

Shoulder to *shoulder*

IN ORDER THAT WE MIGHT TEACH, SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE
ONE ANOTHER IN OUR PERSONAL WALK WITH THE LORD.

H.O.P.E.

by Julie Gorman

"Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

During many seasons of life, I've shouted: God, can you hear me? Do you care? Where are you? Like a shipwrecked sailor lost at sea, in need of something to cling to, I searched for a life preserver. At times, I felt abandoned, isolated, doomed to drown in the dense, dark, murky waters surrounding my life. But each time, God faithfully rescued me.

Today, as I prayed, God reminded me of Romans 5:3-5. Paul writes: "we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us." (NIV)

What is this *hope* and how can we obtain it?



Friends, WE ARE NOT ALONE!
Though the dark seasons of our lives undoubtedly leave their mark, by the mercy and grace of God, they will NOT destroy us! Regardless how we feel, regardless of the circumstances, regardless of our battles, we are NOT alone!

"Put your hope in the LORD both now and forevermore."
Psalm 131:3 (NIV)

- **H**old fast to who God is. He is love (1 John 4:16). He is faithful (1 Corinthians 10:13). He is good (Psalm 73:1). When life doesn't make sense, we must remember JESUS' sacrifice and hold fast to God's love.
- **O**vercome the enemy's lies with the truth of God's Word (John 8:31-32, Hebrews 4:12). The enemy whispers accusations. He taunts. He torments. But we will overcome Him with the word of our testimony and the blood of the lamb. In Matthew 4, Jesus left an example for us to follow--*it is written!*
- **P**ray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). Our prayers invite our Heavenly Daddy to help us, to heal us, to uphold us. "The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; He delivers them from all their troubles." (Psalm 34:17, NIV)
- **E**mbrace (Ephesians 6:10-18) "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 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. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."(NIV)

The Women's Ministry would like to thank Julie for sharing at this year's Fall Retreat at Lake Placid!
For more information on Julie and her ministry, "His Love Extended",
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Pumpkin Spice Latte

1 – 1 ½ cups brewed strong coffee
 4 cups milk
 4 Tablespoons canned puree pumpkin
 2 ½ teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
 ¼ cup sugar
 3 Tablespoons vanilla extract
 Whipped cream (optional)

Add coffee and milk to your slow cooker. Whisk in pumpkin, spices, sugar and vanilla. Cover and cook on high for 2 hours. Whisk again before serving, ladle into mugs and add whipped cream, cinnamon or nutmeg on top! **ENJOY!**

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Scripture Memory Team

Women standing together with our swords drawn!

More information coming November 20th!

Women's Ministry Welcomes Additions to Leadership Team

by Amy Bertsche

It is a pleasure to introduce **Michelle Rowland** and **Betsy Roberts**, the newest members of the Women's Ministry Leadership Team. These ladies are passionate about working with women and leading them to the heart of God!

Michelle is taking over our Encouragement Team, in place of Renee (Depew) Von Gunten who served faithfully for many years. For those who have been in Bible study with Michelle, you know that she is gifted in the area of encouragement. Michelle's genuine heart for others is very evident. Michelle is looking for women to help her in this area by sending and making cards, assisting with cleaning or other projects in the homes of women who need extra help, to making care packages or gift baskets, or with other needs that may arise. Please be sure to let her know if you'd be interested in helping!

Betsy (aka "Paula Deen" to some ☺) is not new to Women's Ministry, but instead is adding a new dimension to the ministry. She coordinated the Leadership Team for 3 years and has been creating the beautiful newsletter that you receive several times throughout the year. Betsy will also be heading up a new ministry area called the "Shoulder 2 Shoulder (S2S) Scripture Memory Team". This is a passion that God has given to Betsy, and she is working hard to get this ready to launch in January, 2012. You will be hearing more about this opportunity in the upcoming weeks!

Both Michelle and Betsy are open to God's leading as they take their "Next Steps" in ministry. Where might God be asking you to take your "Next Step"?

Lord of the Harvest

By Becky Swymeler

As the combines begin to whirl, tractors run up and down the road and farmers begin to speculate over how many bushels per acre their crops will bring - we are reminded that "Harvest" is finally here!

As Christian women, we are called to "harvest" as well. In Matthew 9:37-38, Jesus says to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his field."

From those in the field, to those hauling the grain to market, to the many women behind the scenes seeing that all of the workers are fed (boy, I can remember as a child helping my Grandma in the kitchen, and I can almost taste that fried chicken as I write this) it takes a lot of workers to bring in the harvest from the field. Many workers are also needed to bring in God's harvest. But in Matthew, Jesus tells us that "the workers are few". Why?! Perhaps it is because so few of us are actively participating in the harvest as we should!

Jesus issues "The Great Commission" to all of us in Matthew 28: 19-20, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Sisters, we are called to participate in the great "Harvest of Souls". Whether it's sharing your testimony with



Simple ways to share ...

- Look for opportunities to invite another person to church ...
- Invite a friend to join you for an upcoming women's event ...
- Share a verse on facebook ...
- Write, practice and be prepared to share your testimony ...
- Pray for opportunities to share ...

someone or simply offering to pray before a meal with unbelievers. It's the simple things that we do that will allow others to see HIS difference in us. All the world events that we see tell us that the harvest time is getting shorter and shorter. Each and every day brings us closer to our Lord's return ...

... may the Lord of the Harvest find each of us faithful!

The Women's Ministry exists in order that we might teach, support and encourage one another in our personal walk with the LORD, as we serve our families, our church body and our communities.

Upcoming Events

November 20	Senior Luncheon
November 23	Thanksgiving Eve Services
December 25	Christmas Day
December 31	New Year's Eve Candlelight Service
January 1	S2S Scripture Memory begins!
January 9	Ladies Exercise begins ~ Kidz Connection
January 10	Winter Bible Studies begin
January 11	Prayer Shawl Ministry ~ Room 102
January 14	2012 Port Oasis Cruise
March 9 & 10	Spring Women's Retreat

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