

It's Time to Move On... Is Your New Year New?

We started this journey together in January with the goal of having a truly fresh start in 2008; a new life based on resolutions with an eternal impact. In this final lesson we'll look at how far we've come. I have been greatly blessed to take this journey with you. I pray that it has changed you and opened your heart to Jesus in a new way.

In June we'll start a new study, *Everyday Practices with Eternal Priorities*. When we're in the middle of every-day life, how do we keep an eternal mindset? We know Christ is supposed to be the center of all we do, but how does that play out in our lives of work, kids, husbands, friends, decisions and, well, life?

I'm excited to examine these questions with you and see what wisdom God has for us!

I'm planning to send only one newsletter a month over the summer. My kids are 6 and 7, and I think this might be one of the best summers we'll have. I want to enjoy them, not spend my days frustrated with them because I can't get my work done.

I also need to spend less time *doing* for God and more time *being* with God. I want to take time to bask in Him, talk to Him leisurely, and just sit around with Him; not because I need Him to do His work, but simply because I need Him.

I hope you can create extra time this summer to spend with family, friends and the Lord.

In Christ,
Jennifer

How Has God Changed You?

Let's take a look at some of the ways God has spoken to and changed you this year.

1. Lesson #1

- What have you done to escape your comfort zone?
- Where have you gone beyond your old pattern of worship and prayer and found new life?
- How has Jeremiah 29:11-14 affected you?
- How has Psalm 118:24 affected you?
- How has Philippians 4:4 affected you?
- How has Romans 8:28 affected you?

2. Lesson #2

- How have you been able to rejoice in your not-so-perfect life because of the perfection of your Redeemer?
- In what ways have you moved beyond spiritual milk to solid foods (Hebrews 5:11-14)?
- How has Bible study impacted your daily life?
- How has Lamentations 3:19-25 affected you?
- How has Isaiah 40:28-31 affected you?

3. Lesson #3

- How have you cherished the lover of your soul?
- In what new ways have you shown your love for Christ?
- In what new ways have you shown your love for others?

- d. Where have you chosen to love when you didn't before?
- e. How has Mark 12:28-34 affected you?
- f. How has 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 affected you?
- g. How has 1 John 4:7-12 affected you?

4. Lesson #4

- a. How have you walked the path lit by the Word of God?
- b. What have you done to ensure you're on the right path?
- c. How has Psalm 62 affected you?
- d. How has Psalm 119:105 affected you?
- e. How has Jeremiah 6:16-19 affected you?

5. Lesson #5

- a. How have you changed your heart?
- b. How have you changed your words to reflect your heart?
- c. How has Matthew 12:36-37 affected you?
- d. Which scriptures from that lesson most changed your thinking?

6. Lesson #6

- a. Have you made a choice to accept Christ as your Savior?
- b. Have you helped someone else make that choice?
- c. If you answered 'no' to either question, why?
- d. Review your Lesson #6 answers. What most touches your heart now? Why?

7. Lesson #7

- a. What has God revealed to you about your heart?
- b. Are you surprised? Why or why not?
- c. What have you done to put (and keep) your focus on your inward appearance?
- d. How has it helped you to rely on the Holy Spirit?

8. Lesson #8

- a. How have you starting looking at the inside of others instead of the outside?
- b. Have you forgiven those who have rejected and hurt you?
- c. What has been the result?
- d. Did you confess your rejection of others and ask the Lord for forgiveness?
- e. What has been the result?
- f. How has Matthew 25:31-46 affected you?

9. Lesson #9

- a. How have you added grace to your approach to being a Christian?
- b. How did it affect you to be in God's Word every day for 12 days?
- c. Review your Lesson #9 answers. Which scripture most affected you?

10. Lesson #10

With Bible study, you get out of it what you put into it.

- a. Are you pleased with what you've gotten out of it?
- b. As you review the lessons, are you surprised at how much you've changed?
- c. Has any of your time in Bible study been wasted?

11. End with a prayer, sharing your heart, thanks, thoughts, and hopes with Jesus.

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Are you surprised at how the Lord has shaped and changed you through your study of His Word? His Word is powerful and our time in it is never wasted. I can't wait to see what's coming in the next series!!

Because of Him,
Jennifer