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Conquering Life's Mountains Together!

Personal Life Coaching

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Greetings!

Last month, I mentioned that it has been a busy summer for Set Apart Ministries, and so it continues to be. We had a great trip to Nashville and have come back enthused and refreshed. We are seeing growth in individuals and our community as a whole. Traveling with 18 people presents its own special challenges, especially when people are tired. The exciting thing, we came through it with our relationships intact. We've seen our faith strengthened as we've persevered through the struggles of life.

As a small community, we have many on-going gatherings, such as different Bible classes, our weekly gatherings and a group working to mature as believers in Messiah with *The Life Model: Living from the Heart Jesus Gave You**. Our desire is to grow in grace and knowledge of our Messiah as we continue to draw nearer to Him in every aspect of our lives.

For Barb and I, we are working to reach out to a greater community through teleconferences and life coaching. Our desire and goal for Set Apart Ministries is to prepare, strengthen and equip the Body of Messiah for the days ahead.

We see much war and strife in the world, especially in the Middle East. Many believe our Messiah will return in our generation. No matter how soon He will return--He WILL return and we will all come face to face with Him. Are you ready to meet your Savior?

Today, we will begin a new series on Walking as Jesus Walked. *For you have been called for this purpose since Christ also suffered for you leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps* (I Peter 2:21 NASB).

We invite your feedback at info@setapartmingb.org. Do you have any specific topics or questions you'd like to see discussed, contact us. If your desire is to walk more as Jesus walked, we are here to come alongside you to take the steps to a more Biblical lifestyle. Call us at 920- 432-5002 or 920-336-7005.

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Blessings in Messiah,



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That They May Not Lose Heart (Col. 3:21): Raising Godly Children



Jesus was born in First Century Israel. He was named *Yeshua*, which means God (*Yah*) Saves. He was raised in a Jewish home as a Jew to follow the teachings of Moses. On His eighth day, He was brought to the temple in Jerusalem to be circumcised as Abraham and Moses were taught. As the first born, He was dedicated to God with the proper temple sacrifice.

From the beginning, Jesus was set apart (holy). The only other time we get a glimpse into His childhood is when His family went to Jerusalem. Already at 12 years of age, we see the anointing of Jesus as He sat with the leaders and amazed them with His understanding.

From these short passages, there are a few things we can learn of Jesus' childhood and His parents. They were faithful to obey God in every aspect of Jesus' life. First, He was circumcised according to the Scriptures, and He was dedicated as the first born. We also see that Mary and Joseph were faithful in keeping the Feasts of The Lord when they went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover when Jesus was 12 . We also know from Jesus' brothers, James and Jude, that they were raised to be men of God. James became an important leader in the Nazarene (Christian) sect of the Jewish leaders of the first century.

We cannot choose the family into which we are born. We may not have had the faithful, dedicated parents that Jesus had. Thankfully, that is not the end of the story. Because of the redeeming blood of Jesus, we are renewed and become new creatures in Christ (2 Cor. 5:10). We can learn through the Scriptures how we are to raise our children.

Parents: Are you as believers in Jesus of Nazareth raising your children according to the ways of God? The Scriptures have much to say on raising children. It is a challenging job and we certainly need the help of the Holy Spirit and other godly people. As a small group, we see the results in our children as they have learned to worship, pray and study alongside their parents and community. Parents are learning the principles of disciplining their children.

- Children are a Gift of the Lord. (Genesis 33:5)

Are you responding to your gift(s) with thankfulness? These gifts needs to be nurtured according to the value of a gift from the Father of all creation.

- Spare the Rod and Spoil the Child (Prov. 13:24)

People often understand "rod" as spanking as a discipline. It means much more than

that. In Psalm 23, King David writes, *Thy rod and Thy staff the comfort me*. For a shepherd, the staff was used to draw the sheep back into the fold. The rod was used for correction--discipline. When Jesus returns, He will *rule with a rod of iron* (Rev. 19:15). Children need specific boundaries to keep them safe. These boundaries and rules need to be biblically based and consistent. Discipline needs to be consistent when rules are broken.

- Do not provoke your children to anger. (Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right (Eph. 6:1 NASB). Parents like to quote this verse to their children, but parents read on to verse 4a: *And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger*. According to *Strong's Concordance*, the word "provoke" in Colossians 3:21 means *to excite or stir up someone* (Strong's #2042). It can be used in a good sense or in evil as in Colossians. In Ephesians 6:4, the word "provoke" means *to arouse to anger* (Strong's #3949). According to Ephesians 6:4b, children are to be brought up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (NASB). Teach your children the instructions for life that are within the Word.

- **DILIGENTLY TEACH YOUR CHILDREN.** *And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. (Deut. 6:6-7 NASB)*

This final thought for today is very important. In the culture in which we live today, children are sent to school to learn. That thinking has entered the churches and children are sent to Sunday School. According to this Scripture, children are to be continuously taught the Word of God. This cannot happen in just one hour once a week. In every circumstance, in all situations at all times, children need to be taught how to apply the Word in their lives and that means, parents, that we must first intimately know the Word ourselves. We then need to seek and find specific ways throughout the day to teach the principles of God's Word.

I remember a time when my son was teasing a neighbor girl about a mole she had on her face. I was embarrassed when her mother came to me and told me what he was doing. It was a typical "boy thing," but I decided to use it as a time to sit down with him and talk about what God's Word says about how we treat people and "coarse jesting" (Eph. 5:4).

Deuteronomy 7:24 and 25 states why it is important for our children to understand the teachings of God: *So the Lord commanded us TO OBSERVE ALL THESE STATUTES, TO FEAR THE LORD OUR GOD FOR OUR GOOD ALWAYS AND FOR OUR SURVIVAL, AS IT IS TODAY. AND IT WILL BE RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR US IF WE ARE CAREFUL TO OBSERVE ALL THIS COMMANDMENT BEFORE THE LORD OUR GOD, just as He commanded us.*" (NASB)

Parenting is an overwhelming responsibility: each child is different, there are so many pulls from the world for us and for our children. Barb and Marilyn as Personal Life Coaches, mothers and grandmothers are here to come alongside you in your parenting difficulties. Great advice seems to come from all directions, but we will help you set that advice in motion from a Biblical perspective. We will work with you individually to put into effect the changes you'd like to make as we come to know

you and your children personally. Call us today at 920-432-5002 or 920-336-7005 or email us at info@setapartmingb.org. (M.G.)

Keeping Your Joy Full!



A brief quote from Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*, is our food for thought on Joy this month:

God does not give us overcoming life: He gives us life as we overcome. The strain is the strength. If there is no strain, there is no strength. Are you asking God to give you life and liberty and joy? He cannot, unless you will accept the strain. Immediately you face the strain, you will get the strength.

The joy of the Lord is our strength the Scriptures tell us. Can it be that this joy is not an end result but an ongoing joy as we walk in paths of life? No matter what the circumstances, we "simply" need to face into the wind and walk after our Messiah. Joy is not necessarily happiness; but the deep contentment that comes from walking in righteousness, no matter what the strain that accompanies it may be.
B.K.

Changes of a Woman's Life Survey

Marilyn Guffey is conducting a survey on the Life Changes of Women. Please take a moment to submit one important question that's on your mind. Marilyn plans to use the answers for future articles and eventually an e-book. Thank you for your input! [Click here to ask your question.](#)

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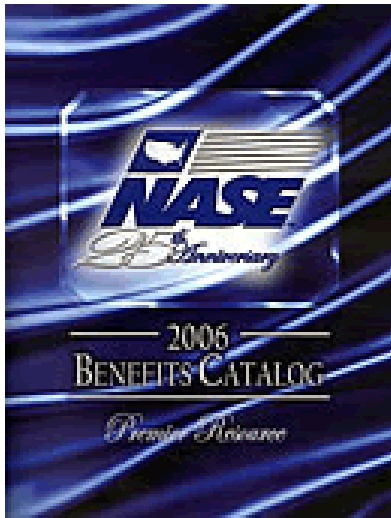
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encourage you along the way?

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