



HEART to HEART

women's ministry newsletter

CALVARY MURRIETA

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OUR RESORT

When we were in Burma visiting the kids, the Holy Spirit directed me to Psalm 71 one morning in my devotions. Although it's called "A Prayer for the Aged," I like it anyway! :) I'm not sure if it's because it's so green where they live, or because I was dreaming about being at one, but the word "resort" in verse 3

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totally jumped out at me. "Be my strong habitation, to which I may RESORT continually; You have given the commandment to save me, for You are my Rock and my Fortress." In context, the word "resort" means to "frequent" or "go to," but I really like the picture of the Lord actually being my "resort." Webster defines a resort as "A self-contained commercial establishment that tries to provide most of a vacationer's wants, such as food, drink, lodging, sports, entertainment, and shopping." Think about it. He wants to be our resort, the place we run to; self-contained, providing all we need. Food (Bread of Life), drink (Living Water), lodging (Abide in Him), sports (ability to run and not be weary), etc. He is our resort ... a place to rest, a place to dream, a place to get refocused, renewed, refreshed ... He is all that, and more. Simply put, He is enough. He wants to be where I run when I'm afraid, or discouraged, or unhappy, or when I'm hurt. He wants to be where I run when I feel "less than" or "not enough" or "all alone." And this resort is free! All we can eat and drink, all we need, continually. An endless adventure. A place to rest. He is the ultimate resort, the "Love Resort."

Similar to an actual resort, you have to make a decision to go. You can drive by a beautiful resort every day, admiring the pool and the gardens, but you can't really appreciate or enjoy it until you commit to staying there. That's your choice. Same with a relationship with the Lord. You may even be a believer, but when you're hurting, or need wisdom, or just want to be close to Him, you have to choose. You may drive by or visit a church, or even carry your Bible. But if you haven't committed to Him, choosing to make Him your resort, choosing to run to Him for all your needs, you'll never experience true peace, rest, or abundant living. Psalm 34:8 says, "Taste and see that the Lord is good," and it's true.

God isn't going to force you to frequent Him as your resort; He's a gentlemen. But the call is out there, the invitation is standing. Choose this day whom you will serve (Joshua 24:15). Choose truth rather than the lie. Choose love instead of hate (1 Cor. 16:14). Choose commitment instead of apathy. Choose to develop Godly disciplines such as praise, prayer, and reading the Word. Choose Godly habits that help you connect with God. It's our choice to let our roots grow deep (Colossians 2:7), to build our lives on Him, and rid ourselves of all malice, deceit, and hypocrisy (1 Peter 2:1-3). It's our choice to forget what is behind and press towards the goal in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:13-14). And it's our choice to remain in Him, for without Him, we can do nothing (John 15:5).

Ready to go to the "Love Resort"? He's calling you, I hear Him! You can't use up all His amenities; you can't overrun your tab. His mercies are new every morning! Great is His faithfulness (Lamentations 3:23)! Time to check in!



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BEST EVER MEAT LOAF

from allrecipes.com
Recipe by: Matt O.

"The best meat loaf I have ever found. Try it and you will see."

Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 3 slices bread, crumbled
- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar Cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded carrot
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 1 tablespoon prepared yellow mustard

Directions:

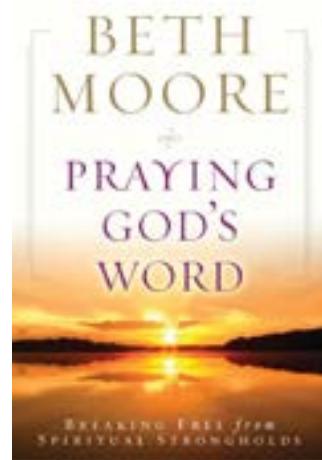
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
- Whisk eggs, milk, salt, and ground black pepper in a large bowl. Add crumbled bread and stir until dissolved. Mix ground beef, onion, cheddar cheese, and carrot into bread mixture; transfer mixture to a 9x5-inch loaf pan. Combine brown sugar, ketchup, and mustard in a small bowl; spread over meat mixture.
- Bake in the preheated oven until no longer pink in the center, 1 to 1 1/4 hours. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read at least 160 degrees F (70 degrees C).

Enjoy!

Book Review

From

Barb Costley



Praying God's Word by Beth Moore is a topical prayer guide addressing fourteen common strongholds and what Scripture reveals about each of them. The most common description of a stronghold is anything that exalts itself in our minds. It can steal our joy, steal our focus, steal our sense of well-being, causing us to feel overwhelmed, underpowered, and controlled by our circumstances. In other words, it can rob us of the abundant life that God intended us to have.

Strongholds can range from addictions, unforgiveness, despair over a loss, or anything that consumes our emotional, mental, or even physical energy. What are the weapons that help us in the battlefield? 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 says, "They are not the weapons of the world....they do have divine power....they are associated with the knowledge of God (in other words knowing the word of God). Their purpose in warfare is to take our thoughts captive."

The author tells us that the Greek word for power is "dunamai," which our English word "dynamite" is derived from. As we ponder this meaning, we can come to the conclusion that a stronghold can be a very formidable force. These strongholds can't be swept away by fussing with them or ignoring them until they disappear. They have to be demolished! The author gives us tools to help us take our thoughts captive and bring them under Christ's authority. Through God's power and strength, we can choose to think Christ's thoughts about any situation or strongholds, rather than the enemy's.

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Missionaries

THE RAMSEY FAMILY



MIKE & LORIE

SERVING IN:

Asia

SERVING WITH:

Shepherds Staff



• the Ramsey Adventures •

What in the World Are You Doing?

“What in the world are you doing”!? Not surprisingly, that was something I heard quite a lot as a kid. Well, now that we are out from under the Bamboo Bubble, as it were, we can finally tell you all what HE has been doing in China.

Arriving in China just 10 months ago, we immediately began the task of learning the language and adjusting to the culture. I’ve written about some of our life experiences there. But, what I haven’t been able to write about is the underground Bible School we’ve been teaching at. Here’s how it happened...

Just a few months after arriving, we met an American guy and his wife from a Calvary in Florida. For the past four years, he had been running an underground Bible School. As it turns out, it was just a few blocks from our apartment. Definitely not a coincidence. Long story short.... after meeting and praying together, he asked if we could help. The answer was easy – yes! That’s exactly what was on our heart – to equip and disciple Chinese believers to go out into places that we, as foreigners, never could. So, Mike began teaching at the school shortly thereafter and I occasionally help with teaching English in the afternoons.

Enrolled in the two year program, there are about 8-10 students that come from all over China to live and study the Bible. Since it is obviously illegal to have a Bible school, security is always a BIG issue. Both we and the students are at risk so we ask for your prayers. The school is set up in an apartment that also serves as the guys dorm. The girls dorm* is in another apartment in another building. For four hours each morning, students are taught Inductive Bible Study as well as several core books of the Bible. In the afternoon, they have two more hours of English study.

It’s so much more than a school. Studying together, worshipping together, living together, sharing meals together, laughing together, and sometimes crying together – our relationships with the students have deepened and we have seen so much spiritual growth. Some students currently serve in underground churches in our city. Others are active in outreaches to minority groups in our province and elsewhere.

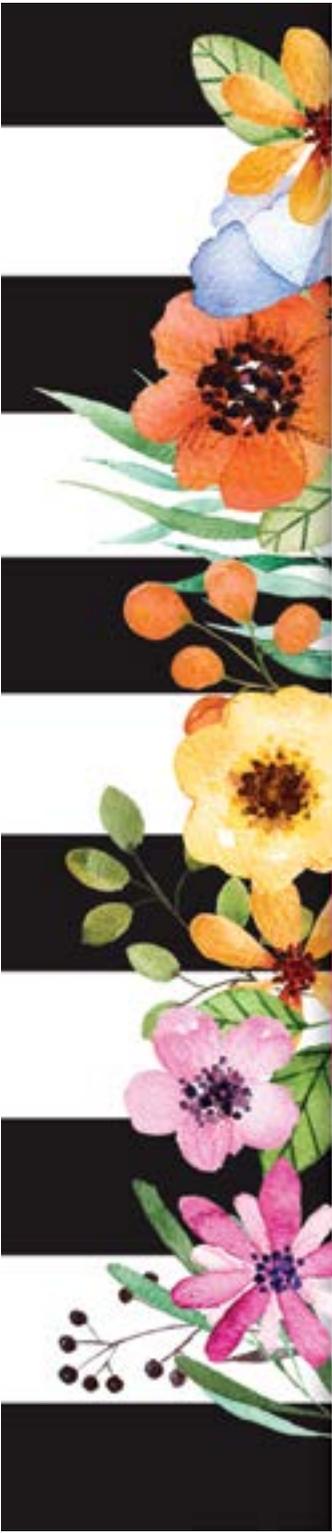
All this testifies that God does it all. He orchestrated every step and every connection. Thank you so much to those of you who have prayed and have given to the ministry here. You are a HUGE part of this! You have enabled us to go and sustained us through your prayers and support. Thank you!

Looking back at it now, it seems like so much has happened in a short amount of time. Perhaps it’s because time is short? Hmm... Romans 13:11 “...now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.”

*The lease on the apartment for the girls dorm is due for renewal. We would like to raise funds to help pay for the rent. If you’d like to be a part of that, please contact us.

For updated prayer requests and pictures visit: www.bamboopandas.wordpress.com

Calvary Murrieta Women's Ministry



REAL
TUESDAYS

Relationships
Encouragement
Accountability
Laughter

"Karaoke and
Cookies"
(Psalms 150:6)

Calling ladies of all ages! Join us for REAL Tuesdays on **September 26th** from 7:00 pm. We will meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month to celebrate Jesus, being a girl, and the joy of having sisters in Christ.

Each month we'll focus on different themes and topics, be very informal, and best of all, it's free of charge so invite all your friends! Our desire is to create new **RELATIONSHIPS**, bring **ENCOURAGEMENT** to one another, hold each other **ACCOUNTABLE** to what's right, and **LAUGH** out loud! Let's be **REAL**, ladies!

For more information, contact Kelly at
kbell@calvarymurrieta.com.



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A PARENTING SEMINAR

HELPING PARENTS BUILD A FAITH THAT LASTS IN THEIR CHILDREN

Join us as we go through the ***Sticky Faith Video Series*** and learn together how to help our children develop a faith that lasts as they grow up into adulthood. This is a free seminar.

The seminar will be taking place on Sundays during 3rd service for five weeks starting **September 10th** in the Agape Room.

Then continue on these dates:

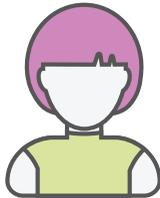
September 17th
September 24th
October 1st
October 8th

For more information please email Andrew Paulsen at apaulsen@calvarymurrieta.com.





OCTOBER 10TH-MAY 15TH

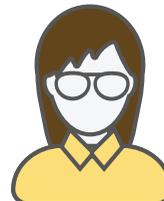


CALVARY MURRIETA WOMEN'S MINISTRY

LIFE LESSONS FROM THE LADIES

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R&R BIBLE STUDY 2017-2018



CONTACT KELLY FOR MORE INFO AT KBELL@CALVARYMURRIETA.COM



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

M.O.M.S. - Begins September 7th, 9:00 am-11:30 am

Faith and Family Workshops Parenting Seminar - Begins September 10th, 11:30 am

Baptism and Family Fun Day - September 10th, 3:00 pm, Calvary Chapel Bible College

REAL Tuesday - September 26th, 7:00 pm

Reasons to Rejoice Bible Study - BEGINS October 10th

Harvest Festival - October 31st

Women's Christmas Celebration and Craft Boutique - December 2nd

BIBLE STUDIES *and* GATHERINGS

M.O.M.'S (MOMS ON A MISSION)

Will begin September 7th.

Call Jessica Cernetic at 619-871-5377.

"REASONS TO REJOICE" WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Resumes October 10th.

Call Cindy Chapman at 677-5667.

LADIES CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

2nd Wednesday at 11:30 am. Call Debre': 764-0408

3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm. Call Susan: 290-9753

WIDOWS MIGHT MINISTRY

1st Tuesday of every month from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm.

Call Darla at 714-501-7478.

REAL TUESDAYS

4th Tuesday of the month beginning September 26th.

Call Kelly at 951-677-5667.

SUNDAY NIGHT OF PRAYER

1st Sunday of every month at 6:30 pm.

In the Agape Room.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES



The Sound and Powerpoint Ministry is in need of ladies to assist with services.

Please contact Richard at 813-6026.

Interested in being part of the Welcome Team on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings?

Call Donna Hansen at 551-6594.

Nursery helpers needed for all services and Wednesday nights on a rotating basis.

Call Tony Schaffner at 677-5667.

Meals Ministry needs volunteers to prepare meals for those in need.

Call Cindy Chapman 677-5667.

If you'd like to be a part of the Prayer Chain, please call Kristyn at 677-5667.

Article Submissions: If you would like to submit something to the Women's Newsletter; poems, recipes, devotions, ideas, tips, etc., please email submissions to kbell@calvarymurrieta.com

Check Out

<https://www.facebook.com/freeandfunforkids/>

A FB page that helps moms be aware of various activities, resources, and FREE events for kids of all ages!

September 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	2
3 CHURCH 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM NIGHT OF PRAYER 6:30 PM AGAPE ROOM	4 <i>Labor Day</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	5	6 BIBLE STUDY • 7:00 PM	7 MOMS MEETING 9:15 AM-11:15 AM ROOM 133 NIGHT OF HOPE/ CELEBRATE RECOVERY 7:00 PM	8 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	9
10 CHURCH 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM CHURCH BAPTISM AND FAMILY FUNDAY 3:00 PM R&R REGISTRATION BEGINS	11	12	13 LADIES BOOK CLUB 11:30 AM • 764-0408 CARE MINISTRY 5:00 PM BIBLE STUDY • 7:00 PM	14 NIGHT OF HOPE/ CELEBRATE RECOVERY 7:00 PM	15 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	16
17 CHURCH 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM CHILDREN AT RISK 3:00 PM-5:00 PM AGAPE ROOM	18	19	20 BIBLE STUDY • 7:00 PM	21 MOMS MEETING 9:15 AM-11:15 AM ROOM 133 NIGHT OF HOPE/ CELEBRATE RECOVERY 7:00 PM	22 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	23
24 CHURCH 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM	25	26 REAL TUESDAYS 7:00 PM “KARAOKE AND COOKIES”	27 CARE MINISTRY 5:00 PM BIBLE STUDY • 7:00 PM	28 NIGHT OF HOPE/ CELEBRATE RECOVERY 7:00 PM	29 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	30

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