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FROM THE FOUNDER



Rev. Denise Wilson

Greetings, my Sisters in Christ!

As we enter into the fall season, I am always intrigued by the colors of the leaves on the trees. Colors like rust, brown, gold, orange, burgundy and green. I think of how each one is a rich vibrant color and how God has made them to complement each other and make a beautiful tapestry for us to enjoy. When I look upon all he has created, I am amazed at how great He is. How He can turn a dark meadow into a beautiful work of art.

Well, that's also how God looks at us, His women. We were created in splendor, each with our own body types, complexions, and complexities. Although we were made as individuals, when we are put together, we make up a

beautiful bouquet for His splendor.

But just as the storms can cause the trees to bend and sometimes even break, there are storms in our own lives that can cause us to bend, but rest assured, **we will not break.** Romans 8:35-39 says, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the daylong; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

I believe that because God loves us so much, we can be assured that through our situations

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We Are the Clay, And You Our Potter

Author Unknown

Imagine a beautiful china teacup saying: "I wasn't always like this. There was a time when I was just a cold, hard, colorless lump of clay. One day the potter picked me up and said, 'I could do something with this.' Then he started to put pressure on me and change my shape. I said, 'What are you doing? That hurts, Stop!' But he said, 'Not yet.' Then he began to spin me around and around until I shouted, 'Let me off.' He replied, 'Not yet.' Then he shaped me into a cup and put me in a hot oven. I cried, 'Let me out of here, I'm suffocating.' But he looked at me and said, 'Not yet.' When he took me out, I thought his work on me was over, but then he started to paint me. I couldn't believe what he did next. He put me back into the oven, and I said, 'I can't stand this, please let me out!' But he said, 'Not yet.' Finally he took me off the shelf and held me up before a mirror. I couldn't believe my eyes. I had become a beautiful teacup that everyone wants to buy."

There are things going on in your life today that you don't understand. When you finally get to the place God wants you to be, you'll realize that He has been making you into a vessel He can use. So, allow God to shape you!

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My Faith Looks Up To Thee

Submitted by Marlow Jones-McManus

Psalms 121: **1** I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? **2** My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth;

On October 5th, 2007, I noticed a knot on my daughter's face. My first question was who or what hit you in your face. Nykea, better known as Nike, hadn't noticed that the knot was there. I called her pediatrician and made an emergency appointment that evening. Her doctor was unable to diagnose her and she had three other doctors come into the room and none of them had an idea of what was growing inside of her face. The next step was a CT- Scan. The result from the CT- Scan did not offer any answers other than it was some kind of growth. We then went to Children's Hospital in Washington, D.C. There, Nike was seen by five different doctors before she was given a biopsy and then diagnosed with a rare tumor called Reparative Giant Cell Granuloma. The tumor had invaded three areas of her face; it went through her sinuses over her cheek and above her teeth. At Nike's appointment with two of the previous doctors and with three additional doctors, we were informed of the plan to treat her condition. We were told that the tumor will continue to grow unless removed. The removal of the tumor would totally destroy the right side of her face, require years of plastic surgery, and she would lose six teeth, her eyesight, and the ability to speak. On top of this awful news, we were told that because of the rarity of this tumor, they were unable to find any doctors at Children's or Washington Hospital Center that were willing to treat her. At that point, I began to question God, asking him "is my daughter reaping what I had sowed? Is she paying the price for some of my past sins?" Going from begging and pleading with him to healing her to being mad and confused, I then started to lose hope. I started to lose faith. I was so busy trying to find doctors to heal her that I forgot about the ultimate healer. I was broken. I went to see Nike's God-mother and she gave me two things: a hospital gown from her grandson when he was sick in the hospital when God healed him, and a scripture, Matthew 19:26. "Jesus looked at them and said "With man, this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Later that week, God came to me and said that I was looking in all the wrong places and all the wrong people for her healing. All I had to do was ask him and believe that he would be faithful to his word. He lead me to James 5:15: "And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well." Now, please keep in mind that the entire time that my faith is wavering, the faith of my 13-year daughter Nike has not been moved. There were people standing in the gap praying for her and her full recovery, but she didn't need anyone to stand in the gap for her because she never lost her faith. I continued to wonder if she was so sure of her recovery because she was a teenager and felt she was invincible like some many teenagers do or was it confidence from the faith she had in God and his word.

I truly started to believe in my heart that God's healing was already done and now we just have to do the work. He placed us on the right path and led us to Dr. Anthony Tufaro, Dr. Germaine-Lee and Dr. Sinada at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. These were the only doctors that knew about this type of tumor and were willing to treat her. Dr. Tufaro was her lead doctor and he was what they called a triple threat: he specializes in tumors, he is a surgeon, and a board-certified reconstructive surgeon. Dr. Tufaro felt that it would be best to have Nike get injections on a daily basis of a medicine called Calcitonin. This medication was used to treat others who have had this type of tumor. The purpose of the medicine was to shrink the size of the tumor, as well as to harden it, to make it easier to remove. After six months on the medication, the tumor had grown to twice the size it was originally and, at the point, we decided to go ahead with the surgery.

Nike had to have a special mouth piece made that would cover the large hole that would be left in the roof of her mouth so that she could talk, as well as teeth to replace the six that would be lost during the surgery.

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Metro Mass Choir Outreach

Submitted by Nykea Strother

“We have an obligation to reach those who may not ever go into a church.”

In June 2008, the Metro Mass Choir ventured out into the streets of Washington, DC in an effort to reach the homeless community. Our intentions were to provide them food and a word of encouragement. An outing of this magnitude was the first opportunity to serve for many in our group as we had not had the opportunity to serve outside of our individual church homes. We approached the outing with apprehension, nervousness and lots of prayer. In our prayers we asked that someone may hear the news of Jesus Christ through us and be saved and encouraged. Little did we know, that we would be the ones to be richly blessed on this day. This was a personal challenge for me, as I am an introvert, certainly not the type to expose myself or be placed in a situation where I might feel vulnerable. I was a member of the choir and was simply “being a trooper for the team”. God knew what he had in store for me.

We went into the city and immediately men and women who were in need made a single file line to our coolers and began to thank us for food. We were overwhelmed. We had prepared approximately 30-40 sandwiches and did not have enough to supply the need that day. As a group we were disappointed to have to turn people away when the food ran out. Physical food, that is. The real food was yet to come. After

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Hospitality Starts at Home

Submitted by Dedra D. Faine

Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting with strife (Proverbs 17:1)

Hospitality, like charity must begin at home. The goal is to create a hospitable home with a new joy, a new peace, and a new sense of love that permeates throughout your household.

Here are three categories that can be effective as you create a more hospitable home:

Emotional

How we greet our family and/or roommates when they enter our home after a long day is a simple gesture that can go a long way. A kind greeting with a warm smile and "glad to have you home" is a great way to set a positive tone.

Physical

Planning well-balanced meals that accommodate our fast pace lives is essential. Also, physical activities where all household members can participate are a great bonding experience while promoting a healthy lifestyle. (i.e. walking, riding bikes, playing tennis, etc.)

Spiritual

We are so busy that we do not get the time to have a spiritual connection in our home. Creating rituals such as praying together before you start the day is a great way to bring the light of Christ in your home that can be extended into your day.

I hope these simple tips can help you in your growth of applying hospitable practices starting at home.

Dedra Faine is the author of Celebrations from the Soul – An Inspirational Sourcebook for Personal Entertaining. Celebrations from the Soul is a wonderful guide to help incorporate your regional culture, design style and your family traditions into your special occasion. For more information on the book, entertaining products for your home and event consulting services please visit ddfaine.com or call 504-481-6779.

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and circumstances, He will never leave us. Even when we don't see a way, God is working on His plan for us. God's plan is never to harm you, but to strengthen you for a task.

Jeremiah 29:11 says for I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

After each task God has given me, no matter how big or impossible it seemed, I could always look back and see how God's hand was working it out even though I knew nothing about it. God allows the storm because He knows He can trust you with it. Your testimony is at stake and He knows others are watching you. When they see how you came through with your faith in tack, they can say, "I want what she has". This may very well lead to the opportunity for you to share Christ!!

I write this to encourage you, when the storms come, remember **you**

may bend, but you will not break.

So as we are challenged as women with tasks which seem to be insurmountable, instead of complaining and asking, "Why Me, Lord?" Start proclaiming that, "The Lord counts me worthy so, Why not me?"

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Denise Wilson

My Faith Looks Up To Thee...cont'd...

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On August 1, 2008, Nike checked into the hospital still not scared and holding God to his word. Dr. Tufaro explained what he was going to do, explaining about the hole he was going to have to make in the roof of her mouth in order to remove the tumor. He then asked her if she had any questions for him, and she responded "Does the hospital have Nickelodeon and the Disney Channel?" Still no worries. After Nike was on the operating table and the nurse placed the oxygen stripe on her

finger, she looked at her hand and said "I need some lotion." She is on the table about to have major surgery and she was asking for lotion. She had God's favor, and she knew it. After what seemed like days, Dr. Tufaro came to the waiting area and said the surgery was a success. Her face was completely intact. She could see and speak and he did not have to cut the large hole in the roof or her mouth. He was able to remove the tumor in **one** piece by going through the upper lip and teeth and seal the cut, and she had all of her teeth. She didn't need the prosthetic piece that I had in my purse that was made for her.

Everything the doctor said was going to happen **didn't**. Dr. Tufaro's agenda did not come to pass, but God's agenda did. To look at Nike know you wouldn't know she ever had a tumor. She is now 14 years old, a freshman in high school and a cheerleader. She continues to sing in her church choir as well as the Nova Youth Ministry of Fine Arts. She held onto her faith, she believed, and she has been healed.

May God continue to bless us all.

Submitted by,

Marlow Jones-McManus

Metro Mass Choir Outreach...cont'd...

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they were fed the choir stood in the park and sang about the goodness of Jesus. Although we were nervous, some scared, people in the park were blessed that day. We prayed over men and women who wanted prayer.

We learned that day that our ministry was not about providing meals. It was about reaching those who need to hear the word of Jesus Christ; ministering outside of the walls and aiming to help those in need.

In August we retreated back to the park. This time, I brought my 5 year old son along as I wanted him to experience giving. On this occasion we were better prepared with the quantity of food as well as various toiletry items (soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc). We fed over 100 men and women in need that day.

Yet the spiritual food was what they craved. They anticipated us singing and began to even make song requests! They requested hymns that they remember being sung in their home churches and we were all richly blessed.

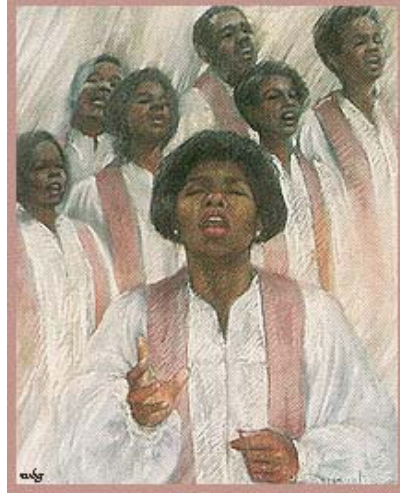
This outreach has truly blessed me. I understand now how truly blessed I am to have the things that I need to survive every day. These citizens are people who were truly grateful that we provided a meal. Some women there were just thankful to have female products, things that we take for granted for having when we need them. We have to thank God for our many blessings and learn that it is a responsibility to give back to our communities and help others in need. We have formed relationships with the people who frequent that park. They are uplifted when they see us, often asking for prayer requests, or whether we have

bought along specific items. We will continue to make this effort a regular part of our monthly outreach ministry.

If you would like to be a part of the outreach, you can do so by making a donation to Wilson Ministries or if you would like to donate goods, please contact Nykea Strother at (703) 930-3279 or email wilsonministries@cox.net.



METRO MASS CHOIR



Are you:

- An Adult singer filled with the desire to praise the Lord?
- A musician who wants to use the gift that God gave you to bring **HIM** glory?
- Desiring to be a part of a group of **SPIRIT FILLED** believers on a **RADICAL** Mission to spread the Gospel through music?

THE METRO MASS CHOIR MAY BE JUST FOR YOU!!!!

We are looking for Adult members who are on FIRE for praising the Lord!!!

The Metro Mass Choir, under the directorship of the Rev. Denise Wilson, is in search of Adult members to join in and lift the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The choir will sing hymns, traditional and contemporary gospel showcasing the compilations of local artists.

Rehearsals are **2nd and 4th Saturdays from 1:00p – 3:00p** at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 2516 Squirrel Hill Road, Herndon, VA. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Rev. Denise Wilson at 703.406.2236 or email metromass@cox.net for additional details.

Singing or instrumental skill is a plus, but a **TRUE** heart for serving God is a **MUST**.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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The mission of Wilson Ministries, LLC is to evangelize those who don't have a relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, through its member's God given gifts and talents. The Metro Mass Choir, founded by Rev. Denise Wilson in 2006, is just one of the growing outreach evangelism ministries created to accomplish this mission. The ministry also engages in the facilitation, coordination, and leadership of seminars and conference workshops.

In addition to these ministry opportunities, Rev. Wilson continually seeks to support her partner's initiatives to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost and/or disassociated. Because of her strong commitment to unity within the body of Christ, she seeks to assist and provide support for other outreach programs in a meaningful way; that the saving power of Jesus Christ will be spread throughout the world throughout the world.

Upcoming Events

October 18

Workshop Facilitator
First Baptist of Merrifield Women's
Conference
Oaks Community Center
Burke, VA

November 8, 2008

Speaker
Annual Youth Crusade
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
Herndon, VA

November 22, 2008

Wilson Ministries One Day Conference
7 Habits of a Highly Effective Christian Woman
Rev. Robyn McCoy, Facilitator
McLean Bible Church
McLean, VA

Save the Date

Wilson Ministries
2009 Women's Empowerment Conference
Walking in the Spirit (1 Cor. 2:12)
May 1-2, 2009

Go to Wilsonministries.net
for more information

Are you looking to express yourself through the art of movement? Are you tired of sitting on your gift? Well c'mon and move with me!!!!

Virtuous Dance Ensemble will be having an open house on November 15, 2008 at the Reston YMCA located at 12196 Sunset Hills Road, Reston, Virginia, between Noon and 2 p.m. We will be registering for the 2009 Winter Classes, interviewing experienced dancers for our ensemble, and there will be a brief orientation to give new members and students an overview of what VDE is all about.

If you are interested in becoming a member or would like to register for our winter session, please come and join us or email Tracey at virtuousdanceensemble@yahoo.com. All age groups are welcome!!!

If you would like to submit an article for print in The Scroll, please send for consideration to:
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