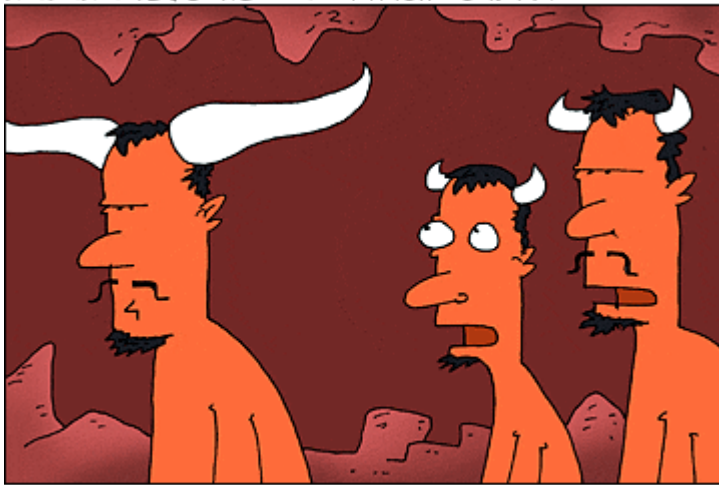


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# Women's Ministries Newsletter

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*Our mission is to value each woman and encourage her to grow in her walk with Christ so she influences others for God's glory.*

## *Sharing My Thoughts...*

*...an article I wanted to share that was meaningful to me! **Reneé***

### **A Husband's Prayer Warrior**

**Sharon Jaynes**

#### **Today's Truth**

*"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (Ephesians 6:12 NIV).*

### **Friend To Friend**

Of all the roles and responsibilities that God has given wives, the position of a prayer warrior or intercessor is perhaps the greatest of all. An intercessor is a person who intervenes or prays for another person. It was derived from the Greek word, *enteuxis*, which means to go before a King with a petition or plea on behalf of someone else. In essence, it means the same thing today. We go before the King of Kings with a petition or plea on someone's behalf. What we accomplish on our knees in the invisible realm will ultimately affect the strength of our marriage in the visible realm. There is no other person who is more called or more qualified to pray for your man than you.

In the Bible, God describes the marriage of a man and a woman as a visual example of the spiritual union between Jesus Christ and the church (all Christians). Believers are called "the bride of Christ" (Revelation 19:7). We are walking, talking, earthly examples of the heavenly relationship between God's Son and those who believe on His name. God instructs men, "Love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her" (Ephesians 5:25).

There is someone who wants to destroy that living example, and his name is Satan. Jesus said, "The thief (Satan) comes to steal, kill, and destroy" (John 10:10). He desires to destroy the God-ordained and designed institution of marriage. He began with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and continues his destructive tactics even today. Satan is not very creative, but he's very effective, and he uses the same temptations and tactics today that he used in the first marriage on earth. Satan has proclaimed an all out assault on the family and he begins at the top - with the husband and wife.

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So many times we fail to see the real enemy in our marital struggles. The writer of Ephesians explains, "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (Ephesians 6:12). When I am having a conflict with my husband, I need to stop, take a deep breath, and think...who *is the real enemy here?* There is a spiritual battle raging all around us that we can't even see, but is very real. It is the greater reality. It is a battle that is not to be feared, but one that is to be recognized and fought in the only place where it can be won - in prayer.

**Let's Pray:**

Dear Lord, I pray for my husband, from head to toe.

- His Head -That he will look to You as Lord of his life. (1 Corinthians 11:13)
- His Mind - That he will have the mind of Christ and think as the Holy Spirit would lead him and not the flesh. (1 Corinthians 2:16)
- His Eyes -That You will keep his eyes from temptation and that he will turn his eyes from sin. (Matthew 6:13, Mark 9:47)
- His Ears - That he will hear Your still small voice instructing him. (1 Kings 19:12, Psalm 32:8)
- His Mouth - That his words will be pleasing to You. (Proverbs 19:14)
- His Neck -That he will humble himself before You and be strong, courageous, and careful to do everything written in Your Word so that he will be prosperous and successful. (James 4:10, Joshua 1:8-9)
- His Heart-That he will love and trust You with his whole heart. (Deuteronomy 6:5, Proverbs 3:5)
- His Arms-That You will be his strength. (Psalm 73:26)
- His Hands-That he will enjoy the work of his hands and see it as a gift from You. (Ecclesiastes 3:13, 5:19)
- His feet - That You will order his steps and that he will walk in Your truth. (Proverbs 4:25, Psalm 26:3)

**Now It's Your Turn**

Consider asking your husband for some specific ways that you can pray for him today.

Look up each of the Scripture references above and make the prayer for your husband specific to his particular needs.

Find one friend with whom you can pray for your marriage. Commit to pray for each other's marriage on a regular basis.



Happy Birthday!

***March***

- 1 – *Wendi Nalty*
- 14 – *Sonya Holmes*
- 20 – *Linda Endersby*
- 21 – *Beth Springer*
- 21 – *Kara Childs*
- 25 – *Sheila Melhus*
- 29 – *Gale Armstrong*

***April***

- 2 – *Liz Winkels*
- 8 – *Pokyong Debates*
- 13 – *Vicki Hancock*
- 17 – *Jill VanWyngaarden*
- 21 – *Jennifer Knope*
- 21 – *Estelle Black*
- 24 – *Ruth Cogdill*
- 27 – *Jamie Bonge*



**Converge Heartland Retreat**

April 9-10 at the Holiday Inn in Kearney, Nebraska. Deadline for registration is March 10<sup>th</sup>! See Renee Black if you are interested in attending.

**Women's Book Club**

The book we will be reading during the month of March is entitled, The Travelers Gift by Andy Andrews. Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 5th, 7-8:30, at the home of Caroline Tate, 1109 Timber Drive, Papillion. Mark your calendars!

**Card Making 101**

**Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>:** don't miss a morning of fun and card-making! **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY** – instruction and supplies will be provided, as well as snacks! ☺ At the home of Beth Sheets, 801 Lexington Lane, Papillion, 9:30-11:00 a.m. The cards we make will be used for the OHC Sunshine committee. See you there!

**Ladies' Spring Tea**

10 a.m. Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Overland Hills Church  
 "Bloom Where You are Planted" – speaker Leona Anderson  
 Tickets: \$5/person, available at the Welcome Center March 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Questions? Contact Sandy Leeder: 331-9703 or wtleeder@cox.net