was "a spiritual element attacking" his son, Boyd prayed a "short, emphatic, decisive prayer" calling on the name of Jesus. The "night terrors" stopped, he said. It all started with an awareness of something that wasn't holy. "I'm convinced ... that all of us, no matter how long we've been Christ followers, are open to being deceived and influenced by the enemy," he stated. The problem with many believers, however, is that they are deceived or influenced by evil spirits without even knowing it, whether it's through a T.V. show or a relationship, the senior pastor noted. People are led astray from the truth subtly, in small incremental steps and eventually they wake up and ask them-

selves "how did I get here?" "The enemy's tricky," the Louisiana native underlined. "He's good at this." "You can be led astray but you don't have to be," he assured the mega-congregation.

Calling the congregation to a higher level of discernment, Boyd warned that every temptation begins with a thought. And the most powerful weapon a Christ follower has when confronting demons is repentance (of such thoughts), he stressed. "A lot of the counseling I do at New Life Church could be settled if we just had a culture where when a thought came to you we had sensitivity, an awareness that it's not from God. If we just repent of it ... then

adulterous affairs would stop, all the things wrecking families would stop," he said. "It all just starts with a thought."

The New Life pastor also told Christ followers that they have more authority than they know. Even as a young person of faith, if a believer feels an evil influence, he or she can say the name of Jesus Christ. Boyd reminded them God already defeated the devil 2,000 years ago. The devil has only gained some stature in people's lives because they do not realize the authority they have as Christ followers, he noted. "It should be impossible for us as Christ followers to ever be deceived," he said.

www.christianpost.com

Islamic Assailants Kill Hundreds of Christians Near Jos, Nigeria

An uneasy calm prevailed in Plateau state, Nigeria today following the killing of hundreds of Christians early yesterday morning in three farming villages near Jos by ethnic Fulani Muslims. The mostly ethnic Berom victims included many women and children killed with machetes by rampaging Fulani herdsmen. About 75 houses were also burned. State Information Commissioner Gregory Yenlong confirmed that

about 500 persons were killed in the attacks, which took place mainly in Dogo Nahawa, Zot and Rastat villages. "We were woken up by gunshots in the middle of the night, and before we knew what was happening, our houses were torched and they started hacking down people" survivor Musa Gyang told media. The assailants reportedly came on foot from a neighbouring state to beat security forces that had been alerted of a possible attack on the villages but did not act beforehand.

The attack on Sunday is the latest in several religious clashes in the state in recent months that have claimed lives and property. Plateau state is a predominantly Christian state in a country almost evenly divided between Christians and Muslims. The Muslim minority has been contesting ownership of some parts of the state, leading to frequent clashes. Bishop Andersen Bok, national coordinator of the Plateau State Elders Christian Fellowship, along with group Secretary General Musa Pam, described the attack as yet another "jihad and provocation on Christians." "Dogo Nahawa is a Christian community," the Christian leaders said in a statement. "Eyewitnesses say the Hausa Fulani Muslim militants were chanting 'Allah Akbar,' broke into houses, cutting human beings, including children and women with their knives and cutlasses."

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6 World Vision Workers Killed in Attack

Suspected extremists armed with grenades attacked the offices of a Federal Way-based international aid group in northwest Pakistan on Wednesday, killing as many as six Pakistanis working for the organization, police said. The attack targeted World Vision, a large Christian humanitarian group helping survivors of the 2005 Kashmir earthquake in Mansehra district, which killed about 80,000 people.

"World Vision is mourning the brutal and



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senseless deaths of five members of their staff in the Mansehra District of Pakistan after an unprovoked attack by gunmen," the group's news release said. The organization was trying to confirm that gunmen had set off bombs and grenades before opening fire on the World Vision office, the release said. The group said it received no threatening letters before the attack.

The organization has suspended its operations in Pakistan indefinitely, the news release said. "Those who kill humanitarian workers must be reminded that they are not only killing their own country's residents, but also people seeking to improve the lives of victims of poverty and injustice," the release said. Al-Qaida, the Taliban and allied groups are strong in northwestern Pakistan, but Mansehra lies outside the tribal belt next to Afghanistan where the extremists have their main bases. Rebels

have killed other people working for foreign-aid groups in Pakistan, greatly hampering efforts to raise living standards in the desperately poor region.

World Vision is a relief and development organization that helps communities around the world.

Since 1992, it has concentrated on "relief interventions" in Pakistan, the release said. "The work expanded in 2001, when the agency began collaborating with other aid groups in the North West Frontier Province (NWFP) and Punjab Province with emergency relief assistance and community development initiatives. After the devastating October 2005 earthquake, World Vision expanded its operations in Pakistan," the release said. The organization also has been active in other areas of Northwest Pakistan, where it has been helping families displaced by violence.

In a May 2009 news statement, World Vision reported distributing health kits, mattresses and other household items in Buner District and hoped to raise \$13 million to

aid more than 200,000 people in that district and others in northwest Pakistan. Founded in 1950, World Vision has about 40,000 staff members in 99 countries. These staff members do everything from working with communities to getting clean water to helping people after natural disasters. seattletimes.nwsources.com

Iranian Pastor Tortured, Threatened for 'Converting Muslims'

An Assyrian pastor the Iranian government accused of "converting Muslims" is being tortured in prison and threatened with execution, sources close to the case said. State Security agents on Feb. 2 arrested the Rev. Wilson Issavi, 65, shortly after he finished a house meeting at a friend's home in Isfahan. A city of more than 1.5 million people, Isfahan is located 208 miles (335 kilometers) south of Tehran. According to

Farsi Christian News Network, Issavi's wife, Medline Nazanin, recently visited her husband in prison, where she saw that he had obvious signs of torture and was in poor condition. Iranian intelligence officials told Nazanin that her husband might be executed for his alleged activities. Issavi is the pastor of The Evangelical Church of Kermanshah in Isfahan, a

50-year-old church body affiliated with The Assemblies of God that caters to the local Assyrian population.

During the raid, State Security police detained everyone in the house, later releasing all but Issavi and the owner of the home. Security officials also seized personal property from the home. Typically in Christian arrests in Iran, security officials confiscate all documents, media materials, computers, and personal documentation. Issavi is being held in an unmarked prison, according to FCNN. Last month's arrest seems to be part of an anti-Christian sweep

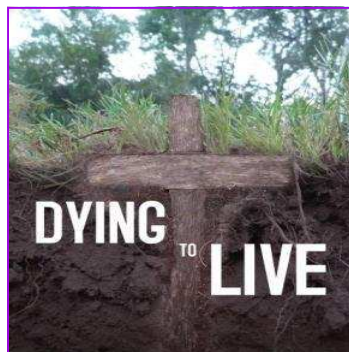
that is taking place across Isfahan. In addition to the politically motivated detentions and executions that have taken place after June's contested election and subsequent nation-wide political protests, it appears authorities are rounding up Christian leaders. www.christiannewstoday.com

Christians urged to act over same-sex ceremonies in churches London, England)

Pressure group Christian Concern For Our Nation is calling on Christians to write to the Prime Minister and Cabinet Minister Harriet Harman following last week's vote in the House of Lords in favor of allowing churches to conduct civil partnership ceremonies. It wants the Government to remove the amendment from the Equalities Bill, warning it would "open the flood gates" of requests from homosexual couples to have their civil partnership ceremonies conducted in a church. The amendment, introduced by homosexual peer Lord Alli, was backed by several liberal bishops in the Church of England and welcomed by gay rights groups, including Stonewall.

Many Christians fear that the amendment will lead to churches being sued if they refuse to conduct civil partnership ceremonies on their premises. CCFON said the amendment effectively blurred the distinction between marriage and civil partnerships. It wants thousands of Christians to sign its online petition urging the Government to reject Lord Alli's amendment and to write personal letters to the Prime Minister and Harriet Harman asking them personally to ensure that the consciences of Christians are respected. Andrea Williams, Director of CCFON, said: "The amendment was debated for less than an hour

and was voted through literally at the eleventh hour, taking everybody by surprise. www.christiantoday.com



Look Up and Live

Pastor Leasa Corbin



“The way to heaven is important because we just can’t show up by navigating our own way there.”

“If you’re not walking, start while I’m talking”

It’s a Highway to Heaven

As I reminisce back to a very young age: Being in church with my family as everyone was singing a hymn with joy called “Walking up the King’s Highway”. It seemed liked everyone was eager to go on this highway to heaven. In that moment, singing the song for me was playful and fun but as time progressed, I understood the hymn was giving us a real and serious message on how to get to heaven.

God has charted the course of life that we must take. In order for us to get there will require not only a clean heart, but obedience, faith, patience and trusting his guidance. We cannot reinvent another course when the journey gets rough or to lengthy. Although the grass may look greener on the other side, we must remain focused on the road.

We must have a pure heart that is fully devoted to loving God with every part of our lives. Foremost the hymn speaks of only the pure in heart can walk up there. In the book of Matthews reads “Blessed is the pure in heart for they shall see God.” In the word of God it tells us what is needed to dwell with God for eternity. Psalm 24:3-4 says *“Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.”*

Follow God’s road map. The way to heaven is important because we just can’t show up by navigating our own way there. I started out on a journey a few weeks ago and I plugged in my GPS device. As my husband tried to instruct me, I became confident that I did not need his help. Later in the evening my travels came to a dead end. I felt frustrated because of the enormous time I spent going in circles. My GPS system did not calculate or consider the new construction changes to the roads. We must listen to instruction and follow his spiritual GPS, the Word of God. Jesus can take you there but, it will take effort our part.

Traveling on this road calls for obeying God Word and trusting his guidance. In life, there are shortcuts we can take that can lead us off course, but there is a dividing point in the road. The Bible reads in Matthew 7:13-14, *“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”* This means that one must come through the narrow gate in order to reach the path that leads to eternal life. Jesus Christ is the gate and way that enables us to it. John 14:16 says *“And I will pray the Father and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.”* The greek word parakletos for comforter means “one called alongside to help.” As the hymn says there is joy in knowing with Him I’m going.

ITS A HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN
NONE CAN WALK UP THERE
BUT THE PURE IN HEART
ITS A HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN
I AM WALKING UP THE KINGS HIGHWAY

VR5 1
MY WAY GETS BRIGHTER , MY LOAD
GETS LIGHTER
WALKING UP THE KINGS HIGHWAY
THERE'S JOY IN KNOWING WITH HIM I'M
GOING
WALKING UP THE KINGS HIGHWAY

VR52
DON'T HAVE TO WORRY, DON'T HAVE
TO HURRY
WALKING UP THE KINGS HIGHWAY
CHRIST WALKS BESIDE ME, ANGELS TO
GUIDE ME
WALKING UP THE KINGS HIGHWAY

VR53
IF YOU'RE NOT WALKNG, START WHILE
I'M TALKING
WALKING UP THE KINGS HIGHWAY
THERE'LL BE A BLESSING,
YOU'LL BE POSSESSING

The Spotlight continued.

- ◇ Faith causes him to be satisfied with who he is.
- ◇ People have a longing to identify with something. People feel that their worth is tied up in a group that they belong to.
- ◇ People live beyond their means because they want to identify with society.
- ◇ You are to refuse—by faith—any identity that isn't your God-given identity.
- ◇ There's one thing to claim your identity and another thing to live your identity.
- ◇ You could identify yourself with your past or you can identify with your promise in God.
- ◇ Just because it's a season of promise doesn't mean you don't have to fight.
- ◇ Faith will make you choose. It will give you the power to choose the will of God.
- ◇ If you choose to be a child of God, you are going to have to take on the experience of the children of God.
- ◇ Moses couldn't just say he was a Hebrew and do the same old things.
- ◇ Moses had been living large at the expense of his people's pain.
- ◇ It will cause you to develop a lifestyle.
- ◇ Why are we so comfortable in sin or around sin? It should counter your identity.

-Pastor Lincoln Corbin

Healthy Choices 101 for Women

Many people say they eat more when they are under stress. Others eat less. But people under chronic stress are more likely than others to say they eat fattening foods and feel that their eating is out of control, according to a study presented at a recent meeting of the Obesity Society.

In one of the largest surveys ever to examine the relationship between chronic stress and eating behaviors, researchers at the University of California-San Francisco questioned more than 600 women who were overweight or obese about their eating habits and life stressors.

The women were categorized as having chronic stress if they had ongoing stressful situations such as being unable to pay their rent or mortgage; feeling stuck in a job they don't like; having a spouse or partner who expects too much of them or doesn't understand them; having a child who isn't doing well in school; or acting as a family caregiver for someone in poor health. The researchers found that people who had greater chronic stress were more likely than the other survey participants to say they ate high-fat foods and felt they lacked control over their eating and hunger.

Those who were chronically stressed also were more likely to rely on "rigid restraint" to try to control their weight, including vowing to avoid fattening foods and skipping meals, says psychologist Elissa Epel, associate professor in the department of psychiatry at the UCSF. "We know from other research that these techniques tend to backfire and people end up overeating and gaining weight," she says.

"Chronic stress really taxes people's ability to self-monitor their eating behavior. In our current environment of abundantly rich food, we need every ounce of conscious effort to manage our eating, because eating is an automatic behavior we can do too easily and too often if we're not mindful."

Lisa Groesz, the study's lead author and a postdoctoral fellow at UCSF, says people under chronic stress should try to notice the difference between emotional hunger and true physical hunger. By being more mindful of their hunger and stress, they can better regulate when, what and how much they eat and keep it more in line with their bodies' needs, she says

By [Nanci Hellmich](#), *USA TODAY*



Cooking With the Sisters

Kendra Hall & Shaniqua Leggett

Cooking with the sisters is our monthly recipe column from the sisters at Marvelous Light made famous by their tasty dishes!

Spinach Lasagna Rolls



These perfectly portioned individual lasagnas are quick to make and taste great! This is one of those family friendly recipes everyone in your home will love. A great way to get your kids to eat spinach too. I added lots of seasonings and spices to the tomato sauce to give it an extra kick. Have fun with this recipe and add things (like ground beef) to make it your own! ENJOY

- 9 lasagna noodles, cooked
- 10 oz frozen chopped spinach, thawed and completely drained
- 15 oz fat free ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 - 1 egg
 - salt and fresh pepper
 - 32 oz tomato sauce
- 9 tbsp (about 3 oz) part skim mozzarella cheese, shredded

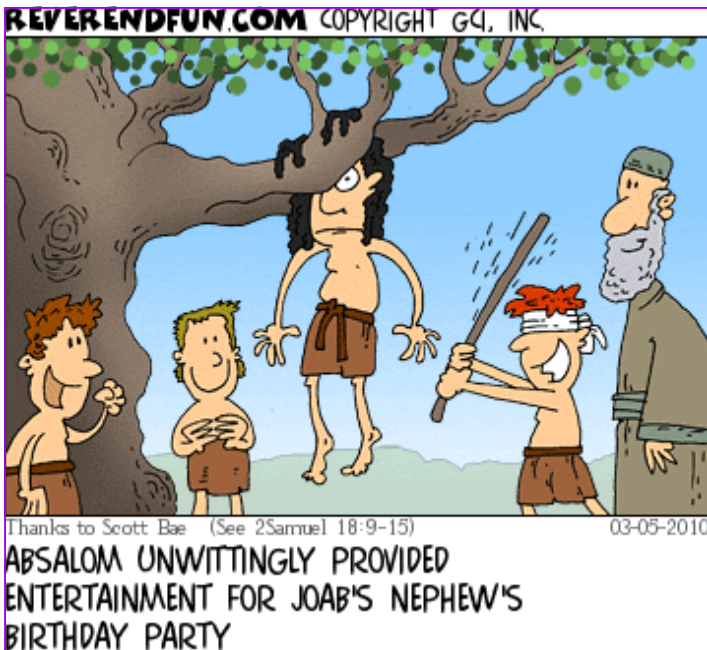
Preheat oven to 350°. Combine spinach, ricotta, Parmesan, egg, salt and pepper in a medium bowl. Ladle about 1 cup sauce on the bottom of a 9 x 12 baking dish.

Place a piece of wax paper on the counter and lay out lasagna noodles. Make sure noodles are dry. Take 1/3 cup of ricotta mixture and spread evenly over noodle. Roll carefully and place seam side down onto the baking dish. Repeat with remaining noodles.

Ladle sauce over the noodles in the baking dish and top each one with 1 tbsp mozzarella cheese. Put foil over baking dish and bake for 40 minutes, or until cheese melts. Makes 9 rolls.

To serve, ladle a little sauce on the plate and top with lasagna roll.

Now That's Funny!



The Passionate Christian Woman cont.

clean hands and a pure conscience.

Is this a description of a perfect Christian woman? No, but of a passionate one. These women don't have boundless energy, super-human strength, or a superior spirituality. In fact, they are utterly ordinary ones who fail, fall, and are tired at the end of the day. They are tested and found wanting all too often. But they have heard from God through His Word, seen Him work in their lives, and have experienced peace, answered prayer, and comfort through the Holy Spirit. Now their heart is fixed, their commitment firm, their joy complete. They learn and grow, and find purpose in mundane tasks and the every day routine of living.

A passionate Christian woman thirsts after God, hungers for His Word, has a sincere concern for others, and lives today with tomorrow in mind. She avoids sin so she can maintain a close relationship with her Creator and Lord. She is a passionate believer living a purposeful life. She is alive with a passion for God!

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Healthy Choices for Women 101 continued.

What is stress?

Stress can involve a recent change or a daily pressure. Stress happens to everyone and can be motivating and productive or negative and destructive. Tension and anxiety, as well as depression, are frequent emotional consequences of stress.

The mind and body are linked throughout our lives. We must learn to respect both our emotional and physical needs, or we will lose our equilibrium and ability to adapt.

Symptoms of stress

- Feeling tense
- Depression
- Poor memory
- Poor concentration
- Increased alcohol consumption
- Anger/hostility
- Difficulty making decisions
- Frequent mood swings
- Negative thinking
- Distractibility
- Excess smoking or eating
- Feeling overwhelmed or helpless

Stress increases the risk for:

- Accidents
- Headaches
- Bowel disorders
- Poor digestion
- Skin disorders
- Eating disorders
- Emotional disorders
- Asthma attacks
- High blood pressure/strokes
- Colds/infections
- Backache
- Arthritis/immune disorders
- Heart attacks/recovery

- Cancer
- Ulcers
- Sexual dysfunction

Why do some experts feel that women are particularly susceptible to stress?

Women are socialized to be the caretakers of others. More women than men have both a career outside the home and continue to try to juggle traditional responsibilities after hours. Over 70% of married women with children under the age of 18 are employed outside the home. Sociologists describe women as struggling to achieve the "male standard" at work, while trying to maintain the perfect wife and mother standards at home.



Women are also less likely to be in as powerful positions as men to change their environment. Women find it harder to say no to others' requests and often feel guilty if they can't please everyone. They often spend less time nurturing their own emotional and physical needs, as that might be perceived as selfish. In addition, relationship alterations or the loss of loved ones can produce empty nest or other separation syndromes.

As women progress through life's stages, hormonal balance associated with premenstrual, post-partum and menopausal changes can affect chemical vulnerability to stress and depression.

How can I cope with stress?

Leisure time must be considered a necessity, not just a reward for doing more.

Personal time for rejuvenation will never be available unless it is planned. Prioritizing based on principle rather than demand is sometimes difficult to learn, but is critical for peace of mind.

You can't be all things to all people all of the time. Don't be reluctant to ask for help. Avoid combining too many projects. Delegate if necessary. Learn to say "no."

What activities can help relieve stress?

Here are some examples of activities that can help to refresh the body and mind:

- Taking baths
- Reading
- Doing breathing exercises
- Receiving back rubs/massages
- Listening to relaxation tapes
- Writing in a journal
- Meeting with a friend
- Napping
- Walking
- Dancing
- Engaging in spiritual reflection
- Stretching
- Listening to music

Finding it hard to untangle? Seek a little help:

- Individual psychotherapy
- Support group therapy
- Biofeedback
- Relaxation training

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Light Bites

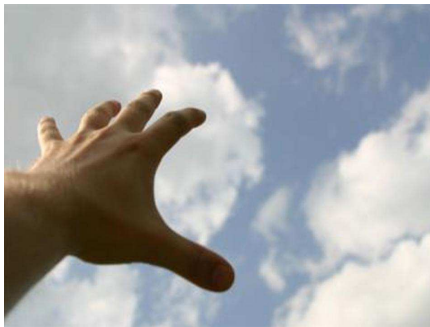
Deaconess Brandie Wooding

The Power of Potentiality

A few weeks ago Pastor Corbin preached a message called “The Power of Potentiality.” Pastor Corbin emphasized that we, the body of Christ, are very much capable of development. We not only have the power to bring our vision to actuality, but also possess the God-given ability to take whatever has been spoken into our lives and bring it to fruition. We have heard it said over and over again, but now is the time to wage war with every word that has been spoken over our lives.

We need to remember that with God absolutely nothing is impossible, despite what it looks like. Pastor Corbin referenced the story of the children of Manasseh found in the seventeenth chapter of Joshua. As the story goes, the children of Manasseh occupied and plenty of land but they were not content with what they had. The children of Manasseh did not understand that the Canaanites were still occupying land that by right belonged to them. The children of Manasseh had everything on their side. They had God, they had the man of God Joshua speaking into their lives, and they had the manpower, but they would not drive the Canaanites out of their land. It sounds rather silly that they the children of Manasseh would rather complain than fight for what was belonged to them.

This sounds like so many Christians today. We have God, we have access to Godly counsel, and we’ve been equipped with all that we need for battle but we give up before we even begin. We get weary before the battle begins and we never experience the victory and testimony of what God wanted to do in our lives. We want the house but are fearful concerning the mortgage. We want full time ministry but are intimidated by the commitment. We have the opportunity to walk into blessings but would rather settle into the same monotonous routine, and then blame others for our lack of progress.



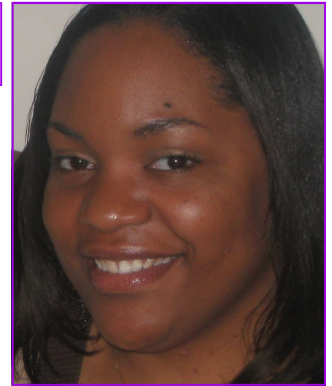
As Pastor Corbin illustrated through scripture, a believer must know when we have matured into our full potential, and we cannot compromise with our weaknesses. The Children of Manasseh had grown in number and occupied much land, but instead of removing them, they just taxed them. In other words, ‘we really do not want you on our land but we are too unmotivated to move you.’ So instead of chasing the Canaanites out they just put them to work. Then to make matters worse, they complained about their lack to Joshua and in the end tried to blame him for it.

Joshua was a man of God and wisdom, instead of entertaining their vain complaints he simply spoke words of action to them. He told them that if they were so great then they needed to get up and take what belonged to them. Once

again they did not heed Joshua’s instruction but complained now that the Canaanites were better equipped to fight than they were. As only a man of God would do, Joshua spoke of words of life to them. He told them that they were a great people and that they could have whatever they desired if they just stepped out in faith.

Many lessons can be learned from this story. The first one is that with God nothing is impossible, but we must be a people of action. We cannot be so relaxed that we would rather compromise with our flesh than fight for a greater cause. Second, we cannot make and should never make excuses or blame others for our shortcomings. Third, we must know that whatever God has spoke will come to pass but we still must work in the process. Last, always believe God because without faith it is impossible to please him. I commend Pastor Corbin for preaching and teaching us about the power of our potential. Remember. . . this is a season of pursuit for all of us so continue pursuing with passion and with diligence.

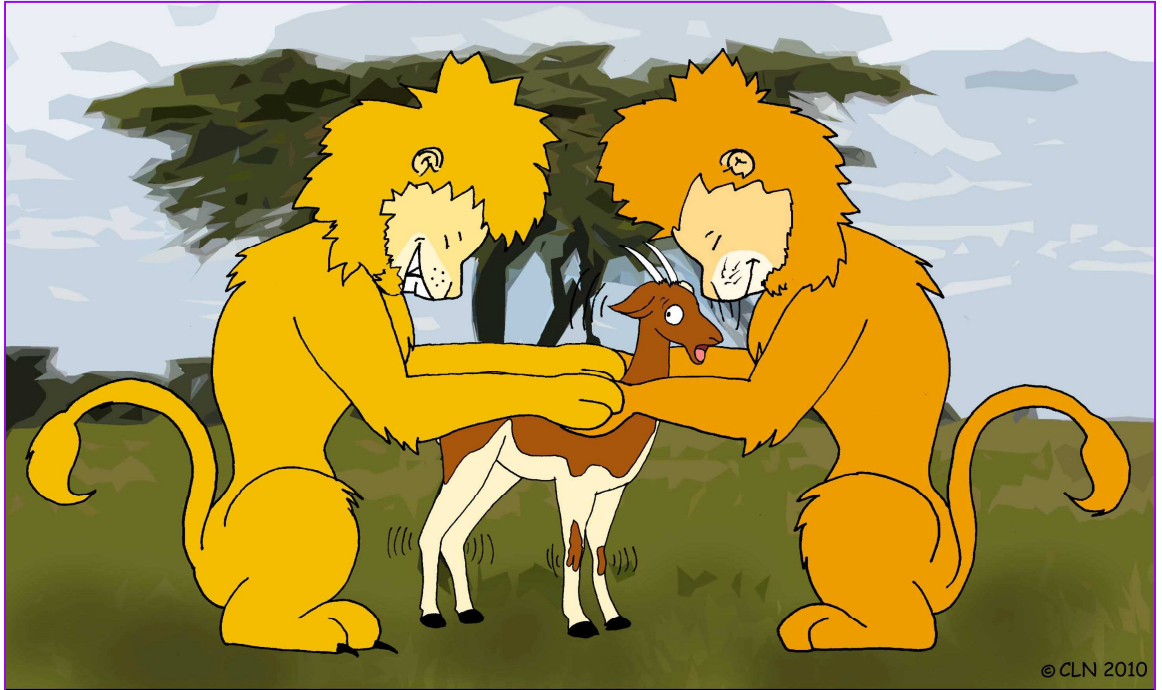
-Deaconess Brandie Wooding



“We have God, we have access to Godly counsel, and we’ve been equipped with all that we need for battle but we give up before we even begin.”

Come On Somebody!

Cheyenne Nixon



Q: What did the lions say before they ate?
A: "Let us *prey*."

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