

Building Bridges

Connecting Women for God's Glory - Colossians 2:2-3

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1 Timothy 1:5
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ARE YOU SEEKING THE LAND OF OZ?



The Land of Oz is a place where there's no trouble and dreams really do come true. It sounds a bit like Heaven doesn't it? We live in the land of discouragement, who wouldn't want to leave it all behind and head for Oz - especially when we've heard of all the wonderful things He does? Even though we're daughters of the King, we too can easily find ourselves following a "yellow brick road" to gain contentment.

This fall Sisters in Christ Ministries is presenting "Are You Seeking The Land Of Oz" and our theme comes from 1 Timothy 1:5 "The goal of this command is love, which come from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith." In the movie Wizard of Oz, the Tin man, Scarecrow and Lion symbolize these attributes. If you recall, the Tin man wanted a heart, the Scarecrow a brain, and the Lion — courage. As daughters of the King we're reminded that we have access to a pure heart, we're gaining His wisdom, and He's overcome the world and we're being filled with His peace.

Through this two part presentation we'll gain a deeper understanding of who we are in Christ, to be equipped to handle the monkeys on our backs and we'll be inspired not to surrender to this world. We'll examine our hearts as Dorothy had, to find our heart's desire isn't any further than our back yard too, because sometimes we do have to go outside, away from the noise to hear His voice.



A Reflection of His Light

Written by Flavia Norheim

A few days before the 4th of July holiday I was writing a letter of encouragement to a granddaughter who was serving on a short term mission at an orphanage in Mexico. We had memorized Ephesians 5:1-21 in preparation for her trip and I was reviewing these special verses, praying for her as she mixed cement in the heat and dust that is so much part of Mexico in July.

"...for you were formerly in darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord" I wrote to her, "Light for children who have experienced loss as you have." As I thought about the "Light" I wondered what word the original translators of the Scriptures into Greek had chosen for the word "Light." You see there are more than 20 different Greek words used in the New Testament to describe Light!

Here is what I discovered. The word used in this passage comes from the Greek word phos, to shine or make manifest. Other variations of this word mean luminousness of fire, light. Our word phosphorus comes from this root word. This is what I learned about phosphorus. It is an essential element for all life—every cell requires it. It glows in the dark. It is slow to burn and its glow persists for a long time after the other ingredients that caused its glow are removed. It gives off more heat and burns hotter than any other chemical given the right circumstances. Lastly, phosphorus is commonly used to create fireworks.

As a Sister in Christ to my granddaughter am I sustaining life? Do I glow in the dark for her? Do I persist even when the fuel that fires me is limited? Do I radiate a heat that shows my passion for the Lord and warms her heart as well? And do I sometimes spark something beautiful and unexpected when darkness closes in? I am in the process of adopting four of my grandchildren who have been orphaned due to parents with drug addiction.

Lord, through the power of Your Holy Spirit let me be phos for them.

"She Pours" sisters—enjoy!

From the book Chocolate Covered *friendship*

Written by Bethany Thouin & Angela Fox



**I am empty:
I need encouragement.
I am lonely:
I need companionship.
I am hungry:
I need nourishment.
She pours.**

**I am crazy:
I need sanity.
I am guilty:
I need forgiveness.
I am wayward:
I need direction.
She pours.**

**I am frantic:
I need assurance.
I am angry:
I need humility.
I am weary:
I need endurance.
She pours.**

**I am thirsty:
I need hydration.
I am fragile:
I need stability.
I am frightened:
I need dignity.**

She pours.

I am filled ...

**She needs me,
And I pour.**

A note from Corey ...

Are you connecting with other women? Do you want to? Do you know how? Even though I've attended the same church for several years, there are times I can still feel isolated, and before I know it, feel like I'm six years old again - wondering who wants to play. Many years ago when the Lord opened my eyes to the gift of our sisterhood, He inspired me to use my talents to open the eyes of my sisters to this most wonderful gift. So, that was when Sisters

in Christ Ministries began and that was almost ten years ago.

In 2008, I began attending The School of Women's Ministries and was both blessed and challenged. I'm blessed to have affirmation SICM is meeting heartfelt needs of sisters; breaking down walls and build bridges to one another. Yet, over time I've become **personally** challenged and have sensed the Lord asking me to do the same. He isn't asking that I reach out to more secular women — frankly

somehow that would seem easier. He's asking that I build **new** bridges with my sisters at my home church, and I can't tell you how shy I feel! I hadn't known I was lacking in this area, or that I needed stretching until I sensed Him calling me, and I felt my resistance. Can you relate?

This Fall, I want to encourage you too, to drop your guard (as I've discovered I need to do) it's for His glory, and our good; remember our purpose:Col 2:2&3.

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Prayer and Financial Support

Sisters in Christ Ministries is blessed by the sustaining benefits of our prayer supporters. We continue in coveting your prayers, and truly thank you for your time.

Please pray for His anointing while Corey is preparing and writing The Father Heart of God, for the new venues set before us and for opportunities to continue serv-

ing and uniting sisters in Christ.

Thank you for your prayers; they are blessing beyond words and our world!

Sisters in Christ Ministries has been funded by honorariums from speaking engagements; the funds have been invested back into the ministry for ministry needs and growth. All members

of the board have been led to volunteer their time.

We are asking for financial support in an effort to more broadly publicize what our Lord is offering through us. We are in the process of seeking a tax-deductible status. If you are led to partner with the ministry in this way, please email us. We covet your prayers for this area of our ministry too.



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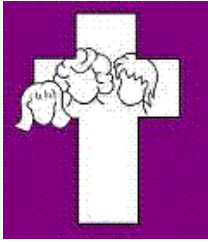
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Our purpose is found in Colossians 2:2&3:

“My purpose is that you may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that you may have the full riches of complete understanding in order that you may know the mystery of God, namely Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”