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**2****EDITOR'S NOTES**

Hello! It is my privilege to help bring you another inspirational edition of the *As for Me and My House* magazine.

This last week, my daughter was married on a tiny beach on the beautiful Greek island of Lefkada, surrounded by a few close family and friends. It was a casual and simple affair, quite different from the elaborate trappings or formality of many weddings today. But it was exactly what the young couple wanted.

As we put the finishing touches to this month's magazine, I pray that their home will always be full of love, laughter, and children; may their love for each other grow and deepen as their marriage matures; may they be blessed with divine health, wisdom, and wealth, and may God hold them in the palm of His hand.

And may you be blessed in like manner as you read the works of your fellow Legacy Leaders!

**5****DONNA: AS FOR ME & MY HOUSE**

Donna currently resides in Rocky River, Ohio and is a wife, mother of 4 wonderful children, and grandmother of 5 beautiful grandchildren. She is an intimate worshipper/song writer, intercessor, and college professor.

In addition to serving others in their ministries, she is on the pastoral care team and in the creative community at her church. She loves adding value to others, and delights in seeing them achieve wholeness in body, soul, and spirit through the power of the Holy Spirit.

She is currently working on her first book: testimonies of God's faithfulness and miracle working, resurrection power in her life.

**10****AMANDA: AS FOR ME & MARRIAGE**

Amanda Nelson is a professor, technical trainer, and writer with a heart for ministry. She and her husband Jim have been married for 23 years, and they reside in NE Ohio.

They are madly in love with Jesus and love to see Holy Spirit heal people and set them free.

They are also tolerated by the world's funniest feline, their roommate, Pickles.

15**IDA: AS FOR ME & MY HEALTH**

Ida is a wife, mother, author, coach, and speaker who helps women who are struggling and looking for community and support to become the woman God called them to be.

Ida does this through her 7-step WOMEN WARRIOR PROGRAM of knowing God and honoring all He offers so you can LIVE WITH PURPOSE, POWER, & HOLINESS.

**19****MARK: AS FOR ME & MY FINANCES**

Mark Eastman is a business owner, author, father, and friend. His 40+ years in the construction industry has given him a passion for helping construction companies that are searching for business solutions, and people overwhelmed by the construction process. He helps both BUILD their dreams, by providing businesses with systems and training to make their companies more successful, while educating and assisting customers in navigating construction.

Mark and his wife, Debby, live on their family farm in Winfield, KS in the house his great grandfather built in 1916. In addition to doing the work he loves, he enjoys motorsports, especially NASCAR and big-tired four-wheel drives.

**24****PHIL: AS FOR ME & MY PARENTING**

Phil and Sandy Johnson have been married 40 years and are blessed with five daughters and two grandchildren.

They have been in ministry for 40 years, serving in five churches and starting **Awesome Life Coaching** (formally Coaching Some Inc.).

Together they serve individuals and organizations who have lost their way to return to a place where they are loving their life and living their legacy today.

**30****NICCIE: AS FOR ME & MY COMMUNITY**

Niccie Kliegl is an author, faith-based life and business coach and speaker who helps people get God-partnered, clarify their divine purpose, and tap into all the Trinity offers. She calls this their sweet spot . . . where their work and life are elevated spiritually, financially, and energetically for the Kingdom.

Niccie has published five books, has a talk show, and a 12-month Mastermind for those ready to step further into the call God has on their life and/or business.

Niccie's coaching is progressive, happening in her own life first and then to her clients. She first got her own LIFE God-partnered and then helped others do the same. Next, she advanced that call to help her HOME get God-partnered. And now, with a newfound purpose and direction, God is leading her into her community . . . so get ready, readers and clients!



WORDS FROM NICCIE

NICCIE KIEGL, FULFILL YOUR LEGACY

Friends, this is a special issue; every contributor has been called by God and I'm excited to see how they will be impacting their communities.

We have a building contractor with a faith-inspired approach to help other contractors provide excellent services as well as things for consumers to watch out for. We also feature a new client of mine, a pastor whom God has called to living, leading, and legacy.

This magazine is broken down into six areas of your God-partnered life: HOME | MARRIAGE | HEALTH | PARENTING | FINANCES | COMMUNITY and is based on my second book, *THE LOVING LEGACY - AS FOR ME & MY HOUSE*.

In this edition, I wrote the article on Community in which I share how God is finally unfolding the third book of my Legacy Series. I do my best to inspire my readers to consider their involvement in community as well. God has called us all to follow Jesus, and to go make disciples of men. So please consider what's written and what God might be nudging you into.

I hope you enjoy this issue as much as I did.
Go LIVE | LOVE | LEARN | LEAD according to the call!

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EVERYTHING I NEED IS IN HIM

As I write about "home" I don't speak as one who has arrived. Oh, I'm on my way, but even so, after over 47 1/2 years of marriage, I still cry out for His help in making my home a place where there's a "place for everything" . . . will that ever happen?

"Home" evokes so many images. I've lived in a lot of places—I mean, a lot—due to my pastor-daddy (and then my pastor-husband), pursuing higher education, and subsequent church/job transitions. But Mama always seemed to be able to make a homey atmosphere no matter where we lived. In fact, her last home was dubbed Cozy Corner.

But what about my home? As a child, I dreamed of a beautiful house with a winding staircase, elegantly furnished rooms, and a fun playroom for my future children. Yet, coupled with a "give it all up for Christ" inner debate, which one was my reality? To have a home to the Glory of God? Yes, that's what I wanted, more than anything.

I "gave up" that house-beautiful dream, I thought, as we packed our wedding gifts and belongings into a U-Haul and headed off to a big city and a small seminary apartment. Someday, I could unpack it all when I arrived in that one special place called Home.

That "someday" stretched farther into the years as moving vans came and went to new destinations; full-time studies, jobs, and church ministry demanded our time and energy. Four wonderful children came (miracles in themselves) along with all the stuff that goes with them.

That "one special place" kept changing and things kept piling up—those little things that seemed useful but just didn't have a place. Oh, to find that "everything has a place" feeling!

I tried, really I did, but organization seemed to elude me, and to be like the Proverbs 31 woman seemed an unattainable pursuit. My seeming inability to produce and maintain what I considered a Godly home caused me grief and I felt like a failure, continually failing God all the while trying to please Him. And no matter how

hard I tried, it seemed that much of what I did get, got messed up, scratched, or stolen. Even the gilded mirror I allowed myself to buy got marred during a hurricane. I kept it anyway.

THE IDEAL VS THE REAL

And then came the Marriage Encounter. Pain was unearthed and addressed; it all got pierced and came pouring out. As I sat sobbing in a closet, suddenly, it happened: a living vision that would forever change me.

In an instant, I saw a “video” in my mind’s eye: the gilded mirror hanging like a promise in my dining room—there it was! And paintings, vases, dishes, furnishings; I was so happy to see them. Promises fulfilled, it seemed! And there in front of it all, stood a girl in a frilly dress with a white pinafore. (Surely that wasn’t me; I wasn’t a “Suzy Homemaker” or a PollyAnna.) Suddenly, the enemy barged in, and with his sword swiped at all the beautiful things the girl thought God had given her, leaving slash marks in the paintings and across the mirror, marring everything. “Miss Pinafore” stood there, hands to her face, crying. The enemy had messed things up yet again.

HE IS ALL AND IN ALL

But then . . . in HE walked, like a swashbuckler, boots, cape, sword, and all, except . . . no mask! He strode confidently in front of the ideally perfect but now destroyed home scene, turned toward me and stood, hands on hips, and smiled at me. I knew it was Jesus, but a Swashbuckler? It was clear He had come as Rescuer. As He stood there, I thought, yes, Jesus must come first. But then household items began to gather as if they had a life of their own; they came parading from the right, dancing across



toward Him. I thought they were going to bow down to Him but instead they jumped up and . . . went right INTO Him! Everything that may be possibly needed in a home danced its way INTO HIM.

I instantly understood that the gilded mirror represented the ideal—my dream, the well-meaning effort, and all that the enemy intended to steal, kill, and destroy. It was static, unsustainable, unreal. But Jesus as the Swashbuckler represented the real. He had come to destroy the works of the devil and to redeem. It was truly HIM I needed. It wasn’t a choice between Him and all I needed. He WAS all I needed. HE IS EVERYTHING, AND EVERYTHING IS IN HIM. Yes, my head had known that, but now, my heart did.

**THE THIEF COMES ONLY TO STEAL AND KILL AND DESTROY.
I CAME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT ABUNDANTLY**

JOHN 10:10 ESV

The background image shows a cozy interior. On the left, a window looks out onto greenery. A wireframe lamp with a warm glow hangs in the upper left. Two wooden crates are mounted on the wall; the top one is labeled 'Maison du 5 village' and 'jolie maison'. In the foreground, a large vase holds dried wheat stalks, and a small potted plant sits on a surface below it.

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For your
Father
knows what
you need
before you
ask Him
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I'm still "unpacking" that long-ago vision and I still feel its impact. I can't say that all the things in my home suddenly jumped up, came into order, and I lived happily ever after. Well, we are living happily in our ever-after-the-vision, and it hasn't been a fairy tale. We've moved several more times, had garage sales, and have given away truckloads of things. The kids are grown and have homes of their own. And there are still a few boxes in the basement waiting to be sorted through.

You'd think I would have it all together by now. But life doesn't stand still, and it can be messy. I've learned to worship Him in it, especially as I've been through stages of caregiving and then needing care myself. Everything takes energy that, honestly, sometimes I have not had, and I've cried out for help.

CHRIST IS ALL, AND IN ALL

COLOSSIANS 3:11 ESV

In Him, I find help and strength to His honor and glory. In Him, there is no shame; I can let Him see my messy places. In Him, I have access; as I worship Him He shows me what to do and teaches me how to call in the things I need. He shows me how to get rid of the things I don't need or even want but have been hanging on to; "thank you for your service" has become a liberating phrase.

I haven't arrived, and things don't have to be perfect. I'm working on it still, but I know one thing: Home is where Love lives, no matter where I reside.

And that *place for everything*? It's in Him.



FOR IN HIM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING.

ACTS 17:28 ESV

Everything is in Him

In Him, there is no shame; I can let Him see my
messy places

In Him, there is life, help and strength

In Him, there is access to all I have need of; I don't
have to strive



AMANDA

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AS FOR ME AND MY MARRIAGE

Howdy! My husband Jim and I have served in family ministry for more than 20 years in local non-denominational churches across five states. Now residing in Northeast Ohio, we attend Bethel Cleveland, where we have seen the supernatural works of God with our own eyes. Our desire is to see marriages set free from the bondage and lies of the enemy. God delivered us from the brink of divorce many times in our early years. All we had to do was bring Him our heart(s) in all its brokenness. He can take the most hopeless-looking heap of ashes and paint something beautiful with them.

BUT GOD . . .

This article is called “But God,” which is taken from our own marriage’s banner Scripture:

“But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.”

Genesis 50:20 NKJV

We can look back to our first year of marriage two decades ago, and laugh and shake our heads. We were in our early 20s, and you couldn’t tell us anything. We knew it all!

Truthfully, we were simply two hurting kids in 1999. We were living the “I’m-fine-everything-is-fine” life: attending church, repeating cute religious catchphrases, greeting everyone with the plastered-on fake grin that showed the world just how “fine” we were.

Except, behind closed doors, we were far, far from fine. Our hearts were broken, and we were fighting day and night. We threw things, broke things, and threatened divorce more than once. We were trapped and had nowhere to go with the pain.

Jim and I had both experienced early traumas in life, and we brought those deep wounds with us into our marriage. As Christians, we knew that God wanted our full hearts, but I don't think we fully trusted Him yet. We didn't know how to let Him heal our broken hearts. Not for real.

So, we would fight. Then we would retreat to our separate corners and hide in shame, and then come out and fight again. Can you relate to living in a vicious cycle you can't break?

Hiding is a human instinct that goes back to creation in the Garden. When Adam and Eve were fashioned by God, they enjoyed intimacy with Him. Imagine: God Himself was the foundation of their marriage. They were a family!

But as sin entered the Garden, Adam and Eve's disobedience changed humanity forever. The perfect family was severed. The protective glory that had once surrounded Adam and Eve was removed, and they could not bear their shame. They hid from God and covered their nakedness with fig leaves which they had sewn together themselves (Gen. 3:7).

The problem with leaves is that they wither.

The fig leaves represent the way we take our marriages into our own hands, even today. We go into marriage thinking we can fix him/her if we could try harder, or will ourselves into happiness or success. But the first family couldn't fix their separation from God, and we still cannot today.

But Jesus came that we may have LIFE. And so very abundantly! (See John 10:10).



God designed marriage, and He called it good. The Biblical model of marriage mirrors God's triune identity: the wife submits to her husband. The husband submits to God. In perfect harmony, the three weave a wonderful life of protection, provision, and peace.

That's in a perfect world.

I don't have to tell you, dear reader, that the world we live in is far from perfect. We have hurts, stresses, and pains. We fight. We cry. We take our eyes off of God. The burden gets too heavy, and we give up.

But, friends, there is hope! The same God who created that first family in the Garden desires to come into our homes and restore our marriages. He specializes in raising the dead things in our lives. Whatever the enemy has tried to steal from you and your spouse, God can restore. ***We are living proof.***

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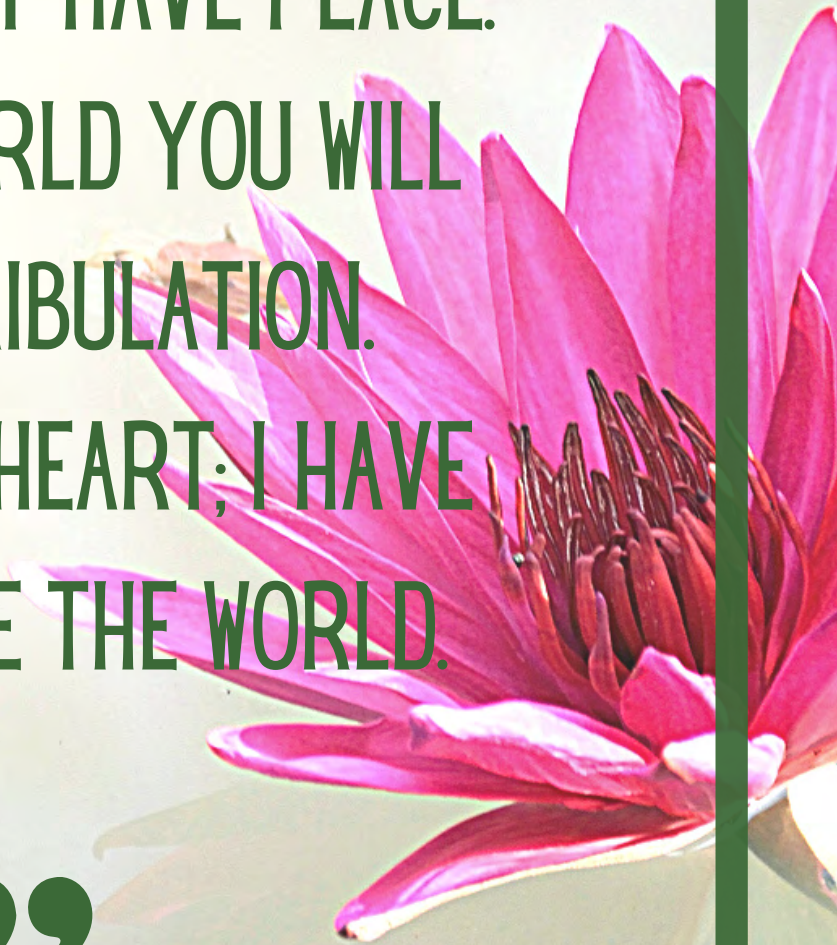
GENESIS 50:20 NKJV

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I HAVE SAID THESE
THINGS TO YOU, THAT IN
ME YOU MAY HAVE PEACE.
IN THE WORLD YOU WILL
HAVE TRIBULATION.
BUT TAKE HEART; I HAVE
OVERCOME THE WORLD.

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John 16:33



All He wants is your heart. All of it.

In the Master’s skilled hands, He can put you back together again. No matter how broken you’ve been. In our now 23 years of marriage, we’ve been through every kind of trial there is. God has seen us through our dark times, rejoiced with us in our good times, and ultimately, restored all the enemy had taken from us.

Even if you’ve lost hope, God is faithful to His Word (Isaiah 55:11). It may take time, and you won’t always get it right.

But He is faithful, even when we are not.

Just remember:

1 You don’t need to cover yourself with fading leaves. You can come to Jesus and He will cover you both with His perfect sacrifice. He is enough, even when we are not. It’s okay to be vulnerable with God and with each other.

2 Your ministry to your spouse is a reflection of God’s love for you. His design for your marriage is to lay your lives down for one another, like He did for you.

3 Life isn’t always easy. Hard times will come, but take heart—He has overcome the world! (John 16:33)



4 You won’t always get it right. His mercies for you BOTH are new every day (Lamentations 3:22-23). Accept His love and forgiveness and keep going.

As for our story . . . we don’t fight much anymore. In God’s loving patience, He waited for us to take off the masks and the fig leaves and do what only He could do. He healed our hearts. From all of it.

And He will do the same for you.

He’s not done with you yet, my friend. As long as there is breath in your lungs, there is hope. I’m asking the Lord to renew your strength and restore your marriage to one another, and to Him.

He is faithful to do what He promised.

In Christ’s Love,

Amanda



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WOMEN WARRIORS

Hello, my name is Ida Fern Miller. I am married to an amazing man whose name is Dean, and we have four beautiful grown children and two grandbabies.

We had to walk away from the culture we grew up in and over time, found we became very lonely. Loneliness is very hard on our health, which is why I do the work I do. I am a faith-based life coach.

My heart is to bring community women together around the table, connecting heart to heart, helping ladies listen to their hearts and to each other.

There are a lot of lonely women in the world who long to connect with other women.

So, I put together a 7-WEEK PROGRAM called WOMEN WARRIORS - Living in Wholeness. It's a 3 part process:

- PURPOSE/HOME
- POWER/LIFE
- HOLINESS/SPIRITUAL

OUR DECREE IS TO: LIVE LIFE WITH PURPOSE. WITH POWER. AND WITH HOLINESS

In this article, I'll share with you with whom we find support, community, and wholeness, and how we gain trusting friendships and have fun along the way.



My Woman Warrior program is a 7-week program, so please consider these same seven topics as they relate to your HOME/LIFE/SPIRITUALITY.

WEEK 1 W = WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

- Home (Purpose): Our purpose is revived as we learn to walk with the Spirit. Acts 17:28: in Him we live and move and have our being (walking within the Spirit). On this day, we literally do 5 miles of praying, talking, and walking with the Holy Spirit.
- Life (Power): Everyday worship (for a good 20 minutes) on this day. This is a powerful Warrior Woman tool I want you to get used to leaning on.
- Spiritual (Holiness): Time to look up a "walk with the Spirit" scripture that resonates with you.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR LIFE PURPOSE? DID YOU KNOW THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN LEAD YOU TO IT?



WEEK 2: A = ACCOUNTABILITY

- Home: stay engaged with God's desire for you and your house (to function well, to live clutter- and stress-free).
- Life: Community support to stay accountable (one woman must call to check in with their partner).
- Spiritual: Meditate on the Word (look up scripture that teaches us about our homes and organization/no clutter).

HOW WELL ARE YOU STAYING IN TUNE WITH WHAT GOD ASKS OF YOU AS A CARETAKER OF A HOME? HAVE YOU GIVEN IT MUCH THOUGHT? DO YOU HAVE A NETWORK OF SISTERS TO HELP YOU?

A photograph of an older couple sitting together, smiling. The woman is on the left, wearing a white cardigan over a dark top. The man is on the right, wearing a light blue button-down shirt. They are both looking towards the camera. The background is slightly blurred, showing some greenery. The entire image is framed by a teal border. Large teal quote marks are positioned at the top and bottom center of the frame.

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Older women likewise are to be
reverent in behavior, not
slanderers or slaves to much
wine. They are to teach what is
good, and so train the young
women to love their husbands
and children, to be self-
controlled, pure, working at
home, kind, and submissive to
their own husbands, that the
word of God may not be reviled.

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WEEK 3: R = REDESIGNED GOD'S WAY

- Home: Create a daily habit of cleaning something out or recreating something new in your home.
- Life: You can do this in your diet as well - today create a new healthy eating schedule and/or take a walk.
- Spiritual: Increase your spirituality by committing time with God every day (first things first). Then bring something to the table that God taught you by spending time with Him.

DO YOU HAVE SPACES THAT NEED DECLUTTERING, FREED UP, OR MADE NEW? GOD DOES THIS FOR US IN OUR LIVES . . . AND HE WANTS US TO BE DOING THE SAME WITH WHAT WE ARE BLESSED WITH. SO WHAT IN YOUR HOME OR LIFE NEEDS CLEANED UP, DEFINED, OR MADE NEW?

WEEK 4: R = RESPONSIBLE

- Home: Take responsibility and be intentional in the morning. Let's set a goal this week for something you have wanted to do/accomplish.
- Life: Be intentional and take responsibility to pray with someone you don't know.
- Spiritual: 2 Timothy 2:15: We are responsible to study God's Word . . . commit 10 minutes/day to reading God's word. Then be intentional to listen and journal what He has to share with you; learn how to listen.

DO YOU HAVE A ROUTINE OF BOTH CARVING OUT TIME FOR GOD, THEN SLOWING DOWN ENOUGH TO HEAR AND LISTEN WELL, THEN SHARING WHAT GOD HAS REVEALED TO YOU WITH OTHERS? THIS WILL INCREASE YOUR FAITH AND THEIRS AS THEY SEE WHAT HE SPEAKS COME TO FRUITION.

WEEK 5: I = IMAGE BEARER, YOUR BODY IS A TEMPLE

- Home: Intentional service. Put others (maybe your spouse) before yourself.
- Life: Show self-care by doing something for yourself this week. Something that honors God and which you normally don't do.
- Spiritual: Study what the Bible says about treating others, and bring it to the table (Mark 12:30-31: Love the lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. Love your neighbor as yourself).

HOW GOOD DO YOU THINK YOU ARE AT PUTTING OTHERS AHEAD OF YOURSELF? IF YOU ARE GOOD AT THAT, THEN THE SECOND ITEM IN THIS WEEK WILL LIKELY DO YOU WELL. HOW GOOD ARE YOU AT SELF-CARE? GOD LOVES TO SEE US CARE FOR OUR BODIES WELL. DO YOU NEED TO TAKE AWAY A HABIT THAT HAS COME BACK, OR ADD IN SOMETHING GOOD FOR YOUR BODY?

WEEK 6: O = OBEDIENCE

- Home: Write in your own words what obedience looks like in your home.
- Life: Let's take care of the widows and homeless (find someone to take care of this week who needs help (financially, maybe offer food or physical help, then do something they simply cannot).
- Spiritual: find what obedience looks like in the Bible by looking up Bible verses. Meditate on that verse and bring it to the table.

MANY FIND THE WORD OBEDIENCE TO BE UNSETTLING BUT A WARRIOR WOMAN KNOWS THE POWER FOUND INSIDE WHEN SHE FALLS UNDER THE OBEDIENCE OF OUR ALMIGHTY, OUR THREE-IN-ONE. HOW OBEDIENT TO GOD AND HIS WISHES FOR YOU ARE YOU? DO YOU EVEN KNOW ALL THE THINGS GOD IS ASKING OF YOU?

OBEDIENCE

WEEK 7: R = RELEASE

- What in your home do you need to release to God or physically let go of? This should be something that would not please God. Something that you would want to quickly take out or toss if God Himself showed up for a visit.
- Life: What are you struggling to let go of IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE, such as fear, control, anger, or self-control?
- Spiritual: Look up the Bible verses on the Fruit of the Spirit and bring to the table something you would like to let go of.

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING PHYSICALLY IN YOUR HOME THAT WOULD NOT PLEASE GOD? MAYBE IT IS ALCOHOL. WHICH MAY CAUSE NO HARM TO ONE PERSON IN THE HOUSE BUT IS A CRUTCH TO ANOTHER. MAYBE SUGAR. OR THE TELEVISION? NOW, WHAT CAN YOU FEEL GOD PERSONALLY NUDGING YOU TO LET GO OF (FEAR, FORGIVENESS, ANGER....)?

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YOUR HOME IS ONE OF YOUR BIGGEST INVESTMENTS

THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHO YOUR BUILDER IS

Proverbs 24:3-4 (CEB) "By wisdom a house is built; by understanding it is established. By knowledge rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant wealth."

Building a new home is expensive. The same is true for remodeling. Let's face it . . . construction of any kind costs a lot. Currently, the [average cost to build a new house](#) is around \$300,000.00 not including the land. Like anything, this price will vary depending on what you want in your dream home.

There's a wide range of materials and workmanship that will affect the final price. The size of the home

and location are also determining factors. The national [average price per square foot](#) is \$150.00. This means that a 2,000-square-foot home would cost you \$300,000.00.

The final price comes down to what you want in your home. It's like looking at a bag of groceries—until you know what's in it, you can't know what it's going to cost. It makes a difference whether that bag is full of tissue paper or steak.

Most people don't realize how much these choices can affect the price. Some of the things that have the biggest impact are:

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“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. What is the first thing you will do? Won't you sit down and figure out how much it will cost and if you have enough money to pay for it? Otherwise, you will start building the tower, but not be able to finish. Then everyone who sees what is happening will laugh at you.”

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CONSTRUCTION STYLE

It could be a simple ranch style on a concrete slab, or a multi-level house on a finished basement with high ceilings, a complicated roof, and wrap around porches . . . or somewhere in between.

WINDOWS

These can range from simple, single hung vinyl windows all the way to custom triple pane wood windows with window treatments between the panes.

CABINETS

This is another area in which there is a big difference in quality and styles. You could use simple, basic lumberyard cabinets with veneered manufactured wood, or you might choose custom-made real wood cabinets with specialty options.

COUNTERTOPS

These can range in price and quality from pre-manufactured plastic laminate to custom solid surface or marble.

FLOORING

There are a lot of flooring options, both solid surface and carpet. Sheet vinyl flooring is much less expensive than ceramic tile, and, in the middle, there's a range of luxury vinyl. Carpeting can be a lightweight, inexpensive product or a very expensive wool.

PLUMBING FIXTURES

Even the lower priced plumbing fixtures aren't cheap, and higher priced ones can be scary expensive.

ELECTRICAL FIXTURES

It's amazing how many different styles and qualities of electrical fixtures there are, not to mention the number of cool new electrical gadgets that are out there.

WOODWORK

You can choose to have simple basic base and casing installed or you can have multipiece, custom-made woodwork done. Not to mention there is an enormous number of woodwork options like stairways, mantels, posts, and beams.

FINISHES & FEATURES

Painting and staining are one of those things that most people see as a simple process that shouldn't cost that much. What they don't realize is there is a lot more to it than simply brushing on a coat of paint. Preparation is the part that makes a huge difference to the finished product. The same is true for staining and applying a clear finish. This isn't even considering custom paints and finishes.

These things are a small part of what needs to be considered when building your dream home, and this is only the financial part.

In addition to the dollars and cents, there's an emotional cost that comes with a home construction project. The emotional part can be a lot more expensive and is harder to measure. Most of the time, this part of the construction process isn't given much thought.

That's why it's important when considering a construction project to know how to BUILD. This doesn't mean knowing everything about construction; rather, it means knowing how to navigate the process so you can avoid the overwhelm that happens far too often.

This is where having the right builder comes in. Now let's explore what you should look for in a builder and how hard it is to find a good one.

HAVING THE RIGHT BUILDER CAN HELP PROTECT YOUR HOME INVESTMENT.



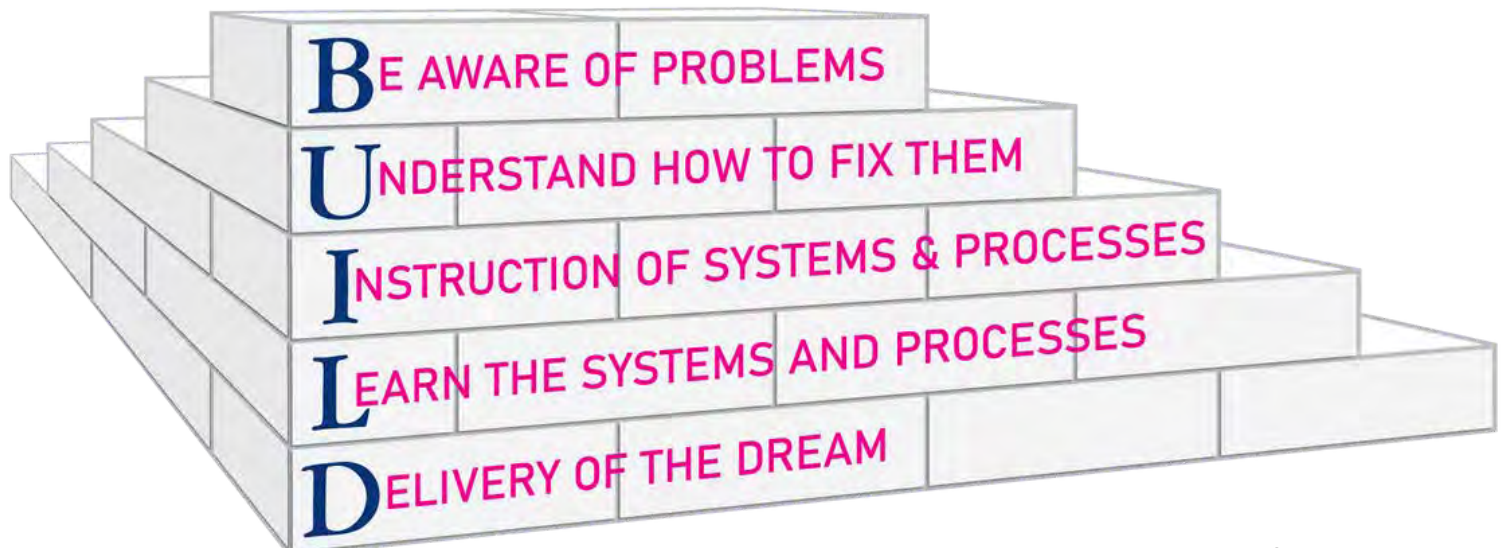
1 Corinthians 3:10 (CEV, Contemporary English Version)

“God treated me with undeserved grace and let me become an expert builder. I laid a foundation on which others have built. But we must each be careful how we build,”

If you’re not careful, building the home of your dreams can become a nightmare.

The number of times I’ve heard people say that building their new home was the worst experience of their life is way too many. This is not how construction projects should be remembered. So, as a construction customer, how can you avoid this from happening to you?

I recommend the 5-step BUILD process.



THIS SIMPLE SYSTEM IS FOUNDATIONAL TO BUILDING YOUR DREAM CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

- ▶ **Be aware** there are problems when it comes to construction. If you've never been involved in a construction project, they can look pretty smooth from the outside. Not so much. Part of the problem is that the **professionals who do this every day know this and are prepared for it**. Construction customers on the other hand can be surprised when problems arise. Being aware there will be problems makes construction projects go much smoother.
- ▶ **Understand** what the problems are and what to do about them. **Knowing about the problems and being prepared for them will make the process much easier to handle**. There's nothing quite so upsetting as when you're expecting one thing and it's not what you get.
- ▶ **Information** about the construction process will help you as you go through your construction project. Gathering information requires some research or guidance from someone who knows construction. This **Information** includes things like knowing what the processes and procedures of construction are or simply knowing what questions to ask. You can search the internet for the basic information but if you don't know construction, it can be hard to tell what you can trust and what you can't. **This is where it is helpful to find a trusted professional**.
- ▶ **Learning** can give the inexperienced construction customer confidence to ask questions of a professional builder. Being **Informed** will help you **learn** about the construction process so that you won't be afraid to ask your builder questions.

A BIG REASON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OFTEN BECOME A NIGHTMARE IS THAT MOST BUILDERS EITHER DON'T REALIZE CUSTOMERS ARE INTIMIDATED BY THEM OR THEY DON'T CARE.

- ▶ **Delivery** of the **DREAM** is the final step of this process. This should be the goal for both the customer and the builder. It's where all the scary, hard work, and time pays off. The customer gets the home of their **dreams**, and the contractor makes a profit.

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Finding the right builder can be hard because there is such a big gap between construction companies and customers. The 5-step BUILD process not only works for construction customers, but also for companies in the construction business.

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This system includes a **Business BUILDing Toolbox for Construction Companies** full of document templates and instructions for things like:

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Matthew 7:24 - 27 (CEB, Common English Bible)

"Everybody who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise builder who built a house on bedrock. 25 The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind blew and beat against that house. It didn't fall because it was firmly set on bedrock. 26 But everybody who hears these words of mine and doesn't put them into practice will be like a fool who built a house on sand. 27 The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind blew and beat against that house. It fell and was completely destroyed."



If you know of a builder or construction company that you think could benefit from this [5-step BUILD system](#), have them contact us for a [free 30-minute construction company consultation](#) to see if the **Business BUILDing Toolbox** is right for them.

Builders can BUILD better if they have the right business systems in place.





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Christian Parenting in Changing Times

In this article you will discover:

- How God has a customized design for each of us individually, which means being:
 - designed by the Creator's blueprint
 - designed on purpose
 - designed with purpose
 - designed for a purpose
- The steps to parenting by God's design
- Five tips for parenting by God's design in a rapidly changing world

"FOR YOU CREATED MY INMOST BEING; YOU KNIT ME TOGETHER IN MY MOTHER'S WOMB. I PRAISE YOU BECAUSE I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE; YOUR WORKS ARE WONDERFUL, I KNOW THAT FULL WELL. MY FRAME WAS NOT HIDDEN FROM YOU WHEN I WAS WOVEN TOGETHER IN THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH. YOUR EYES SAW MY UNFORMED BODY; ALL THE DAYS ORDAINED FOR ME WERE WRITTEN IN YOUR BOOK BEFORE ONE OF THEM CAME TO BE."

PSALM 139:13–16 (NIV)

Sandy and I have been married for 40 years. It has been a grand adventure!

Sandy worked with me as I served as a youth pastor, associate pastor, and director in five churches in Michigan, Indiana, and Pennsylvania, and two churches in Ohio. Sandy served as a volunteer in all the ministries we served in, and then from 2000-2008 she took on the role of sixth grade ministries director that led to her becoming the director of middle school ministries serving hundreds of students weekly.

In 2008, we began our own outreach ministry to Disney employees, which has evolved into Awesome Life Coaching. We seek to reach as many as possible by meeting, caring, and helping them to discover the Creator's design for their life.

We had five daughters in seven years. I can hear your reactions all the way from here. No, we had them one at a time. No, I wasn't trying for a boy. And no, we had no intentions of having five daughters. In fact, I wanted two, Sandy wanted four, and God has a sense of humor . . .

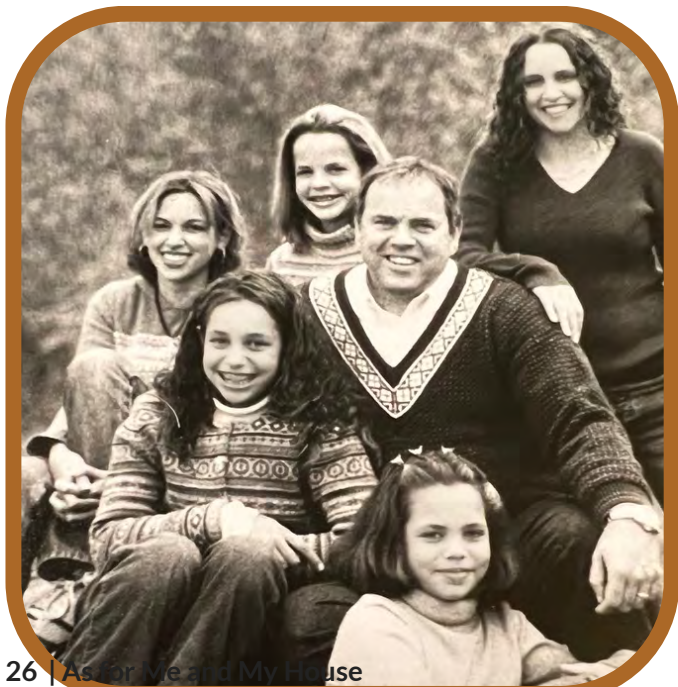


We had our daughters during rapidly changing times. I grew up in the 60's and 70's, which was a very different world from that of the late 80's and into the new millennium. During my lifetime I have lived through the moon landings, the drug culture, the Jesus movement, rock-n-roll, disco, techno music, CCM Magazine, punk rock, four wars, two space shuttle disasters, the Twin Towers falling . . . and the list goes on.

Add to all that the technological advancements we lived through, from getting our first rotary dial phone and our first color television with a remote control. Yes, prior to that, we had to walk across the room to answer a wall phone and get up to change the channel or adjust the volume on our black and white TV; at four years old, I was the remote control!

I love the latest advancements in tech. I have tried to be the first to adopt new innovations such as video games, personal computers, video cameras, and all the latest gadgets and toys. Today, I'm expanding into virtual and augmented reality, web3, and AI—all to keep up with the kids and grandkids.

Becoming a Christian parent can feel overwhelming. Today's rapidly changing society is filled with pressure and challenges at every turn. With each generation, it can feel as though a new set of challenges await, ready to test one's faith and abilities to parent. But the Creator has a purpose and design for each one of our children. There are ways to navigate today's culture and to parent in line with God's design for each child.



Discovering the Creator's Design and Purpose for Your Children



As parents, it's important to remember that every child is created with a unique purpose and design. In Psalm 139:13-16, David provides us some insights into the Creator's plan for every person who has ever lived, supported by other Scriptures:

- **Designed from God's customized blueprint:** God creates our inward parts, that is your DNA is personalized and customized by God, especially for you (Psalm 18:30)
- **Designed on purpose:** God knit us together. Using your genetic code, God designed you on purpose, exactly as He intended with no mistakes (Isaiah 55:8-9)
- **Designed with purpose:** God has woven us into time and space. God has a plan for each of us and God has placed us here and now for "such a time as this" (Esther 4:14)
- **Designed for a purpose:** God has written our story in His book before the creation of time. God designed you for a purpose that only you can fulfill (Proverbs 16:4)



Is it any wonder that David says in Psalm 139:6 (NIV) *"This extraordinary knowledge is beyond me. It is lofty, I am unable to reach it."*

It's our duty as Christian parents to unlock our design. Then we can help our children unlock their full potential and find their way in the world, guided by God's wisdom and love. This can be accomplished by nurturing their God-given individual talents and interests, encouraging them to explore new things, and supporting them when they encounter struggles or obstacles. While it may be difficult to let go and allow our children to explore their own paths, we must trust in God's plan for their lives and give them the independence and support they need to succeed.

Parenting by God's Design

Many of us may be wondering what it truly means to parent using God's plan, and how to discern what that plan might be for our children. We start by centering our parenting style on the teachings of Jesus Christ. This means leading by example. We achieve this when we allow our beliefs to rub off on our children, sharing the messages of salvation and redemption with them, and instilling in them the importance of putting their faith first in all things.

As Christian parents, it's easy to get wrapped up in our own desires and expectations for our children. But it's important to remember that God's plan is not always our own, and that we must put our faith in Him to guide us and our children in the right direction. At times, it may mean taking a step back and allowing God to do His work in our children's lives and putting aside our own fears and doubts about their futures.

Tips for Parenting in a Rapidly Changing Culture

Parenting in today's culture can be particularly challenging, with new technologies and pressures constantly vying for our children's attention. Here are some tips for navigating this ever-changing landscape as Christian parents:

1 Focus on building relationships

Take the time to be present. Connect with your children on a deeper level. Build trust and open communication to strengthen your bond with your children.

(Deuteronomy 6:5-9, Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 6:4)

2 Monitor media consumption

Be mindful of what your children are watching, listening to, and playing online. Set boundaries and restrictions as necessary to promote healthy media consumption habits.

(Philippians 4:8, Matthew 6:33-34)

3 Encourage critical thinking

Teach your children to think critically about the world around them, to challenge conventional wisdom, and to ask questions seeking the truth.

(2 Timothy 2:7, 1 John 4:1, Matthew 6:33)

4 Teach compassion

Encourage your children to show love and compassion to others.

(1 Corinthians 13:4-7, John 13:34)

5 Model faith in action

Live out your faith in your everyday life, in your words and actions, to serve as a role model of Christ-like living for your children.

(Hebrews 11:1 & 6, 1 John 4:16-19)

Final Thoughts

Raising children in today's rapidly changing world can be daunting, but with faith, love, and guidance, it is possible to preserve and protect our legacy of Christian parenting. By discovering the Creator's design and purpose for our children, parenting by God's plan, and staying mindful of the challenges of today's culture, we can raise children who are compassionate, have clarity about their identity, and certainty that they will fulfill God's purpose in their lives.



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For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my
mother's womb. I praise you
because I am fearfully and
wonderfully made; your works are
wonderful, I know that full well.
My frame was not hidden from
you when I was woven together
in the depths of the earth. Your
eyes saw my unformed body; all
the days ordained for me were
written in your book before one
of them came to be.

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UNITY DONE GOD'S WAY . . . TAKING A TIP FROM JESUS

I'm Niccie, the CEO of Fulfill Your Legacy, and creator of this magazine. I decided to make the *As for Me and My House Magazine* years ago to highlight those in our Legacy Leader Community and the great work God is doing in them as they transform the lives of those they've been called to help and to serve.

True to form, God will not move us into the next glory He has for us until we, and He, are ready. So, as with book one in the series (*The Living Legacy*, where individuals get their personal life and purpose God-partnered), He waited until I was 46 years old, in a job I loved and empty-nesting on our horizon, to prompt my increased faith and call to go make disciples of first me and then those I love.

I obeyed this call back in 2016 and wrote every bit of my transformation down into *The Living Legacy* book. I've been watching God transform lives one by one ever since. I assumed book two would come immediately and I knew it was to be about sharing my God-partnered life with my family. I would need to share this newfound faith with my husband and children.

But that book didn't come immediately. He had work to do in me first. How could I be used to spread God's truth if I didn't really know it in the first place? Sad to say, it took almost three years of preparation to get me there. I studied the Bible and began teaching others about God's work and truth for us. I become bolder and started

An overhead photograph of a group of people sitting around a large wooden table. Several smartphones are placed on the table, and the people's hands are visible reaching towards them. The image is semi-transparent, serving as a background for the text.

PUT AWAY WHAT THE WORLD TELLS US ABOUT UNITY AND JUSTICE. AND PUT AWAY THE THINGS THE WORLD USES TO PULL US INWARD AND AWAY FROM ONE ANOTHER . . .

"I APPEAL TO YOU, BROTHERS, BY THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THAT ALL OF YOU AGREE, AND THAT THERE BE NO DIVISIONS AMONG YOU, BUT THAT YOU BE UNITED IN THE SAME MIND AND THE SAME JUDGMENT." 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10 (ESV)

speaking my faith out loud. This is when book two, *The Loving Legacy - As For Me & My House* started to unfold. If you look at the sections of this magazine, you can see the areas of focus in which God inspired me to get our homes God-partnered (house, marriage, parenting, finances, and health). As with book one, I'm now seeing my home and that of those who read the magazine transformed before my eyes, all to the glory of God.

For years I've known what book three is all about: COMMUNITY. So why is it not out yet? Well, seemingly because God has been doing some work in me. He has been giving me a heart for the lost and forgotten. He's been teaching me how to tap into the Holy Spirit for healing, clarity, and strength.

And praise the Lord, I'm seeing Him moving me into COMMUNITY and preparing us all for book three, *The Learning Legacy* where we follow after Jesus to take back not just our lives with book one, or our homes with book two, but OUR COMMUNITIES with book three. This will mean putting away the things that have been separating us and stepping into the very practices Jesus did to bring individuals who by worldly standards did not belong together, back together, united in one body, where healing, grace, love, God's judgment, teaching, and generosity reside.

TIP #1 SUPPORT / BELONGING

While the world gets it so right in many ways, we are destined to fall when we fail to keep God as the source of our support and belonging. We've seen it over and over again all throughout the Old Testament and still today, people looking for belonging and support from THINGS (idols) that do not and never will sustain. So, like Jesus directed, a strong community needs to seek God for truth, belonging, and support.

When Jesus wasn't up on a mountain connecting with God for support in the most powerful way, He was gathering up others to support them with the same - God's love, God's teaching, and God's power.

Are your communities and those closest to you teaching you how to lean on God for support as Jesus did?



TIP #2 WISDOM / KNOWLEDGE

Great communities bring together diverse perspectives, experiences, and expertise. This diversity allows for the exchange of ideas and knowledge-sharing, leading to innovation, problem-solving, and personal growth. The collective wisdom of a community can be a valuable resource for individuals seeking guidance, advice, or new insights.

But what if this guidance, advice, or new insight is not rooted in truth, GOD'S TRUTH? Then you will not be helping folks transform into the likeness of God as Jesus was; rather, you will be encouraging them to do the opposite.

DO NOT LIE TO ONE ANOTHER, SEEING THAT YOU HAVE PUT OFF THE OLD SELF WITH ITS PRACTICES AND HAVE PUT ON THE NEW SELF, WHICH IS BEING RENEWED IN KNOWLEDGE AFTER THE IMAGE OF ITS CREATOR. COLOSSIANS 3:9-10 ESV

No wonder God had waited for me to learn and understand His Word and teaching before trying to impart any sort of wisdom or teaching on others. I hope this inspires you to be careful of the communities you unite with – the schools, social settings, and even churches you are joining up with. There will be many false prophets in the end and we are told in the scriptures that many will fall for these false teachings in the end.

TIPS #3 SOCIAL CHANGE / ADVOCACY

Communities have the power to mobilize and drive social change. We see this being used for worldly advantages every day, so Christians too need to remember the power of social justice (something Jesus was very committed to) as we choose or develop a community.

When individuals unite around a common cause or issue, their collective voice becomes stronger, amplifying their influence on decision-makers and societal norms.

Communities can advocate for justice, equality, or any other shared values, leading to tangible impact and positive transformations.

But this can also lead us astray if it's not rooted in God's truth and love. So, how did Jesus inspire much-needed social change and advocacy?

AND IF ANYONE SINS, WE HAVE AN ADVOCATE WITH THE FATHER, JESUS CHRIST THE RIGHTEOUS. AND HE HIMSELF IS THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS, AND NOT FOR OURS ONLY BUT ALSO FOR THE WHOLE WORLD. 1 JOHN 2:1-2 ESV

If we find ourselves or another acting unjustly we should repent and let the work Jesus has gifted us with take root for reform and change. The Holy Spirit will help us with this. But do the communities you are a part of teach this? Are you participating in this type of transformation in the communities you participate in? Do you even know what Holy Spirit justice looks like?

I'm getting God-inspired revelations often now as book three on *community* is being revealed to me. And I have to admit, this was one of the most powerful blocks I had to learn to recognize. God wants us to be image-bearers like Jesus was. Jesus knew we would need an advocate after He left SO WE COULD TALK INTO – COME INTO – THE PRESENCE OF GOD. As Christians, we are no longer Old Testament sojourners. When we accept Christ into our lives, we become image-bearers. We need to take this seriously, and the communities we are building or are a part of should, too.

I don't want to scare folks but the enemy has learned this. He is taking possession of our sisters and brothers, causing them (us) to act in hate, blame, guilt, and despair. When we are image-bearers, we should be and present ourselves in the character of God, as Jesus did. Do you or your community practice this?



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Concerning Spiritual Gifts

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

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TIP #4 COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION

Communities enable collaboration and cooperation among individuals with complementary skills and resources. By working together, community members can achieve goals that would be difficult or impossible to attain individually. Collaborative efforts within communities can lead to innovation, economic growth, and the development of shared resources.

In a world that is pulling us apart, with tech advancements, disease, and/or diversity we need to find ways to hold fast to God's desire for us.

LET US DRAW NEAR WITH A TRUE HEART IN FULL ASSURANCE OF FAITH, WITH OUR HEARTS SPRINKLED CLEAN FROM AN EVIL CONSCIENCE AND OUR BODIES WASHED WITH PURE WATER. LET US HOLD FAST THE CONFESSION OF OUR HOPE WITHOUT WAVERING, FOR HE WHO PROMISED IS FAITHFUL. AND LET US CONSIDER HOW TO STIR UP ONE ANOTHER TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS, NOT NEGLECTING TO MEET TOGETHER, AS IS THE HABIT OF SOME, BUT ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER, AND ALL THE MORE AS YOU SEE THE DAY DRAWING NEAR. HEBREWS 10:22-25 ESV

TIPS #5 RESILIENCE AND SUPPORT

Communities provide a network of support during times of crisis or adversity. In the face of challenges such as natural disasters, health emergencies, or personal hardships, communities can rally together to offer aid, resources, and emotional support. The collective strength and resilience of a community can help individuals overcome difficulties and rebuild their lives.

If we do not meet together, how do we hear of each other's needs? If I don't see my sister weeping in the pew next to mine, or my neighbor struggling to make ends meet, how can I have a heart to help? While I may be completely different from the members of my community, with one shared truth (our Savior) I can respond in care.

THE EYE CANNOT SAY TO THE HAND, "I HAVE NO NEED OF YOU," NOR AGAIN THE HEAD TO THE FEET, "I HAVE NO NEED OF YOU." ON THE CONTRARY, THE PARTS OF THE BODY THAT SEEM TO BE WEAKER ARE INDISPENSABLE, AND ON THOSE PARTS OF THE BODY THAT WE THINK LESS HONORABLE WE BESTOW THE GREATER HONOR, AND OUR UNPRESENTABLE PARTS ARE TREATED WITH GREATER MODESTY, WHICH OUR MORE PRESENTABLE PARTS DO NOT REQUIRE. BUT GOD HAS SO COMPOSED THE BODY, GIVING GREATER HONOR TO THE PART THAT LACKED IT, THAT THERE MAY BE NO DIVISION IN THE BODY, BUT THAT THE MEMBERS MAY HAVE THE SAME CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER. IF ONE MEMBER SUFFERS, ALL SUFFER TOGETHER; IF ONE MEMBER IS HONORED, ALL REJOICE TOGETHER. 1 CORINTHIANS 12:21-26 ESV

TIPS #6 EMPOWERMENT

Community involvement can empower individuals to discover their strengths, passions, and purpose. By actively participating in a community, individuals can gain confidence, develop leadership skills, and expand their networks. Communities can provide opportunities for personal growth, learning, and self-expression.

Are you involved in a community that pushes you and grows you for the good of others, or simply yourself? I love this part of a thriving community. The Legacy Leaders are constantly growing and raising each other up. In our homes, at work, and in our community we should be inspiring each other to learn of our God-given gifts and talents . . . and then use them for the good of others.

THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF GIFTS, BUT THE SAME SPIRIT DISTRIBUTES THEM. THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF SERVICE, BUT THE SAME LORD. THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF WORKING, BUT IN ALL OF THEM AND IN EVERYONE IT IS THE SAME GOD AT WORK. NOW TO EACH ONE THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT IS GIVEN FOR THE COMMON GOOD. TO ONE THERE IS GIVEN THROUGH THE SPIRIT A MESSAGE OF WISDOM, TO ANOTHER A MESSAGE OF KNOWLEDGE BY MEANS OF THE SAME SPIRIT, TO ANOTHER FAITH BY THE SAME SPIRIT, TO ANOTHER GIFTS OF HEALING BY THAT ONE SPIRIT, TO ANOTHER MIRACULOUS POWERS, TO ANOTHER PROPHECY, TO ANOTHER DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN SPIRITS, TO ANOTHER SPEAKING IN DIFFERENT KINDS OF TONGUES, AND TO STILL ANOTHER THE INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES. ALL THESE ARE THE WORK OF ONE AND THE SAME SPIRIT, AND HE DISTRIBUTES THEM TO EACH ONE, JUST AS HE DETERMINES. 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11 NIV



TIPS #7 CULTURAL PRESERVATION & IDENTITY

Communities play a vital role in preserving cultural heritage, traditions, and identities. They provide a space for individuals to celebrate their shared history, language, customs, and values. By maintaining cultural connections within a community, individuals can foster a sense of pride, belonging, and continuity across generations.

LET THE WORD OF CHRIST DWELL IN YOU RICHLY, TEACHING AND ADMONISHING ONE ANOTHER IN ALL WISDOM, SINGING PSALMS AND HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS, WITH THANKFULNESS IN YOUR HEARTS TO GOD. COLOSSIANS 3:16 ESV

There is so much power in the community; we do become like those with whom we hang around. If we opt to *not* MEET together, then who *are* we meeting with and spending time with because that is what will be teaching us. I fear COVID got us into the habit of yes, connecting with our faith by putting a GREAT sermon on our TV or phone, but that is only one way of connecting; community culture isn't able to do all it is designed to do this way. It is when we sit with each other and engage back and forth that we are able to wholeheartedly share wisdom (knowledge in action), join in one voice (praising TOGETHER), praying in numbers, and so on.

We miss so much of what faith is about if we fail to meet together.

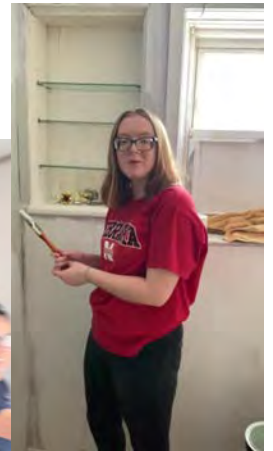
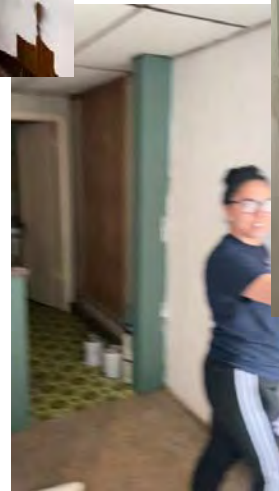
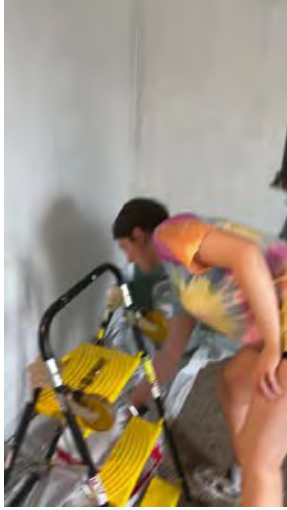
To end this article well, I will have to tell you to simply keep an eye open. **Watch the Legacy Leaders and myself as we keep on following God's promptings and teaching,** as we commit to learning more and more from Him, as we strive to seek HIM first, and to stay in community with each other as well as within our own individual communities.

God has opened a door for me to become involved in my community and I am so grateful. I can see HIM working and cannot wait to see how it will be blessed.

This is the work of the Lord; thy kingdom come, thy will be done. So let's do what we can in our communities to bring Him TO THE COMMUNITY AS JESUS DID.

On the next page, are some pics and clips of the Legacy Houses revealed to me by God's design within a local non-profit, Zestos, Alton, Iowa. They consist of Shepherd's Closet (clothing and household for consignment or free to those in need), Shepherd's Legacy (4 apartments free or income-based for those wanting to get back on their feet with Christian support), Shepherd's 10th Str. Showroom (furniture and appliances for consignment or free to those in need), Shepherd's Foodshare (a 24 hr. pantry and monthly drive-up). I'm most excited about the community space we are now preparing for sharing the word of Christ through teaching, admonishing, and singing with thankfulness in our hearts to God.

Stepping in with Community Support

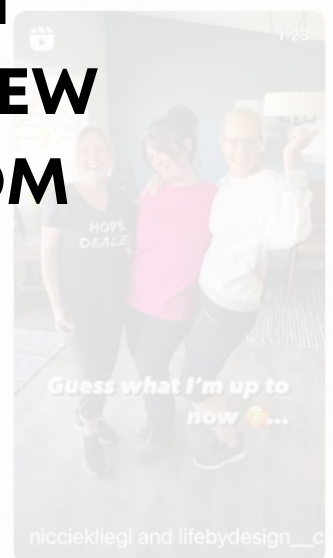




STAY TUNED AND PLEASE REACH OUT IF YOU:

- **FEEL NUDGED TO HELP GET THESE SPACES READY FOR A UKRAINIAN FAMILY & ONE YOUNG MOM**
- **FEEL NUDGED TO HELP US DISCIPLE AND LOVE THE FAMILIES AND OUR COMMUNITY WITH LIVE CHRISTIAN TRAINING**
- **FEEL CALLED TO HELP US WITH FLOORING AND INSTALLING NEW DOORS/WINDOWS/BATHROOM SHOWER STALLS/TOILETS**

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And so it goes...

The Legacy Coaching Certification Began!