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So many seeds have been sown into each one of our lives by others. Bad seed and good seed. Some seeds need to grow and many need to be up-rooted. The bad seeds cause much pain, mis-perception and be-

haviors that do not line up with The Word of God. The Fruits of the Spirit are to be cultivated so they can be developed. This means we need to position ourselves to allow The Holy Spirit to shape our character, instead of running away from the uncomfortable situations or people that come our way. A genuine person is hard to find. Play-acting is not real but is performance. Learning Who our Father is, Who Jesus is and Who the Holy Spirit is and allowing Their character to become who we are is a major part of our walk as Christians.

As our character is shaped, developed and molded into HIS image and likeness we can become “Bridge Builders” in relationships. What do I mean by that? Being in His presence has washed away fear, hurt, offense, bitterness, judgment and we no longer wear the sign that says “Bridge Out” that previously kept us from ministering to people that are different than us, those that are harsh, rude, from a different background, church or religion--because we just could not move out from where we had always walked. Fear, inadequacy and being self-conscious will always keep us looking inward instead of looking out to see who we can be kind to, gentle with and give a hug or smile to. Each time we meet someone or someone from our past comes across our path we need to ask “Lord, what would you have me do or say?” We can get to the place where it actually becomes an adventure and we enjoying being a Bridge Builder.

A few months ago I received a text on my phone letting me know where a particular meeting was going to be and what time it was to be. I knew nothing of this and the time was all wrong according to my schedule and my children’s schedule. I was a bit “put out” because no one even asked me if this would work for my schedule. So I went to my heavenly Father and said “ I am finished responding the way I have in the past, how do You want me to handle this? He said “hurdle it” and I saw me going up and over this situation by a change in my attitude and view

toward it. It needed to be His view. So I said this “ I would love to meet but I will need to be there an hour later than you requested, and I am so excited to meet at the place you suggested because I have always wanted to go there. Let me know if this works for you?” It all worked out well and far better than if I would of handled it. I learned this is the way to keep peace in a situation and “hurdle it” and I didn't cause offense or get all stressed out and stay focused on me and my way. And I was blessed with \$100.00 during the meeting! *Isaiah 55:8*“ For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, says the Lord.”

Matthew 22:37 Jesus tells us how to love our God, with all our heart, our mind and our soul. Vs. 38 says that this is the great most important principle and first commandment. Vs. 39 says “and a second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as you do yourself.

God is Love, when we truly Love, we respond out of that Love because we trust Him. We cannot love people without first being born-again according to *John 3*, we cannot love unconditionally with natural human/emotional love. The sin nature is in our flesh and in our spirit if we are not saved. When we get saved the strength that comes with the Holy Sprit living inside of us we can overcome anything! I know, I used to walk with my head down I was so ashamed of who I had become and the things I had done. I learned about Jesus and how much He loves me and that one drop of His blood that was shed at Calvary was just for me! With His agape-unconditional love that resides in me and over time that Love has washed out criticism, judgment, comparison, envy, jealousy, rage, self loathing and I can love me and now my neighbor (who is anyone in my path) because I love Him--because He first loved me.

I owe no one anything except to love them. My walk with the Lord is becoming more adventurous and more exciting every day. Finding someone to be nice to is doing the honorable thing for Him. It's fulfilling to me and pleasing to Him.

Love seeks the highest goodwill for mankind and does not need chemistry, a feeling, attraction, similarity or even agreement to relate to someone else.

Ephesians 6:8 is about seed. Sowing the good seed into all people we will receive our reward from The Lord!! Whether we are a “slave or “free”.

Seed is seed, it's a spiritual principle. Responding in relationships by the leading of the Holy Spirit requires great trust in obeying what He says to do and say versus reacting out of anger or emotions. Until next time, find His way in relationships and be “His Bridge Builder”.

"The Ministry of a Praying Wife"

Pastor Linda Borah



My husband and I don't agree about a tremendous amount. My perspective on life is often 180 degrees different than his. That doesn't make me right and him wrong, it just means we are different. God chose the ordinance of marriage and I chose the person. So in the face of difficulties we must remember it was our choice. We must work on making our marriages excellent by doing things God's way. Matt. 6:33 says "But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given to you besides."

I can remember one day my husband and I had a disagreement and I was very upset. I decided to go mow the lawn, just get away for a bit. When I came around the corner there he was sitting on the porch. With each lap I took I rehearsed how angry I was with him. Then the Lord spoke to my heart and said, "Why don't you just pray for Him?" So with every lap I prayed for my husband. It was amazing how different I saw things as I submitted to the Word of God. Eph 5:21 says "Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ (The Messiah, the anointed one.)" We, as women of God, must pray for our husbands. It is a big part of what God would call us to do in our marriage relationships. Romans 15:5 states "Now may the God who gives the power of patient endurance (steadfastness) and supplies encouragement, grant you to live in such mutual harmony and such full sympathy with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus."

Our husbands don't want to hurt or disappoint us. Let's pray according to the Word of God, that our husbands may hear from God on all matters and make the right decisions. Let's show encouragement by telling them how much we love and admire them and speak words of life, not death. We need to support his leadership responsibility in the family by covering him in prayer and being his greatest encourager by walking in the Spirit of God. Psalm 119:165 teaches us, "Great peace have they who love your law; nothing shall offend them or make them stumble."

Let's obey God's instructions. Our life shall be all the better for it. Proverbs 1:3 says "Receive instruction in wise dealing and the discipline of wise thoughtfulness, righteousness, justice, and integrity. In closing take some time to read Colossians 3:12-24 ~ Blessings Dear Woman of God.



"DESTINY POINT"

RESTORATION HOME FOR WOMEN

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See website link when you go to dearwomanministries.org

"The World of Hospitality"

Deanna Snell



Spring, Sprang, Sprung

As a Christian we know that there is power in words. God created the world with His words; "And God said, let there be light; and there was light." (Genesis 1:3) We also know that we create our own world with words; "Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." (Proverbs 18:21) I'm sure we have all heard countless sermons and teachings on words. I find it funny that we talk so much about the subject, but the reality of the scripture is that we should use fewer words and be mindful of the meaning of the words we do use.

Why am I talking about this in the Spring issue of Dear Woman? And how could it possibly be related to hospitality? Well I was pondering, mediating and asking the Lord what He wanted for the Spring issue, and you know what I got? Spring-Spring-Spring. My mind works a little off the beaten path at times, and I have been known to take a little longer than the average Christian to get things so I told the Lord; "Yes the spring issue what would you like? Again I got spring. Spring! What is Spring? Do you spring? Will you spring? Are you springing? Spring is all He gave me. Ok-Spring it is. So what is spring? Of course it's a season in nature. The season when new life comes forth from an unthawing and dead ground. Spring brings the rainy season, so we could call it the watering season as well. It is a time to open up the house and air things out. Get rid of the stuffy, old, dry, dirty air and let the fresh air in. Well that sure shook me up!! Spring is a very spiritual time. I had to ask myself, "Am I allowing new life, the life of God, to grow in me?" Am I watering the seeds of the Word that have been planted in me? Am I positioned to have the refreshing wind of God blow through my spirit, soul, and body. To let it push the old dusty unwanted garbage out of my being? Are you? Take a moment to examine yourself.

What else do we know about the word spring? It's more than just a season. It can be a noun, a verb, and an adjective. So what else can it mean? Well let's see: *to move upward or forward in a single quick motion *to appear or come into being quickly *to cause to leap, dart or come forth suddenly *a source, origin or beginning of a stream of water that flows naturally. If those definitions don't make at least 2 scriptures ring in your head..... Well let's just say you may not be reading more than just 1 verse a day.

John 7:38 "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." Acts 2:2 "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting." Acts 3:8, Acts 14:10, and many more about leaping and dancing and praising the Lord!!! There is so much that can be said about the word spring, but are more words what we really need? Maybe we just need more action? Are we praying in the Spirit so our spring of living water continues to flow? If not, then the alternative is that our living water will become stagnate and dead.

Are we praising God in everything we do? Keeping God first, presenting our bodies a living sacrifice, allowing Him to renew our mind. (Romans 12) Allowing ourselves to be washed by the water of His Word. (Ephesians 5:26) Are you springing into action? Or are you willing to spring into action for the Father? Or has your spring just sprung and it no longer has any bounce in it? Let's spring into action! And a great way to do that is to invite people over for fellowship. The Word says where two or more are gathered together, there Jesus is in the midst of them (Matthew 18:20). One of the best aspects of our relationship and friendship with the Lord is His refreshing presence. Our relationships with each other are no different. Reach out to the people around you this spring and nurture new, refreshing life in your relationships. Now is the time, now is the season to let your Heavenly Father rejuvenate the spring in your step. Let Him direct your path, guide your actions, and lead you into His life, the Zoe kind of life. Let this Spring be a fresh start with God!

"MAMA--Remember the Firsts"---Beverly D. Kopp

When we received the phone call that we have been chosen as parents for our daughter Mariah, I was in awe. Being a *first* time mom at the age of 45, this was all new to my husband and I. We had been licensed thru our state for Special Needs Adoption.

When we *first* met her she was sitting in a stroller with her foster mom,. I said "is that her?"

She looked so happy which surprised me after all the brokenness that had happened.

We all gathered at the big table in the conference room at Social Services to discuss placement with us and get an overview of this case.



As I was sitting there she crawled across the table to me; with amazement and everyone noticing this, I heard the Lord say "this is your daughter" and later He said "guard your daughter". She picked up the keys that were on the table and gave them to me and then crawled back to her foster mom. One month later we picked her up from her foster home, and the bond between us began. She was ten and half months old.

I never knew the love of a mother for a child and I could hardly breathe with this type of love in me, on me and coming thru me to her. Was this how Father loves us?

As the days went on the love grew between us, my husband, her and me. We would play, crawl and laugh together, *The first* time she walked I lost my breath, never seeing this before I watched her stand with both arms in the air, she took four steps and fell, then got up, took ten steps and fell, then the third time she got up and walked without looking back, she was one year, one month and one week old at this time. When we would travel in our van she would say over and over "mama, mama, mama.." never stopping between mamas! *Her first* word was door, then light, then french fries.

I remember her learning colors, the alphabet, numbers, going to 4k, 5k, 1st grade and now 2nd grade. She called garbage "garcheb" and then at 6 learned how to say "garbage".

The excitement of losing *her first* tooth was a family affair, we were all so excited as it came out and fell into her spaghetti, and we found it! Her adoption was June 2, 2008, *our first* born.

So as a mother, when times get frustrating, your tired, sleep deprived and you hear "mama!" for the thousandth time, remember the firsts...

The love between a mother and child is a shadow of how Father God loves us....

“Partnership”

Beverly D. Kopp

Being a part of something is a fulfilling and vital role we all play in this life. Being part of something is being involved in the whole vision of a family, ministry or business.

With each part functioning as it was designed, the bigger picture is fulfilled and we find wholeness is being formed right before our eyes.

Brokenness Made Whole is what Dear Woman Ministries is all about. I find in myself areas that are continually being uprooted and dealt with so wholeness can come.

Being made whole is what we are promised as we sit in His presence and listen, wait and respond as our Lord summons us unto Him, as His beloved.

I want to thank you for your continued faithfulness to this ministry and in that faithfulness you have been faithful to my husband, my children and me.

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We know the vastness of the call on Dear Woman is to reach the hurting, abused, broken, lost, sick and lonely women.

This year we step out into “Young Woman”, a branch ministry of “Dear Woman”. This ministry will focus on ages 16-28. Our first YW will be July 20th at FBTW in Wausau.

Until next time, keep your prayers covering Dear Woman Ministries...as we see the expansion this year to reach many more women and travel to many different places.

Watch the website for updates, articles, testimonies, Young Woman and the magazine as we expand the website as well as printing the Dear Woman magazine, the partnership letters and publishing my next books.

With every joint bringing supply, the whole ministry functions in an anointing connection.

Stay strong in His Word, His Presence and His Amazing Grace!

“Dear Woman” is Coming to a City Near You....in 2013

“Dear Woman” Conference --

March 9, Two sessions each, 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM

Freedom By The Word Church --820 S. 8th Ave.-- Wausau, WI

Please see dearwomanministries.org for details.

“Dear Woman” Spring Conference--

May 4, 2013 --10 AM and 1 PM

“Dear Woman” Fall Conference--

September 20 at 6:30 P

September 21 at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm

“Young Woman” Ministries -- Ages 16-28

Saturday July 20, 2013

Freedom By The Word Church

820 S. 8th Ave.

Wausau, WI

“A Dear Woman” Christmas

Sat. December 7, 2013--10:00 AM

“Dear Woman” Camp

October 18-21

Camp Tekawitha

Shawano, WI

“Feeding the Hungry” December 10, 2013

DWM will be sponsoring a city wide dinner at St Paul’s Church in downtown Wausau.

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Beverly D. Kopp is a “from the heart” minister. Her teachings are solidly based in God’s Word and are life tested from personal application and experiences. She has a unique ability in dealing with tough issues and sin by using humor as an anesthetic and the Word of God as a scalpel. She has God’s passion to see people, especially women, walk whole and set free!

Pastor Shelly Fix

“Our goal is to provide first and foremost the uncompromising Word of God in order to minister life to the whole woman, spirit, soul and body.

Our Vision is to publish the Gospel with practical insight for women of all ages and all walks of life.”

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