

PW Renewal News

A Monthly Devotion written by a WELS/ELS pastor's wife with some encouraging updates, prayers & news.

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¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:16-19

I can't do it! I can't get it right! It's too hard!

Anyone who is or has been around kids may have heard this from time to time. Among other things, I'm giving my oldest piano lessons. And he is often distressed by a new piece that at first seems really tough and he keeps making the same mistake over and over. He gets frustrated and often angry.

I can't do it! I can't get it right Lord!

I can empathize with my son because I often feel the same way about life. The big difference is though, that I know he'll get the piano piece after a little (or a lot) of practicing. But I keep making the same mistakes in life. I keep messing up. I keep saying the wrong things, making mistakes in my relationships, and generally behaving in a manor that is not Christ-like. And then the guilt comes. I feel the horror of my sins; the guilt of my actions. I wonder if I'm every going to get it right.

It's very difficult to write a devotion for others when you're not feeling particularly "righteous" yourself. And lately, even though I know I'm forgiven, I've really been feeling the guilt of all my sins piling up. It's difficult, isn't it. You know your sins are forgiven. You know Christ died for them and washed you clean. You know that your place in heaven is secured. But down here, in this life, the consequences of ones actions are ever present reminders. How can we bring the knowledge of our loving Savior to our heart?

This month, I invite you to join me in a little reflection and meditation. If you're feeling the guilt – whether it's for mismanaged time, not doing your best at something, letting someone down, losing your temper with your children, not supporting your husband, or whatever it may be – let's discover, together, God's love and mercy.



PLEASE SHARE!

If you have prayer requests, news you'd like to share, or would like to help by writing a devotion for the newsletter, please let Valerie know.

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Planning a Get-Together for PWs?

Wonderful!

I would love to help you get together with your sisters in Christ and encourage one another.

✿ **Let me post your event on the PWR website!**

I can even link an invitation, schedule, directions, and your contact info. It's fun to see what else is being planned and it might give someone else a good idea.

✿ **Utilize any of the Bible studies that have been written just for PWR.**

A number of studies and leader guides are available under Spa Time on the PWR website.

✿ **Place group orders for Expressions of a Joyful Life or the PWR shirts.**

I can save you shipping by sending one box to your gathering.

✿ **Let me send you some PWR goodies!** Tell me how many ladies are coming and I'll send some fun stuff to treat everyone.

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Join me in a few sections of Scripture. I know you're busy. But if you have a moment, turn to one or more of these sections of Scripture for a little personal study time. These prayers were a huge boost to me in "bringing home" a forgiveness I could feel.

1. **Psalm 38** Join David in prayer. Confess your sins, lay open your heart before the Lord and ask God to see you in your time of pain.
2. **Psalm 119:41-48** Declare your love for the LORD and ask for his help in living according to his will.
3. **Ephesians 3:7-21** Join the Apostle Paul as he shares his sin and the depth of the love of Christ.

Read Any Good Books Lately?

As always, PWR is looking to be an encouragement and a help to pastors' wives' and the next project we're working on is a book and study resource.

We'll post your reviews of books, devotionals and Bible studies on the website. With your help this should be a great resource for anyone in search of Christian materials.

E-mail in a review of any books or studies.

Christian Fiction, Devotional, Bible Study, or Topical / Inspirational.

Include:

1. Title, Author, and Publisher/Copyright information
2. Genre/Type of book.
3. Comments on Overall Quality, Good/Bad Portions, Doctrinal Content, and/or Usages.

As soon as I start to get a few reviews in, I'll add them to the website under Spa Time!

Calling All Writers!

I'm once again looking for devotion writers for PWR's monthly News. Share a lesson you've learned, a story that spoke to you, or the Scripture that encouraged you.

Please share. E-mail me if you'd be willing to write. Thank you in advance.

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