

HEALTHY CHURCH NETWORK PRESENTS

Believing Women

a newsletter for women of faith

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THE MISSION OF BELIEVING WOMEN

Who Are We?

Believing Women is a ministry of the **Healthy Church Network**, an initiative of **Biblical Ministries Worldwide**. We exist to inspire the many women who serve in their local churches, through relationships and resources, to continue building and strengthening those churches for the glory of God.

Our aim is to provide these relationships and resources through quarterly newsletters — starting with this one — online courses with **Arbor Network** designed for women in ministry, and women's sessions in cooperation with Healthy Church Network conferences around the U.S.

We're excited to see what the Lord will do through His daughters as we join together in helping to build His Church!

LET'S GROW TOGETHER

Meet Julie...

I'm a ministry wife and mom who has served on the mission field in South Africa for sixteen years. Since returning to the States in 2020, I have taught women missionary candidates each summer for **Biblical Ministries Worldwide**, and I've also written and taught a women's ministry internship at **Veritas Baptist College**.

My passion is to see women grow strong in their faith as they learn to apply the precious truths found in the Word of God.

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BE REMINDED

WHO ARE YOU?

Your Identity in Christ

What defines you? What gives value to your life? Many of us would answer this question by talking about our jobs, families, skills, and hobbies. Women's lives are often more subject to change than men's, as our kids go through different stages of growth and our careers tend to be more flexible and on-and-off. We may define ourselves by our roles — mother, teacher, friend — our talents, or our blessings. When those things change or are lost, we wonder, "Who am I now?"

The Bible says that the two most important things about you are that you have been **created in the image of God** (Gen. 1:26) and, if you've been saved, you've been **redeemed by the blood of Jesus** (2 Cor. 5:17). My dear friend, how I long for you to let these truths take root in your heart! Your life matters because the God of the universe made you... on purpose... to reflect His beauty and glorify Him. And if that isn't enough, He also sent His precious Son to die on a cross so that you could be forgiven and become part of His family (John 3:16, Rom. 8:15)!

Here's how this truth can change our daily lives. Once I realize that I am made in God's image, I will see the value of every human life — even those who don't yet know Him, who still reflect His beauty, sometimes in broken ways. And for those who do know Him, He is changing us bit by bit into the image of His gracious Son (2 Cor. 3:18). So even if life takes away our defining roles, relationships, or blessings, we are still His children. He still knows who we are, even when we are uncertain of our own identity, and there is great freedom in that knowledge.

You are His creation, His beloved daughter. Let those truths be enough for your heart today.

WHAT'S ON MY NIGHTSTAND

Book Reviews

*Suffering is Never for Nothing*, Elisabeth Elliot (2019)

Published posthumously from recorded lectures, this simple little book is a precious treasure. Elizabeth's no-nonsense wisdom shines through as she shares lessons her Father taught her. She sees suffering as a gift from God — one we offer back up to Him. Like the little boy's lunch, or the widow's oil and flour, what we can offer is a pitiful thing. But He can use it to bless the world and bring glory to Himself. Read this book to encourage yourself to think biblically about suffering, and consider sharing it with a friend!

*Every Woman a Theologian*, Phyllicia Masonheimer (2023)

I enjoyed this book so much that I now need to buy my own copy, since I borrowed it from the library! Phyllicia does a terrific job of covering huge topics — soteriology, anyone? — in twenty-page chapters, walking through each of the major doctrines and presenting how our beliefs in each area affect how we live. My only reservation is her chapter on eschatology. Overall, though, I found the book very helpful, and it has inspired me to strive to teach doctrine to women simply and clearly, as she has done.

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