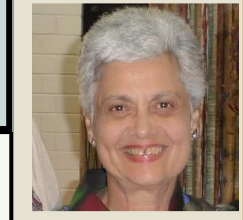


# Wives Support Group Ministry Ltd



## Newsletter 2011 – Edition 1

### WELCOME MESSAGE FROM LORRAINE ADDISON, FOUNDER WSGM LTD



#### Welcome to this issue of our Newsletter

#### “Surviving the Storm”

(by Micca Campbell “God’s Purpose for Every Woman” 2007)

“Mark 4:39 “He (Jesus) got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.”

“When you’re in the midst of a raging storm – whether it’s financial, relational, or an unexpected illness – does Christ seem far away and unaware of your situation? While I know that’s not true, the weight of my own burdens can often make me feel as if I’m carrying them alone. Even in situations that seem reasonable for me to handle, I frequently find myself saying, ‘Where are You, God? I need to know You are near.’”

While the disciples were experienced seamen, they found themselves in a desperate situation that only Jesus could overcome. The angry sea was tossing them about as water filled their boat. Surely they would drown. Where was Jesus? He was asleep in the boat, unaware, or so it seemed.

Unable to save themselves through their own power, the disciples became afraid and anxiously cried out to Jesus. Responding to their cry, Jesus rebuked the wind and calmed the storm. Then He asked, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still not have faith in Me?”

Good question. What comes to the surface when you’re in a raging storm – faith or fear? If Jesus promised to never leave us or forsake us, then we have nothing to fear. In order to survive, we must keep our eyes on Him instead of the raging winds of our circumstance.

Even though Jesus was asleep in the boat, He was aware of their situation. The storm didn’t wake Him, but the cry of His disciples did, and Jesus took immediate action. Isn’t that interesting?

The howl of the storm didn’t demand Jesus’ attention, only the cry of His friends. Jesus is aware and in control of your situation too. God will answer your cry for help.

While it may appear as though Jesus is asleep in the midst of your storm, He may be waiting for you to reach your point of desperation. Though the disciples were experienced fishermen, in this storm they were in over their heads. Sometimes we have to come to the end of our own self-effort before we invite God to work. When we give up and cry out, Jesus will answer our call.

Every one of us is going to face hardship. Only the friend of Jesus has the promise of His presence with them in the midst of a storm. Although Jesus never promised us a life of smooth sailing, He did promise us a safe journey. God will not leave you abandoned in the middle of your hardship. He will see you safely through.

When the waves of trouble come crashing in on you, know that you are not alone. There’s no need to fear. Instead, have faith that Jesus is in the boat. With Him, you can survive the storm.

*Dear Lord,  
You are my provision in the midst of my storm. Help me to trust  
You when I can’t see land for the rain. Lead me safely through  
and set my feet on solid ground once more.  
In Jesus’ name,  
Amen.”*

Slow me down, Lord. Teach me the art of creating islands of stillness in which I can absorb Your Presence. Prompt me to lift up my heart to You in a moment of thankfulness and as I listen for Your voice, speak that I might listen, so that I take Your peace rather than my confusion back with me into my world.

Lorraine.

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR WSGM IN 2011

- 12 March - Brisbane Women's Day Retreat
- 23 March - Board meeting
- 29 April to 1st May - Victoria Prayer Summit
- 14 - 16 October - National Summit

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*Don't forget to see the back page of this newsletter for details on how to become a member of Wives Support Group Ministry for 2011.*

# WEEK OF PRAYER 7<sup>TH</sup> TO 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

WEEK of PRAYER was held from the 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> February this year and saw much activity in our hearts, our families, our groups, and in Wives Support Group Ministry Ltd as a whole. "Prayer is the foundation of WSGM Ltd- this ministry was founded in prayer, grown in prayer and will be kept in prayer." As I sat at my desk that week and heard from some of you the outcome of this week of prayer, it was revealed to me again the privilege and power of prayer, united, in agreement, and together proclaiming God's Word and standing in His truth. It is His miracle working power for all who believe in His Name, and ask in faith without doubting! As some groups took hold of the discipline of holiness set out in the preparation for prayer, God did come and abide in them---- I was so blessed to be a part of this myself. I heard of one group setting up the stations reverently and boldly, giving the invitation "to come" and seeing the Lord break, refine and reveal His goodness and grace. And I saw other groups distracted from this office of grace through much chatter, and therefore missing out on the blessing. Hebrews 4:16 "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Isaiah 57: 15

"The Lord lives in a high and holy place, but also with those who are contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the lowly and contrite of heart". As a ministry, we experienced tremendous battles here (on earth) and there (in the heavenlies) during that week . Marriages under attack, relationships strained. Loss of loved ones and close relatives suffering. Apathy, doubt and disobedience-----

"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place." 2 Corinthians 2:14. As we learn to stand in our authority and know what the Scriptures declare about our standing of victory, and the enemy's stand of defeat, our faith grows!

We must put on the whole armour of God daily- Ephesians 6: 10-18. This is clear instruction from God's Word, in order to maintain a 'battle stance' against the unseen powers and principalities of the heavenly realm. All of this armour is not just a passive protection against the enemy; it is to be used offensively against these satanic forces. As a child of God, we have been given courage to fight the enemy without fear because Jesus Christ has defeated sin and death! We are to be "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit" v18. Therefore, prayer is the means by which we engage in the battle itself, and the purpose for which we are armed. To put on the armour of God is to prepare for battle! Prayer is the battle itself, with God's Word being our chief weapon employed against Satan during our struggle.

I pray that you will learn much and re-align your lives in order to put in place all that God has given you for life and godliness.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is and is to come- Rev 4:8

Lorraine



## DETAILS OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR WSGM IN 2011

**Brisbane Women's Day Retreat: 12th March 2011** Is shaping up to be a day where ladies can come and have some quality teaching by our very own Lorraine Addison. All the information is on the flyer (please ask your facilitator for your invitation). Please also, be in prayer for who you should invite to this one day retreat. God calls us to "Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10.

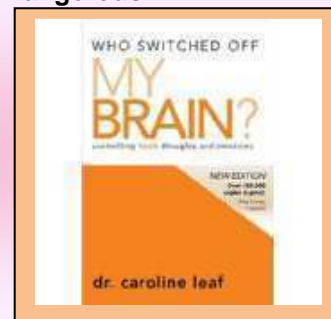
**Victoria Prayer Summit : 29th April - 1st May 2011** The Victoria team is putting together this event and it is shaping up to be quite a time of excellent teaching of God's word and great fellowship and of course good coffee and food. Aleida Falkiner and Lorraine Addison will be supplying the Bible teaching and spiritual input for the weekend. If you are thinking that sounds great but it is just too far to travel well think again I've been told that there are flights from Brisbane to Melbourne (Avalon airport) starting from \$39.00 one way. The lovely ladies in Victoria will arrange transport to and from the airport. Anglesea, where the camp is being held, is on the Great Ocean Road and is a lovely bush/seaside location. So ladies what more can I say,, if you feel God's prompting to go to the Victoria Prayer Summit it certainly will be a special time of teaching and fellowship with our sisters in Victoria. If you would like any further information please look at the WSGM web site or ask you facilitator for an invitation.

**National Summit : 14th to 16th October 2011** Aleida Falkiner and Lorraine Addison will be teaching God's word this year. Our very own Helen Schuurs will be leading worship. The event will be held at Tamborine Lodge - Mount Tamborine where the accommodation is very comfortable. For your budgeting purposes the camp fees are \$170.00 for members before the 14th August or \$190.00 for non members. The flyers will be sent out shortly. Your humble servant in Christ, Kathy Jones - Events Coordinator.

## BOOK REVIEW: WHO SWITCHED OFF MY BRAIN? By Dr Caroline Leaf

### **Our Thoughts Affect Our Brain, Our Health, Relationships, and Can Even Become Spiritually Dangerous**

"Neuroscientist Dr. Caroline Leaf has studied the brain for over 25 years and says that 87% to 95% of the illnesses that plague us are a direct result of our thought life. She has been a guest on Joyce Meyer, Sid Roth, and travelled internationally teaching from her knowledge on the brain and our thoughts. In a new edition of this book, which has over 200,000 copies in print, Dr. Leaf explains how thoughts affect our brain which affects our health, relationships, and every area of our life for better or for worse .A thought may seem harmless, but if it becomes negative – or "toxic" -- it can become physically, emotionally or spiritually dangerous. Using medical research, Dr. Leaf points to the fact that thinking and consciously controlling your thought life is one of the best ways -- if not the BEST way -- of detoxifying your brain. Read this book to learn how to detox your brain and rid yourself of all those toxic thoughts along with the harmful emotions and stress levels they generate."



# News From Lara Group, Victoria

For our first meeting this year we did the four stations of "The Key". We had a large mirror with some ungodly emotions, thoughts and attitudes written in bold and stuck to it. We then moved onto the decking where we sat on cushions around a large cross, then proceeded into another room where we had a basin of water we used for cleansing. Finally we went into a quiet area where we sat with pens, notebooks and bibles which we used to seek God's word and replace the lies we had dealt with. God provided a large wooden box lined with beautiful purple satin - the colour of royalty - Jesus. At each station we had a bible set up and verses were read. This was an awesome time as some of the women surrendered the things that God had revealed to them. This is wonderful as we are being challenged to change. At our meeting today, we greeted the girls in wedding dresses and had a bit of fun as we all dressed as "The brides of Christ." We too need to prepare ourselves for Jesus as in the Mathew 25: 1-13; the story of the 10 virgins where five were ready when the bridegroom came and the other five were not. We sat and ate wedding cake with trimmings of fresh roses and started on our short study of "My Heart Christ's Home", moving through the areas of our heart in relation to our home. As we are dealing with the things of the

flesh, we need to allow Jesus to work this out then we can concentrate on our husbands. One of the parts that stood out was that we start off wanting to spend time with Jesus; but then busyness with the world creeps in and sometimes we spend less and less time with Him.. the very One we invited into our hearts. The main point that stood out was that Jesus our Lord, Saviour and Redeemer, wants to spend time with us. He longs for this! Isn't that incredible!

We are waiting to do the study of "Power to Change Your Marriage" by Stormie Omartian which we will be starting in about 5 weeks. To God be the Glory for the things He has done. Marie



## A Prayer to turn the hearts of all to you, the God of all comfort.

Almighty God, creator and sustainer of our world. We ask you to hear our humble prayers for all those afflicted by the devastating floodwaters in Australia and earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand. In your mercy, bring relief to all affected areas. We pray for the sick and injured, for the homeless and for the bereaved. Give courage and hope in the midst of despair. Have compassion, merciful Lord, in the midst of their profound suffering, comforting and relieving them according to their needs. Heal those broken in body and spirit. Through the

generosity of governments and individuals across our nation, provide a future for those whose present circumstances are marked by loss and desperation. Protect all those who are most vulnerable in the areas of devastation. And by your gracious hand, rebuild communities where men, women and children are nurtured with care and love. *And turn the hearts of all to you, the God of all comfort. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*



## LOVING WISDOM FROM A MOTHER TO HER DAUGHTER

A young wife sat drinking iced tea visiting with her mother. As they talked about life, about marriage and the obligations of adulthood, the mother clinked the ice cubes in her glass and thoughtfully said to her daughter. 'Don't forget your sisters, they'll be more important as you get older. No matter how much you love your husband, no matter how much you love the children you may have, you are still going to need sisters. Remember to go places with them now and then; do things with them. 'Sisters' means ALL the women... your girlfriends, your daughters, and all your other women relatives too'. 'What a funny piece of advice!' the young woman thought. Haven't I just gotten married? But she listened to her mother. She kept contact with her sisters and made more women friends each year. As the years tumbled by, one after another, she gradually came to understand that her mother really knew what she was talking about. After more than 50 years of living in this world, this is what she learned: Time passes. Life happens. Distance separates. Children grow up. Jobs come and go. Love waxes and wanes. Men don't do

what they're supposed to do. Hearts break. Parents die. Colleagues forget favours. Careers end. BUT... Sisters are there, no matter how much time and how many miles are between you. A girl friend is never farther away than needing her can reach. Girlfriends, daughters, granddaughters, daughters-in-law, sisters, sisters-in-law,

mothers, grandmothers, aunties, nieces, cousins, and extended family: all bless our life! The world wouldn't be the same without women, and nor would I. When we began this adventure called womanhood, we had no idea of the incredible joys or sorrows that lay ahead. Nor did we know how much we would need each other. Author unknown



**1 John 4:7-10** "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."



Wives Support Group Ministry Ltd has a long-term commitment to continue to serve the Body of Christ in every denomination. We appeal to you to consider partnering with us as affiliated members, through an Annual Membership fee of \$20.00 (per person) or \$100 (per church). This will assist us to continue to be a blessing and encouragement to unequally yoked women, their Pastors and churches.



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**OUR MANDATE:**

- ❖ To edify the Body of Christ (the Christian woman) so that she is built up in the Word, singleminded in Loving God, being healed, and running with Vision and Purpose.
- ❖ To evangelize the lost (her husband and children) through Relationship building, Reconciliation and Prayer.
- ❖ To bring awareness to Pastors and churches of the unequally yoked woman’s specific and unique needs, so that she is nurtured and grown into maturity.

**OUR AGREEMENT:**

- • INTERDENOMINATIONAL
- • CONFIDENTIAL (NO GOSSIP)
- • COMMITMENT TO THE GROUP
- • NON-THREATENING
- • SAFE, OPEN AND CARING ATMOSPHERE
- • PROMOTING LOYALTY TO HUSBANDS



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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**

1. To foster the spiritual and emotional maturity of Christian women married to husbands who do not yet know the Lord through the study of God’s word, prayer and sharing with one another in a confidential environment.
2. To bring them to acknowledge their unhealed hurts and unmet needs and to bring them into wholeness.
3. To equip them to live more effectively for CHRIST and witness to their husbands and families by their Godly lives.
4. To encourage these women to reach out in support to other Christian women living in the same circumstances as they are.

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