

Wives Support Group Ministry Ltd



Newsletter September 2010

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM LORRAINE ADDISON, FOUNDER WSGM LTD



Welcome to this issue of our Newsletter!

It is indeed very good to be back, and to chat with all of you again in this way. My sabbatical leave was a time of rest and refreshment and coping with change within my family. A necessary time to recharge the batteries, and know myself more fully. Interestingly, all that I planned to do for myself disappeared as a vapour, as God began to realign me.

Have you ever been there? In the third chapter of Hebrews, we are exhorted in the following way *"Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as when they provoked Me, as in the day of trial in the wilderness."* In this passage, the author is recounting the behaviour of the Israelites when they came to Rephidim and found no water there. There are a number of reasons we sometimes harden our hearts when God speaks, but this account reveals one that is often overlooked. It has to do with timing. The word "today" indicates an open window marked by time constraints.

When God speaks, the flesh wants to take time to think it over- we like to tell ourselves that we are testing the spirits to see whether it is of God. This is sometimes necessary, but this can easily become a cloak to cover our disobedience. People often say they are struggling with an issue when they really mean that they are postponing obedience.

It is perilous to delay when God speaks. Delay is a breeding ground for doubt and confusion. That is why we are urged to "encourage one another day after day as long as it is called 'today' so that none of us will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin."

Is there something That God is saying to you today? He might be asking you to do something that is difficult or different from your comfort zone. If so, are you procrastinating and waiting for the right feeling or time? Don't delay any longer!

Or it might be that you have heard God's voice saying "wait on Me and trust in Me." There is something He must do in your life, at this time. Some pruning, or some uprooting of a mindset that is a lie of the evil one. Before He can further use you, you must become a cleansed vessel. Trust Him; allow Him to do this in you at this time. Ask the Lord to give you the courage to embrace the fire- the fire only hurts that which it destroys. As you draw in faith to Him, He will come to you and take you through. He will not abandon you. That is a lie of the evil one. *Turn to the truth and live!*

"Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts----- as in the day of trial in the wilderness"
Hebrews 3:7

Lorraine.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2010

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – All Welcome

Time and Date: 6.30pm Tuesday 14 September 2010

Address: Queensland Baptist Centre, 53 Prospect Road, Mitchelton

****Please try and attend this important 'once a year' event****

NATIONAL PRAYER SUMMIT – See page 3 for more information

8-10 October (Tamborine Lodge)

The early bird fee of \$160.00 has been extended to the 14th September 2010

1 Peter 1:3-7 ³Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, ⁵who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.



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NATIONAL PRAYER SUMMIT 2010

How exciting that it is only a few weeks until we have the opportunity to sit and learn more about God's love for us. I know that as wives, mums, grandmothers and daughters our lives are very busy in needing us to support and encourage our loved ones. This weekend is a time for us to be with our God as his Precious Daughters, the ones He loves more deeply than we can ever humanly comprehend.

Do you know that God *yearns* for us to come and be still and sit with him? This Prayer Summit will provide this opportunity along with divinely inspired teaching from Aleida, Lorraine and our special guest for Saturday will be ALIKI. For those of us that have never been ministered to by ALIKI, here is a short blurb letting you know something about her.

ALIKI has a refreshingly uncommon ministry. It is characterised by a fluid mix of comedic storytelling, music, insight and challenge.

At the centre of her musical voice is passion and at the core of her lyrics is scripture. ALIKI's song performance is brought visually to life with video backdrops that draw listeners beyond a song and into a moment.

She is as down to earth as they come, yet unsuspectingly sharp in her delivery of God's Word and heart. For every audience across Australia ALIKI unfolds revelation that can only be described as "grace unearthed."

Along with Aleida and Lorraine sharing their passions for Christ and the written word.

It looks like to be a powerful weekend of worship and teaching. We would love everyone that God wants to minister to, to be there. If for financial reason you may not be able to come please let Lorraine know and we will see what we can do to help. Please, please don't let this stop you.

Another important piece of information is that the WSGM board has graciously extended the early bird fee of \$160.00 to the 14th September 2010. So really there are no excuses.

I'll leave you with this thought from Matthew 11:29. 'Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls'. Praise God for His mercies are new every day. Kathy Jones, Events Co-

Matthew 18:19 "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."



Facilitators Leaders Meeting (Brisbane)

19 August 2010

Lorraine is back! -From top left Margaret Witherington (Burpengary Group), Heather Genn, (The Gap) Helen Schuurs (Kenmore) Dawn McDougall (Brackenridge and Prayer Co-ordinator) our Founder Lorraine Addison and Michelle Bevan (Victoria Point and Liaison Officer)

SOUTH BRISBANE GROUP

Our Mary Kayssar is Facilitator of the South Brisbane Group and is also one of five members on the committee of Encouragement Day at St Andrew's Anglican Church South Brisbane where she teaches Sunday School. Her Church has hosted this bi-annual event for many years. Lorraine was invited to the previous one in 2008 as one of the Guest Speakers taking an elective for unequally yoked women. WSGM Ltd was invited again on Saturday 21 August to have a display featuring the Ministry.

We had many ladies take brochures and a few sales of Kings Highway books by Chuck and Nancy Missler. Mary states: "We've had some positive feedback particularly about people needing to be reminded about sharing their faith with those closest to them as well as strangers. Others have said that it was good to be reminded that we are like aliens in this world and that in itself means that there will be hardships and trials. Attendees always comment on the lovely music and food. I just get a thrill from knowing that there are 140 odd women totally focused on the Lord and that their hearts are hopefully getting filled with His word and the reassurance and encouragement that comes from knowing who we are...there is always a sense of unity during the Encouragement Day Conferences that makes the women want to come back....This is going to sound corny BUT "you can feel the LOVE". Mary also attends a bible study group on Tuesdays and the playgroup on Fridays. Meralda Livermore, Publicity Officer



Engadine Visit

A successful afternoon at Engadine Anglican Church on Saturday 20 August with around 20 ladies attending representing 3 surrounding Churches.

We are so thankful and full of praise for the prayers of the faithful over the past months since Lorraine's two visits late last year. The ground has been ploughed and the seeds that were planted have emerged. Thirteen ladies are interested in a group being established with Lorraine sharing and connecting with a potential Facilitator and Co-Facilitator.

"God has come to help His people" was the message that was brought to us by Lorraine from Luke 4:17-19 - God's rescue plan! His plan began in Genesis 3:15. Luke 7:11-16 was unfolded of the Widow from Nain. Her future had died with the death of her son.

All hope is lost in her mind: *"When the Lord saw her, He had compassion for her and said*

"Do not weep." Then he came and touched the open coffin ...and He said, "Young man, I say to you arise."

The afternoon stirred many hearts with Lorraine's message challenging us in obedience, surrender and restoration. I also shared my testimony and was delighted to hear feedback from three ladies; the first - that there is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Second - "Lord I'm the Christian, change him versus Lord change me"; and third - "God's forgiveness from Him and for her to forgive herself". God has come to help His people. What do you struggle with the most in life? He calls us now to a journey of faith.

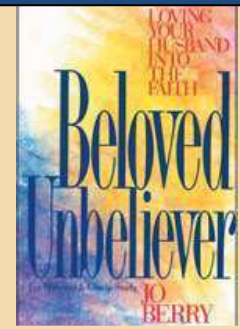
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"BELOVED UNBELIEVER" by JO BERRY

"Beloved Unbeliever" is one of the study books used in the WSGM groups. The author Jo Berry gives a wonderful explanation of being unequally yoked:

"Unequally yoked is a biblical term. It is used only once in scripture, when the apostle Paul, in 2 Corinthians 6:14, admonishes Christians not to 'be bound together with unbelievers'. The literal Greek translation of the term means to be paired with another kind: coupled to someone of a different sort. In our society we are not familiar with the yoke. In the days when Scripture was written, oxen were beasts of burden and the yoke was a commonplace fixture. It consisted of a wooden frame or bar with loops at either end and was used to hold the animals' heads in place and maintain balance between them. The yoke was fitted around the necks of a pair of oxen, harnessing them together,

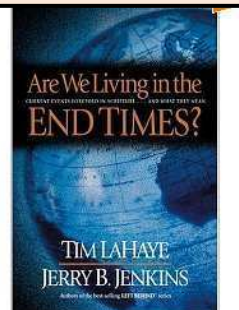
making a team. It is interesting how a yoke works. It was constructed so as to force each ox to pull an equal share of the load. It bound the animals together. Consequently, if one pulled ahead or held back, the other member of the team was hindered. The yoke actually caused pain, choking the one who pulled ahead or pinching the neck of the one who lagged behind. Because of this discomfort and the restrictiveness of the yoke, the oxen usually kept a common pace, moving in the same manner and travelling in the same direction. So, when Paul uses the term 'unequally yoked' he is implying that if a Christian teams up with an unbeliever, the pairing will hinder his walk with the Lord, restrict his freedom in Christ and cause an imbalance of responsibility in the relationship".



BOOK REVIEW: Are We Living In The End Times?

Are We Living In The End Times? By Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins.

You may already know that the Old Testament predicted Christ's first coming. But did you know there are five times as many prophecies concerning his second coming? Best-selling authors Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins lay out twenty reasons for believing that the Rapture and Tribulation could occur during our generation. You'll be amazed as you learn ours is the first generation that has the technology and opportunity to uniquely fulfil the many prophecies of Revelation.



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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