

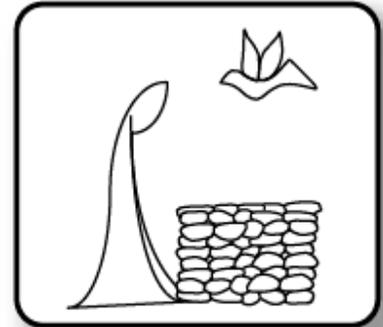
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Happy
Thanksgiving

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Hello Friends,

Can you believe it? Summer has come and gone. Fall is here. Winter is coming. It never ceases to amaze me how quickly the days pass during the summer. I realize that there are still 24 hours in a day and that there are still 60 minutes in an hour and 60 seconds in a minute. But, there is just something about summer that makes it seem like the days are just flying by. This passing of time reminds me of my life for Christ. I am given the same amount of time each day but during certain seasons of my life, I seem to



be more productive than others. Perhaps, it could be likened to the sowing, planting, watering and harvesting of plants. There is a natural cycle to things and everything happens on God's time and in His plan. But, I am afraid that sometimes, for me, it could be likened to the parable of those whose lamps were not trimmed and ready. They found time for everything except for what they really needed to find time for. I think if most of us were truly honest, we would have to admit that there are times in our lives when we don't put God first. There are times when we let time,

precious time, tick away without slipping aside to read His Word and pray. Let's use this lesson we are reminded of by the changing of the seasons to examine our lives for Christ. As each season changes, let's make it a point to look at what we have done for Christ during that season, what our prayer life looks like and at the strength of our witness. Let's not let another season pass by that we are not seasoned for Christ.

Praying for you and wishing you a
Happy Thanksgiving,



WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

"And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house," (Acts 16:31-32).

In this passage of scripture, the Philippian jailor asks a very important question. He wants to know how to be saved. But, what was it that brought this question to his mind? It was the actions of Paul and Silas. In the midst of great distress and torment, Paul and Silas were singing songs of praise to the Lord. They had been thrown into prison for doing the work of the Lord. It was midnight and they had been beaten and were residing, no doubt, in a cold, damp and dreary place. But instead of wallowing in self-pity or demanding justice, Paul and Silas were singing praises to God. The Philippian jailor saw this and it had a profound effect on his life.

Then the earthquake came. Suddenly, everyone's bands were loosed and they were free. However, none of them were gone. The jailor knew that something huge was happening when his prisoners did not run away. He knew that something bigger than all of them was at work. It was this realization that brought him to repentance.

What about you? Let's look at the Christian first. Does your life reflect that something bigger is going on than what meets the normal eye? Do your actions testify to the glory of God? When troubles come, do you proclaim His presence in the midst of the storm? Or would it be more accurate to say that you murmur and complain even at the smallest setbacks. Do you view every event as an opportunity to praise the Lord? There is much to learn from this passage, but perhaps for the Christian, the most important lesson found in this passage is that we are a walking testimony of God's grace, mercy and love. As such, we must walk in His ways so that others may come to know Him.

Now let's look at the sinner in need of a Saviour. The greatest need of your life is the need for salvation. Nothing will fill the void in your heart except for Jesus. Nothing will buy you a home in heaven, or give you life eternal with Jesus, but a personal relationship with Him. Make no mistake about it - you will live for eternity. The only question is where. Will you spend eternity in heaven, a place of eternal bliss and joy with the One who died for you? Or will you spend eternity in hell, a place of eternal torment, darkness and separation from God? The choice is yours. All you have to do to inherit eternal life with Jesus and to have a personal relationship with God that brings a joy

unspeakable and a peace that passes understanding is *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."*

THE PRAYER CLOSET

The information found in the Prayer Closet section of the newsletter will help you develop a deeper, closer walk with God! A closer walk with God will lead you to a deeper, richer life. Much is learned in the closet of prayer. Many battles are fought and won while we study and pray. Stay tuned to this section for tips and ideas that you can use to make the most of your time in the prayer closet. Let me clarify that most of us do not pray in a closet. This is the term I give to that quiet, little place that you get alone with God to study and pray. Today's tip will focus on making your requests known to God.



"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus," (Philippians 4:6-7).

Tip: Self-Reflection, take this time to really look at yourself, your behaviors, your desires, where you spend your energy, and examine what really matters to you.

The Bible says, *"If I hide iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me"*, (Psalm 66:18). However, the Bible also says, *"if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"*, (I John 1:9). We want our prayers to be answered. We want to enjoy our relationship with God and to reap the benefits of a close, holy walk with Him. To do so, we must be willing to examine ourselves and repent of anything in our hearts that is not in alignment with God's will for our life. We must be walking in His way in order to live in His presence. You can tell a lot about what is important to a person and what matters most to them by their conversation, and by where they spend their energy; *"for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"*, (Luke 12:34). Take this time to determine where you are spending your time, your energy, your money and what matters most to you. Ask God to help you to give Him your all and to leave the things of the world behind. *"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"* (Mark 8:36).

Here is a quick review of the previous four steps:

Step 1: Determine the prayer requests that are on your heart and jot them down in your prayer journal. *“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much,”* (James 5:16).

Step 2: Examine yourself thoroughly, confessing your sins before God and asking for forgiveness of your sins. *“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me,”* (Psalm 66:18).

Step 3: Take this time in your prayer time to focus on God and His Son, Jesus. This is a time of praise and worship. *“O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of His praise to be heard,”* (Psalm 66:8).

Step 4: Make your requests known to God. The Bible says, *“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need,”* (Hebrews 4:16).

Step 5: Take time to thank God for His presence in your life and for the answers to your prayers that you know He will deliver. Psalm 92:1 says, *“It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord.”*

Staff Update – Kimberly Miller: I believe every day offers us a chance to see God in new and exciting ways. I believe it allows us to understand His Words more clearly and to determine more effectively how they apply to our lives. But, I have never had an experience quite like the one I had this summer. While on vacation, I was afforded the amazing opportunity to see a Space Shuttle launch into space. Several people gathered around across the water from where the launch took place. There were proud Americans of every race and nearly every age bracket along with fellow space enthusiasts from different countries. Multiple languages filled the air but at that moment, when the shuttle launched, every nation and every person came together and all eyes were gazing at the sky. It was during that time that I could not help but think of how it will be when Jesus comes. Every eye will be fixed upon the Eastern sky as He breaks through the clouds. As the shuttle launched, the ground shook and even the clothes on my body began to shake. The roar could be heard for miles and well beyond the point of the shuttle reaching the edge of the atmosphere. There was no denying the power of that event and no way that I could think of anything else but... *“For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words,”* I Thessalonians 4:16-18. This picture of the shuttle breaking through the clouds and the incredible power of its flight has left a lasting impression upon my mind and heart. I wasn't there when Christ ascended but I surely will not miss His coming back! Until then, keep looking up, for your redemption draweth nigh.

FAMILY TIME

It is during family time that bonds are strengthened, burdens are shared and memories are made. There is something wonderful about being with like-minded people, and though every family member is different, there are still strong similarities at the core.

Tip: Take Thanksgiving to those around you.

Thanksgiving is one of the best holidays of the year. It's such a special time that revolves around food, family, visiting and sharing blessings. This year, as a family, take the opportunity to take Thanksgiving to those around you. You don't have to trek to the neighbors with a turkey, just take the time for a visit. Write a note to a friend or relative telling them how you are thankful for their presence in your life. Invite a single friend to your Thanksgiving dinner. Make a list, as a family, of all the things you are thankful for – and hang it on the fridge for all to see. Go to a local nursing home or assisted living home and visit with the residents – make some new friends! Though Thanksgiving is a family-centered holiday, take some extra time to spread that family love with those around you!

GOD SIGHTING

It was late in the afternoon and I was already feeling behind and rushed. I mean, after all, I was on vacation and I had not even been to the beach yet, even though I could smell it, feel the breeze and see it. One thing after another just kept keeping me from the inviting sands and the welcoming waves. But not to worry, I was almost there. All I needed to do was take the community shopping cart downstairs, come up and retrieve my beach bag and I was on my way. So, I got the cart and began literally skipping and singing as I made my way downstairs. I was full of glee. I would soon be on the beach.

I was staying on the fourth floor of a five-story building. I watched the lights fade out in the elevator one at a time until me and the buggy reached the bottom floor. 'Ding' went the elevator bell, and out I shot like a bullet from a rifle. I rounded the corner, placed the buggy in its resting stop, whirled around and then...out of the corner of my eye I saw two elderly women looking bewildered as they peered into the trunk of their car. I thought, okay. They have got to be okay. They couldn't need me. I then realized these were the same two women I had opened the door for yesterday. Come to

think of it, they were the same two women I had ridden the elevator with early this morning. As I continued to look at them, more time passed, and it became more apparent that they needed some help. I glanced over my shoulder and again saw the soft waves of the gulf, pushed my windblown hair out of my face and slowly walked toward these ladies. "Hi, there. I couldn't help but notice that you looked as if you could use a little help. Is there something I can do to help you," I said. "Oh, my, yes, young lady," (that gave me a thrill). "We have these bags to get into our condo and they are too heavy for us to lift into the cart. Are you heading somewhere?" Well, now is the time that you really don't know what to say. Do I say 'yes,' because my head and heart were trying to get my body to the beach or do I say 'no' because, after all, my destination doesn't seem nearly as important as their task. So, I said, "I am headed wherever you need me to put these bags." I quickly scurry for the buggy, realizing this should only take a minute. My beach plans will hardly be interrupted. I hurriedly place the bags into the buggy when it dawns on me they aren't going to be able to get them out either. I can't just throw them in the buggy and run. So, I slow my pace and get used to the idea that my beach plans are going to be delayed, just a little. As we make our way to the elevator and up the floors, they begin to talk. They ask all sorts of questions and then begin to reveal to me their lives. They are sisters, both widowed.

When I finished unloading the bags, I turned to ask if that was all, and one of them said, "Can you answer a question for me?" I said, "Well, I will try." In a voice so tender and quiet, she says, "Why did you stop to help us?" I know you were going to the beach and it sure looked like you were determined to get there." I thought for a minute and wondered how I must have looked. What was it about me that said to these women, "I am in a hurry don't bother me?" Neither of them had said that, but I realized at that moment that was exactly why they had not approached me for help. Some time passed before I could find the words to answer. You see, I knew that God had just passed by and had spent time teaching me and training me, once again not giving up on me. After what seemed like an eternity, the silence broke and I heard myself say, "You see my Mom went on to be with the Lord a few years ago; I miss her terribly. Every time I see a lady around your age, it makes me think of her, all she was and all she taught me. It makes me long for her and to want to be who she taught me to be. When I saw you and realized you had a need, I was compelled to come and help you. However, what I did not realize was, just as my Mom always did, it wasn't me helping you, but you helping me." For the next hour or so we chatted, laughed, cried and even prayed. We visited, got to know each other and shared our hopes and dreams. That was the second day of my vacation and the beginning of a host of lessons learned from two elderly ladies who cared enough to take the time to teach a hurried girl.

COMING UP FROM THE WELL

Wow, we have so many updates we have to talk about since the last issue of our newsletter. Here's what's coming up from the well...are you ready?!

One of the things we are getting very excited about is a new video studio! We've already recorded our first video, called SCRAPES. SCRAPES stands for Serving Christ Regularly Attracts Personal Emergency Situations. You can see the studio version of SCRAPES, as well as a live presentation of SCRAPES, on our Tangle (GodTube) page. Check it out at <http://www.tangle.com/womanatthewellministries>.

Kim finished and published a new bible study book called Waiting Upon the Lord. This is the first in a series of bible studies published by Woman at the Well Ministries. This bible study is available for ten dollars, plus two dollars shipping and handling. Please e-mail us to receive your copy today. If you would like to purchase this study in bulk for church, Sunday School, or bible study group purposes, please e-mail us for a volume price.

We have made a few changes on the administrative side. We think these changes will make the behind-the-scenes work that is necessary to keep Woman at the Well Ministries going a little easier, which makes all of us happy!

Another 21st century update we have embarked on is a Facebook page! That is right - we now have a Woman at the Well Ministries Facebook page, so if you are also on Facebook, you can become a fan! We post encouraging messages regularly, so join us for some added encouragement to your time on Facebook. Facebook has been a huge blessing in helping us to stay in contact with our listeners the world over. You can find a link to our Facebook page on our homepage: www.watwm.org.

Woman at the Well Ministries is available for speaking engagements. To bring Woman at the Well Ministries, or SCRAPES, to your church, please contact us at info@watwm.org.

Staff Update – Erika Klose: Fall is here, Christmas is coming, and I'm afraid I missed the end of summer! Where did it go? God is sure keeping me busy, but He is holding me tightly in the palm of His hand. I don't know what I would do without Him. This year, I am teaching 6th, 7th and 8th grades - and the Lord is providing the grace and energy to do so! I have many responsibilities at school and I am learning much in them and loving it. I am so excited to see all the exciting things that God is doing with Woman at the Well Ministries. I had a great time with the women's conference at North Bend State Park; loved seeing Kim's book arrive in print; and continue to enjoy the blessings of working with the elderly at Midland Meadows. God is good, and affords us such opportunities to serve Him.

NO NEED TO WORRY - GOD IS IN CONTROL

I know that at times we all seem to be worried about one thing or another. No matter how big or small the actual problem is, we tend to worry about it. I think sometimes our human minds can't help but worry about certain situations. But, in our heart of hearts, those of us who are Christians do not need to worry. We can truly just put our concerns in God's hands, and worry about them no more.

As Christians, we should truly be the happiest people around! We have the promise that God will take care of us and we can be blessed beyond measure! Not only can we have that assurance, but all of us can: our friends, family...all of our loved ones can experience the love of God. However, we can't show the love of God and they can't see the love of God when we walk around worried and upset 24/7.

I came across this song by a group called Austins Bridge, and I hope the group - who is a very talented, new Christian group - doesn't mind my using these lyrics, but they are so appropriate for this devotional thought. The song is called, "He's In Control."

Listen to this:

"He's In Control"

Written by Justin Rivers, Mike Kofahl and John Rowsey
and performed by Austins Bridge

Verse
If you've started a journey
Down a long dusty road
If your hearts been searchin'
For a place to call home
If sin and affliction
Has led you to grieve
My friend, be encouraged
By the words that I speak

Chorus
Be not you weary
When on this journey

For you will reap
If you faint not
If dark clouds should rise and thunder roll
Look to the Master
For He's in control

Verse
If heartache and trouble
Is all you've known
Peace and contentment
Has left you alone
But there's One Who's waiting
With His arms open wide

And He gently whispers,

"Heed these words of Mine"

See, all we need to do is put our blinders on and look to God - "*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path,*" Psalm 119:104. Trust in Him and Him alone - "*Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths,*" (Proverbs 3:5-6). We just need to follow Him and have peace in our hearts - "*Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord,*" (Hebrews 12:14).

Keep God's Word in your hearts, and you can leave your worries in God's hands. Like the song says much more eloquently than this: don't be weary while we are walking through our journey because we will reap if we don't give up. If bad storms come, just look to God because He is in control. I know it can be hard to let things go, but if you let your worries disappear and put your entire trust in God, you will be blessed immeasurably! Not only that, but you won't be able to wipe the ear-to-ear smile from your face! Give it all to God because He's in control!

GOD HAS THE ANSWERS

If you are alive, you are either in the middle of a struggle or problem, just finished walking through a struggle or problem, or are going to face a problem. "*These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world* (John 16:33)." Struggles, problems, stress, heartache, disappointment, or issues, no matter what you call them are tribulation. We can't avoid them as is evidenced by John 16:33. So, how do we deal with them?

First, I think it is important to look at what Jesus has said and how He has equipped us.

- We are not alone. "*Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee,*" (Hebrews 13:5 KJV).
- He will supply all of our needs. "*But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus,*" (Philippians 4:19 KJV).
- He will strengthen you. "*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me,*" (Philippians 4:13 KJV).

- All things are possible. *"Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth,"* (Mark 9:23 KJV).
- He will not put more on you than you can bear. *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it,"* (1 Corinthians 10:13 KJV).
- His grace is sufficient. *"And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me,"* (2 Corinthians 12:9 KJV).

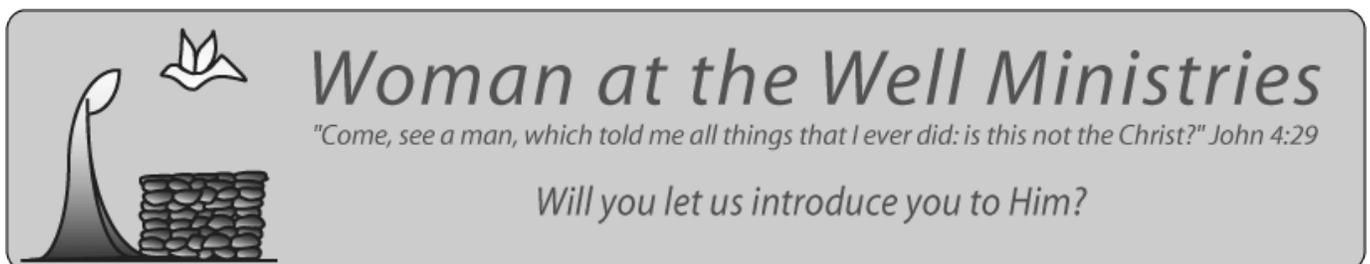
Secondly, let's look at some examples of His presence in the midst of trouble.

- The three Hebrew children were thrown into the fiery furnace. Their only crime was that they would not bow to any God but the one true, living God. They refused to obey the command of the law to bow to the graven image of the King of the land, even though they knew it would mean they would be thrown into the fiery furnace. This punishment was meant to bring certain death. These boys did not change their daily practice of praying to their God. In fact, it was their Christian witness that brought about the law. People who wanted to bring them harm knew of their faith and their strong commitment to it. When it came time to bow to the graven image, they refused and were sent into the fiery furnace. *"Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God. Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire. And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them,"* (Daniel 3:24-27 KJV).
- The disciples had experienced a long day. They were on a boat in the middle of the sea when a strong wind came and a storm formed. Peter looks upon the

water and sees a form he can't recognize. *"But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid,"* (Matthew 14:27 KJV).

In both of these accounts from the scriptures, we see that Jesus was already on the scene when His children needed Him. There were three men thrown in the fire, yet there were four men seen. There was no time for them to call upon Him. He was already there. The disciples were in a storm in the middle of the sea and Peter sees Jesus. He did not even recognize Him but before Peter could call for Him, Jesus is already there. Since Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8), we can be sure that He is in the midst of every situation we face. In fact, even though we do not recognize Him, the above account shows us that He is still in control and in the very midst of our storm. Rest assured that nothing is going to happen to you that He has not let come to you. Nothing is going to happen to you that He has not equipped you to handle. Nothing is going to happen to you that He hasn't already made a way of escape for you. And, nothing is going to happen to you that you are going to face alone. *"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ,"* (Philippians 1:6 KJV).

Staff Update – Bethany S. Ross: Hello everyone! Well, I've been going through a couple of changes - one of the biggest updates I have has to do with my work life. After working in Charleston for several years, I quit my job this past February. It was a difficult transition mostly because I had been there for so long and made so many new friends there. But I'm glad I made that decision - now I am working about 10 miles from home and things are good! I'm learning something new every day and still getting used to everything, but I'm having a good time! Please keep me in your prayers that I will do the work to the best of my ability and that I will be a light to everyone there. I'm also thinking about buying a house, so please pray that I will find the perfect house for me and that the whole process will go smoothly!



OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

- We believe the Holy Scriptures are the inerrant Word of God. (John 1:1, II Timothy 3:16)
- We believe that God created all things. (Colossians 1:16, John 1:3)
- We believe in the triune God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)
- We believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 1:23)
- We believe that Jesus was wholly God and wholly man. (Romans 8:3, Philippians 2:6-7)
- We believe that there is a literal hell. (Matthew 10:28)
- We believe that there is a literal heaven. (Matthew 6:20)
- We believe that none are righteous and all are in need of a Saviour. (Romans 3:10, Romans 3:23, Revelation 20:15)
- We believe that Jesus lived a sinless life, died on the cross of Calvary and rose victorious the third day. (I Corinthians 15:3-4, I Peter 3:18, II Corinthians 5:21)
- We believe that salvation is possible only through Jesus Christ and it is His finished work on Calvary that pays our penalty for sin. (John 14:6, I Peter 1:18-21, I Corinthians 7:23)
- We believe that salvation is available to everyone. (Romans 10:13)
- We believe that salvation is free. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- We believe that the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in your heart at the time of salvation. (John 14:16)
- We believe the Holy Spirit will teach you and guide you in the way that you should go. (John 14:26)
- We believe that Christians are dead to sin and alive in Christ. (Romans 6:11, II Corinthians 5:17)
- We believe that Christians are to live Holy separated lives before man and God. (Romans 6:12-18, I Peter 1:15-16, Titus 2:14 and I Peter 2:19)

- We believe that Jesus Christ is coming back again to take His children home to heaven. (I Thessalonians 4:15-16)

THE GIFT OF SALVATION

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10)

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (II Peter 3:9)

The Bible tells us that we are all sinners (Romans 3:23, Romans 3:10) and in need of a Saviour (John 3:7). Man without a Saviour is the servant of sin and is destined for an eternal death (Romans 6:23). Man could not pay his penalty for sin, so God sent His son to pay it for us (John 3:16, Romans 5:8). Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (John 14:6). He doesn't require anything from us but simple faith (Romans 10:9-10) in the risen Christ who lived a sinless, perfect life, tempted as we are yet without sin (Hebrews 4:15). He was crucified for our sins, (I Peter 2:24) buried and rose again (I Corinthians 15:4) that we might live eternally in the heavens with Him (I Thessalonians 5:10). There is nothing we can do to inherit eternal life. It is the gift of God not of (our) works lest any man should boast (Ephesians 2:8-9). It isn't about us. It is about the finished work on Calvary that bought our salvation (I Corinthians 6:20). It is a personal relationship with Him and free to all (Romans 10:13). Upon receiving Him as Saviour, the Lord will come and live in your heart in the presence of the Holy Spirit (John 14:26).



If you don't know Christ as Saviour, we implore you right now to come to Him in prayer and ask Him into your heart. Realize that you are a sinner in need of a Saviour and that you cannot get to heaven on your own merit. Confess to Him that you are a sinner and that you place your faith in Him, a God that cannot fail. Ask Him to cleanse you of your sins by His precious sinless blood that He freely shed for you on Calvary. Ask Him to come and dwell in your heart in the person of the Holy Spirit that you may feel His presence and receive His instruction. Accept Him as Saviour and live your life according to His promises, commandments and ways. Ground yourself in His Word, the Holy Bible, and find a local Bible-believing church to grow in His grace and mercy and to fellowship with fellow believers.

If you have asked Jesus into your heart and accepted Him as Saviour, we ask that you get in touch with our ministry that we may pray for you as you continue to grow in Him. May God bless you and keep you in His tender care. E-mail us at:

prayer@womanatthewellministries.org

GOD IS PRESENT

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. ... Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah." (Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11 KJV)

Oftentimes it seems as if we are all alone in this world. We are not alone. Oftentimes it seems as if there is no control in this world. We are not living in chaos. Oftentimes it seems as if everything we do goes in the opposite direction that we intended. We are not living insignificant lives, though, and God is in control and very present.

The verses in this Psalm describe a very difficult situation, similar to one we may find ourselves in. Maybe the earth beneath our feet is not literally removed; our mountains suddenly fall into the sea; or our waters suddenly swell into tsunamis, but if we are honest with ourselves, we will admit that there are times in our lives when it feels as if that sort of cataclysmic event is happening. This passage was written for times such as these. Perhaps you've lost a job or a loved one. Perhaps you have a child whose path seems to be heading for destruction or you find yourself with a frightening illness. Perhaps you've been called to work with some difficult co-workers or you've discovered you need to make a major repair to your home. No matter what the situation, this passage was written for times such as these.

Let's look at this passage. How does it start? It starts with God. You see, He's there - before the cataclysmic events start. It says, *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."* Before the trouble, God is there. And He's not just there, He is our refuge (a place of safety and security); He is our strength (a source beyond anything this world can offer); and He is our help (an answer for every trial). This means that long before any problem erupts in our lives, we have the Lord. He is holding us, strengthening us, and providing wisdom and help. This means that no matter what problem arises, we are prepared because God has our back. As our passage continues, we see that we need not fear, because we have the Lord.

So what happens next in our passage? The problems arise. *"Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah."* Big problems, cataclysmic events, have occurred. But remember, we are prepared because we have the Lord and He has us. Isaiah 41:13 reminds us, *"For I the LORD thy*

God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee." Regardless of the storm in our lives, and there will be storms, God is holding us.

As we move along in our passage, we come to our role in the problems and storms in our lives. We've already seen what the Lord's role is - He is the refuge, the strength, and the helper. So what is our role? Our role is to be still. *"Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah."*

Now, if you are anything like me, and sometimes I am downright ordinary, being still is not your strong suit. Human nature does not sit still, certainly when storms or problems arise. But, as humans under the hand of God, our job is to be still and know that our God is in control. Remember, He was there before the problem; He watched the problem happening; He grieved over the problem occurring: He grieved over the presence of sin in our world; but He is still in control. And He asks us to be still.

"Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah." When storms arise in our lives, we are told to be still and to wait upon the Lord. In this case, being still does not mean sitting in the living room and waiting for a job offer without sending out resumes. It doesn't mean sitting at home alone while a loved one suffers through an illness. It means that we are to stop and pray. It means we are to stop and humble ourselves under God and tell Him that we know that He has the situation under control. And lastly, it means that we are to be still enough to hear His answer and His solution to the problem in our lives. If we are out throwing ourselves into a solution, we won't have ears to hear the right solution - the one that comes from God.

You see, God always has a solution, and His solutions will always have Him to be *"exalted among the heathen...exalted in the earth."* Remember when Lazarus, a close friend of Jesus, was dying? The Lord said, *"When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby"* (John 11:4). Lazarus' sickness was allowed to happen that God might be glorified - that those who didn't know Him could see Him in all His power and might.

What's the storm in your life right now? Do you know and believe that God was there before the storm and that He is with you, right now? He is a *"present help in trouble"* and He wants you to pause, be still, and talk to Him about the problem. God has solutions, but He requires a listening heart to hear His solution. Psalm 46 is a great and applicable lesson for us as storms arise. Take it to heart and remember to pause. God has the answers.



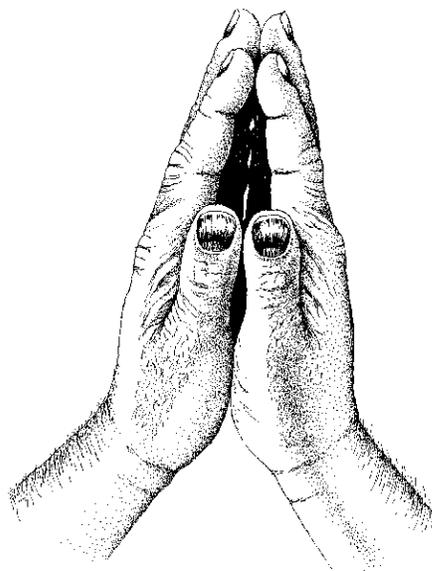
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"Come, see a man, which told me all things that I ever did: is this not the Christ?" John 4:29

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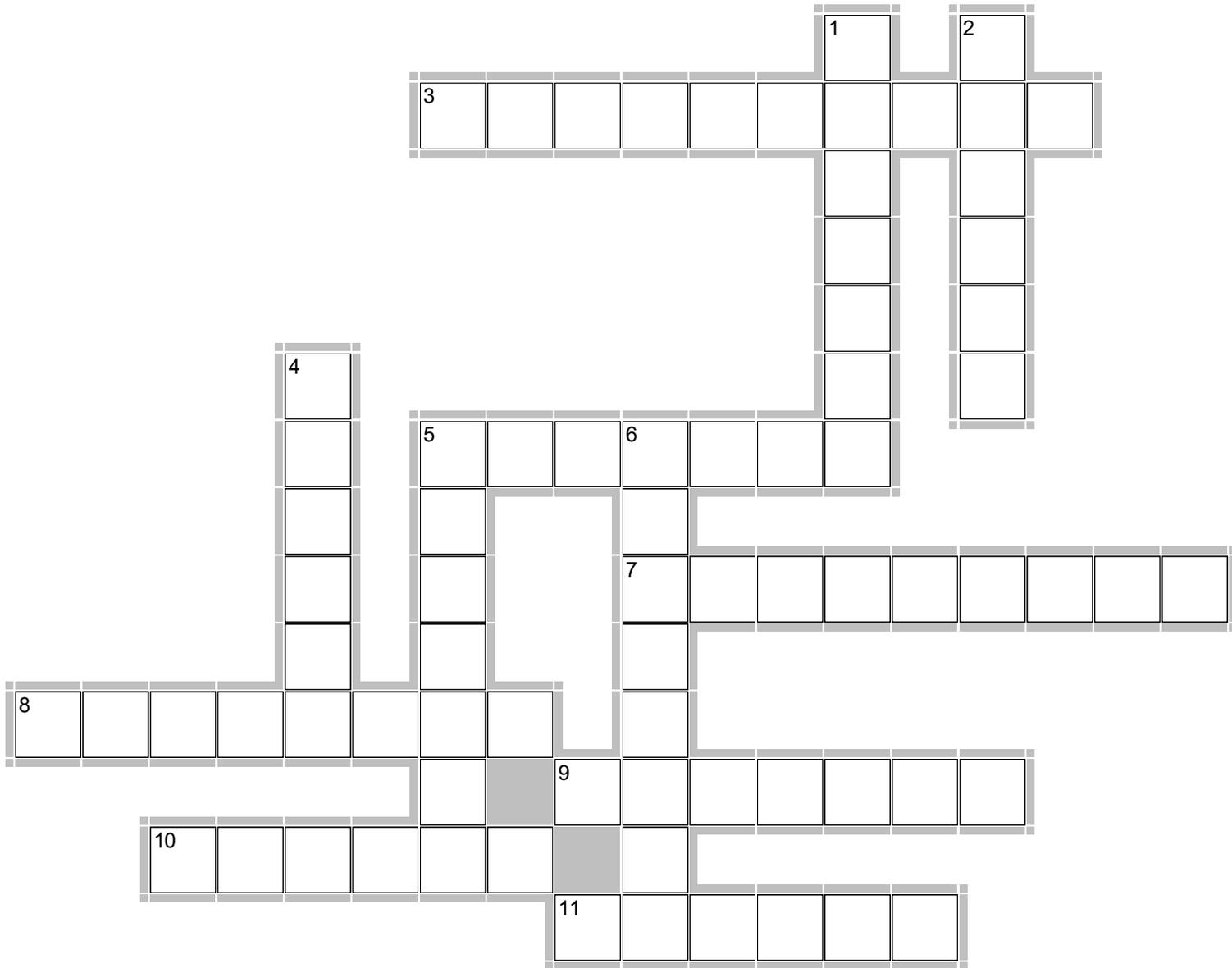
- our new regular engagement at a local nursing home, where we minister to staff and patients, that as we lift up the Lord, He would be glorified and hearts and lives will draw closer to Him.
- the staff of Woman at the Well Ministries (Kim, Erika, and Beth) that we will be continually drawing closer to God, walking in obedience to Him and His call, depending upon His strength, and learning more and more from His Word each day.
- our writing projects, that the Lord would create more and more opportunities for concerted writing time.
- our listeners, that as we lift up the Lord and His Word, their hearts, minds, and lives would be changed through the saving grace of Jesus Christ.
- our speaking calendar, that God would fill it, giving us the opportunity to bring His love, mercy and grace to more and more of His children.
- financial support, that we would have the resources to take advantage of the many radio opportunities that come our way.
- financial support, that we would be able to financially support one full-time staff member.



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BIBLE FUN CROSSWORD

Sharpen your pencil and use your Bible knowledge and KJV Bible to complete this crossword puzzle! Try to use your memory to complete this puzzle before you open your Bible. Each of these verses relates to our topic of **God's Presence**. As you study His word with this puzzle, meditate upon what it means to have God in your life.



CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

4. Matthew 28:20 -Teaching them to observe all things ---_____ I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.
5. John 14:3 - And if I go and _____ a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.
7. Exodus 6:6 - Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the _____, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:
8. Matthew 18:20 - For where two or three are _____ together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.
9. Deuteronomy 20:1 - When thou goest out to battle against thine _____ , and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.
10. Daniel 3:25 - He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the _____ is like the Son of God.
11. I Thessalonians 4:17 - Then we which are alive and _____ shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Down

1. Zechariah 2:10 - Sing and _____, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.
2. Genesis 28:15 - And, _____, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.
4. Leviticus 26:12 - And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my _____.
5. Isaiah 43:2 -When thou _____ through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.
6. Exodus 33:14 - And he said, My _____ shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

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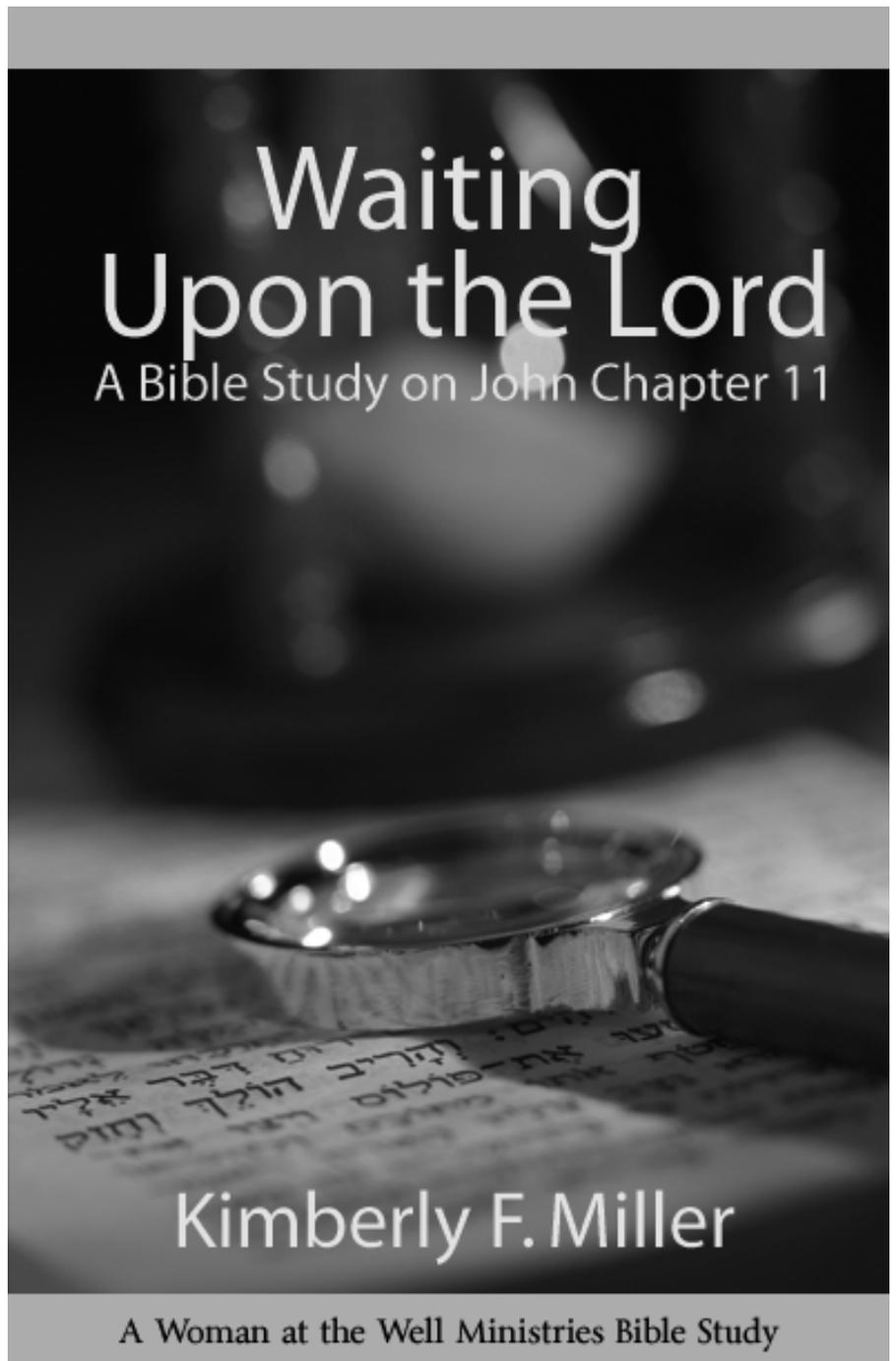
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1. Contact Information:

Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____
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Thank you to all who have already signed up to be our prayer partners. We're so thankful for you!

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