

September 2018

THE SPICE

A taste of what's happening for women.

Dirty Socks by Kristi Wile

Recently, we heard testimonies from several young adults who had been away serving God in various places this summer. One story touched my heart very deeply. Dylan Derstine shared of his experience at Victory Bible Camp as a counselor. In trying to reach the guys under his care and impress on them the importance of living a life truly changed by knowing Jesus, the idea of “dirty socks” came to light.

After a day of work or exercise, we remove our dirty socks. When we wash our feet, we don’t put those dirty, smelly, sweat-soaked socks back onto our clean feet. Instead we put on a pair of clean socks. Dylan likened this analogy to our lives and how after Christ Jesus has saved us and cleansed us, we need to exhibit that change in clean living. Otherwise, how will we know we are truly saved?

I’ve been dwelling on my own sanctification recently and these words really pierced through. 1 Peter 1:14-16 says *As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance (don’t put your dirty socks back on), but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct (put on clean socks), since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”* In verses 18-19 we read *Knowing that you were ransomed... with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.* This tells us that we’ve been washed, and not just our feet, but our hearts too.

Later Peter quotes from Psalm 34 saying *For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”* (1 Pet. 3:10-12) When we choose to keep putting on dirty socks, the face of the Lord is against us. How then can we truly say we’ve been changed by the blood of Jesus?

Friends, living the life of faith in Jesus doesn’t mean we are perfect or that we will always get it right. It does mean that we put away things that marked us before we came to know Christ’s forgiveness. We wouldn’t think twice about putting dirty socks on clean feet, but do we give much thought to our daily living in word or deed? God stands ready to forgive when we confess our sin. But confess we must.

Hebrews 12:14 says *Strive...for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.* It’s a sobering thought that we would strive for the wrong things and end up not seeing the Lord. Clean socks. Clean hearts. Clean hands and feet.

What are you putting on today?

*Women’s Ministry Mission Statement:
Encouraging women to connect in
deeper, genuine relationships
both with each other
and with Jesus Christ*



THE WORD

“Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.”

**— 2 Corinthians 7:1
ESV**

Think About It

Dylan asked for accountability in putting clean socks on daily. Do you have someone who will keep you accountable in whether you’re putting on clean socks or not? Talk to a close friend today about this. Don’t delay. We must be ready when Jesus returns.

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Making Connections

Here are some of our young people sharing about their experiences this past summer. We'll hear from a few more next month as well.

Maura Shisler: *Spending my summer at Victory Bible Camp has been the greatest experience because I can get away from my everyday routine and connect with people from other states. Being a camp counselor in Alaska is so much fun and you get to have quality talks with campers about God's love for us. The mountains in Alaska are another plus to my summer. Hiking is one of my favorite things to do on the weekend here.*

I've seen God working in so many new ways in my life while at camp. Just seeing these campers that come and hearing their stories is heartbreaking. Some of these campers have never been to church or even heard about God. That is hard for me to think about because I can't imagine my life without God.



Dylan Derstine: *The greatest joy that I have experienced in having the opportunity to be a counselor at Victory Bible Camp is developing the knowledge of how to share gospel clearly, accurately and concisely. It's been an honor to be a mouth piece for God's kingdom and to share truth that transcends all generations to kids that have never heard about it before. God has shown me that while we are still sinners and aren't worthy of his forgiveness,*



he loves us so much that he still gave up everything on our behalf. And even though we stumble and fall out of favor with God from time to time he still chooses to use us to accomplish his kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. God has shown up in so many ways this summer, but the greatest thing that he has taught me is humility. God has taught me that the only way something will be successful is if I give it to him and devote myself to his plans. So that I may not boast in my own actions but give all the glory to him and what he has been able to do through me. The verse that has been the most encouraging to me this summer is Proverbs 16:3 "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."

(Pictured left with Maura)

Deanna Clemens: *This summer, I was a program assistant at Big Sky Bible Camp in Bigfork, Montana. The greatest joy of the job is being able to lead the counselors and campers to know the Creator of the world we live in. Being surrounded by the mountains, camp atmosphere, and staff who are willing to learn and grow together has been such a cool experience to have.*



What's Happening for Women

Project of the month: New Bath-sized Towels

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

We are excited to announce that Jill Fallon has agreed to join our Women's Ministries on the Implementation Team. We are happy to have you, Jill!

Attention Mothers of Preschoolers:

You are invited to Kathy Wenger's home (8 Rosy Ridge Court, Telford) for a time of fellowship and connecting with moms who are in the same season. These monthly meetings are informal so plan to come and relax and get to know each other better. Kathy will alternate between Tuesday and Thursday evenings this fall. You are welcome to bring infants. And if you'd like to bring a small snack to share, that would be great.

September's meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18 at 7 pm.

RSVP is needed. Please contact Kathy by email @ mkwenger@comcast.net or by text @ 717-519-7180.

September Women's Events/Opportunities

Spruce Lake Women's Retreat: September 14-16 <https://www.sprucelake.org/events/calendar/womens-retreat/>

➤ **Beth Moore Simulcast: September 15.**

You can also register to watch the simulcast in your own home on your computer. See the website for details: <https://www.lifeway.com/en/events/living-proof-live-simulcast/living-proof-live-simulcast-2018-individuals>

➤ **Propel Women/Activate 2018: September 15.** Santander Arena, Reading, PA. Registration is required. <http://www.propelwomen.org/content/reading-pa/gk79gy>

If you are interested in any of these events, let us know and we'll connect you with others who are going.

Save the Dates!

- **October 27th- Scrapbooking Crop** (one day event)
- **December 8th- Ladies Christmas Tea** (9-11 am)

Fall Bible Studies for Women

Doris Diener began an 8-week study of *Love Walked Among Us*, a book by Paul E. Miller, on August 28th. You are still welcome to join her. The group meets weekly in Doris' home (440 Godshall Rd, Souderton) on Tuesday evenings, from 7-9 pm. You do not need to purchase the book.

Kristi Wile will be teaching an 11-week study by Jen Wilkin, *Joshua: Every Good Promise Fulfilled*. The study begins **September 6th** and will meet weekly on **Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 pm**. This is a change from the original plan of Thursday mornings. Sign ups are required to ensure that everyone will have a workbook. No cost. We will meet at the church.

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		Moms of Preschoolers 7 pm Prayer Shawls 7-8:30 pm				
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 30		Knotting Comforters 8 am-3 pm Prayer Shawls 7-8:30 pm				

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