

DUBOIS LIGHT & LIFE CHURCH

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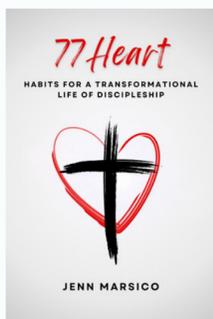
MAY 2024

Hello, May!

May is a time of Celebration! Jubilation! Flowers, trees, weeds! Renewal! How great is our God! He gives us reason to rejoice over and over every spring. His promise is that there is always an ending to cold, dark times. However, we need not wait for a specific time line, He is always there for us, to answer our needs and to celebrate with and have a Jubilee!

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Check it out!



77 Heart: Habits for a Transformational Life of Discipleship by Jenn Marsico

11-week Devotional Journal that exists to help you create a life of Spiritual Discipline. Reader, beware. You will not be the same when you finish!

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

“Peace with God is not just an idea or concept. It is **relational** and is experienced through the **presence** of God.”

- Mark Lutchter

LIFE GROUPS AT L&L

77 Heart: Sunday Mornings at 8:30AM

Understanding and engaging spiritual discipline's TOGETHER.
Inspired by Jen Marsico's Book : 77 Heart Every Sunday mornings at 8:30am,
downstairs in the dining hall.

ABLAZE Youth Group: Tuesdays 6-8PM

ABLAZE stands for Abiding, Believing, Living, Active Examples for Christ, and is
our teen centered youth group for students in 7th grade to 12th grade.

AGLOW Kids Night: Wednesdays 6-7:30PM - Downstairs

An opportunity for children in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade to gather
weekly for worship, lesson, snack, and playtime.

Parenting Life Group: Wednesdays 6-7:30PM - Sanctuary

Through the Word of God, our own experiences, and other biblically based
resources, we will be exploring and discussing issues that married couples face
everyday as they navigate life together, raise a family, and more.

Ladies Luncheon: 3rd Thursday of the month at 12PM

A time to catch up with women and have God-centered conversations while
enjoying lunch together. May 15th will be at Reynoldsville Diner

Men's Breakfast: 1st Saturday of the month 9AM

Men of the church join together in fellowship over breakfast at a rotating schedule
of meeting places. May 4th will be at Eat N Park. June 1st will be at Perkins.

Men's Life Group: 3rd Sunday of the month at 4PM - Sanctuary

This is for any man wanting to grow deeper in Christ and make closer
connections with other men inside the church, challenging you to be strong and
courageous men of God.

Sit & Stitch: 3rd Sunday of the month at 4PM - Downstairs

A life group for all the creatives who love to knit, crochet, embroider, sew, etc.
Bring your own supplies and projects to work on as we talk about life in Christ and
get our crafting on! (if you don't have anything to bring, we will have extra for you).

TESTIMONY TIME

Fear: A Peace Killer by Penny Bantly

After one of Pastor Mark's sermons on fear, I was meditating on it. I was wondering how I would initially react to any situation that would involve someone that I loved. A situation of danger. While pondering that thought, God reminded me of a memory that involved Doug - my late husband - and my initial reaction to a situation.

Doug was having a relatively simple procedure done, and the doctor insisted that Doug was to have a chest x-ray prior to having the procedure. Though irritated, Doug agreed to have it done. The results came in, on a day that I was in Philadelphia working. The doctor called and said that they found a 'suspicious' area in Doug's right lung. Anyone in the medical field knows what that means - cancer. That word strikes terror in your heart and fear reared its ugly head. Doug had not been told yet, and I asked them to wait and call tomorrow when I would be home with him.

That day and the drive home is still a blur... crying, trying to drive safely, wondering how we are going to do this. Meanwhile, God had been pressing me to get a job back home that I didn't really want to do. I was honestly, pretty stubborn about it. (Yeah, I know Bobbie & Amy! That is an understatement). I had a great job and made a six-figure income. I did not want to lose that kind of financial freedom. But, my world was turning upside down.

The next day, the doctor called again and told Doug the news. Needless to say we were both scared and felt the earth slipping from under us and felt abandoned by God.

Later that very day, I asked God to help me understand why this was happening.

One thing I knew for sure was that I had to get the paralyzing fear under control. Pastor Mark & Angel had told me that fear and faith cannot reside in the same vessel. Where there is fear there is no faith. Understand, I am NOT saying that there is no faith at all, just that my fear was bigger than my faith in this situation. I needed my Heavenly Father so I could stay strong and fight. I was not going to let fear take up room where faith belonged. The struggle was real and it became a real street fight.

I asked God to lead me to healing scriptures and wrote down every single one from the four gospels. However, the one that God took me to had nothing to do with healing but instead, fear.

2 Timothy 1:7 - "for God did not give us a spirit of fear but of power, love, and a sound mind."

So, if God did not give us fear...who did? Satan of course.

Because fear keeps your mind on YOU, YOUR situation, and how YOU are going to fix things. It keeps you away from God who is the only answer.

TESTIMONY TIME (cont.)

So, I read this verse and I thought, "Thank you, God!" Then I hear, "Read it again." so I did. Then I hear, "Read it out loud." and I did. I was starting to get frustrated because I knew that I was missing something. Again, I hear, "Read it again, this time louder." So I did. This time I screamed it and started to cry in frustration. God was trying to show me something and I was just not getting it. So, I asked the Holy Spirit to help me understand the missing link and to reveal to me what the Father was trying to tell me. This time, I re-read it slowly and purposefully. The word 'power' actually lit up! God was trying to show me the ORDER of the words. Power came before love!

- 1.Power.
- 2.Love.
- 3.Strong Mind.

Power means to expel fear through God's strength. Our father is a God of love and within that love, He is all things to and for us. Power... that was exactly what I needed. The power to stand strong under this diagnosis. Not just for me, but for Doug and our family. The power to fight for Doug's physical and spiritual life. But this kind of power can only come from God.

I prayed for Doug's physical healing, but in the end, my God gathered Doug up in His hands and took him to his real home for eternal healing. One year before Doug went home, he gave his life to Jesus. 36 years of praying. I say that because we should NEVER give up...because God never gives up on us.

So, when Mark preached the fear part of the peace series it really hit home. I am not going to say that I do not battle fear anymore, but the moments that I spend in fear are significantly less before hitting my knees. I know where my power lies and where my strength comes from.

P.S. Thanks to my church community for all you have done for me. - Penny

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SHARE YOUR TESTIMONIES & PRAISE REPORTS WITH US TO BE FEATURED IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER! YOUR TESTIMONY COULD MAKE A TREMENDOUS DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE. YOU CAN SHARE BY SUBMITTING YOUR TESTIMONIES ON OUR

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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THIS & THAT FROM L&L



Tammy Meholick lead an evangelism outreach class to teach people how to speak about Jesus in every day conversations. If you are interested in learning, we encourage you to reach out!



The last Sunday of April was dedicated to our new members of Light and Life. We hosted “Lunch With The Leaders” to give new members an opportunity to ask questions, and get to know the hearts of Pastor and the leaders here at Light and Life.



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STAY IN TOUCH, GET INVOLVED

Download our church app today to keep updated with the latest sermons, events, life group opportunities, chats, and more!

Jeanne and Dustie work each month to create a newsletter that is engaging and inspiring for our L&L Tribe. We would love for **YOU** to be part of it! You can submit a poem, devotional, artwork, or song that you have created and we may feature it in our next newsletter!

We especially need **TESTIMONIES**. If God is doing something in your life, **SHARE** it! See Jeanne or Dustie to submit your creative work, or visit our app and submit your testimony!

THANK YOU FOR READING!