

9th Annual Ladies Retreat

The Triumph of Faith

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” *1 Peter 1:3-5 NASB*

Speakers: **Smedly, Janet, and Diane Yates**

September 7-8, 2013
Saturday 9:15am - Sunday 12:00pm



Retreat Schedule

Saturday

Session One

9:30-12:00

Gainey Room

Lunch

12:00-1:00

Hearth Room

Session Two

1:30-3:00

Gainey Room

Free Time & Check In

3:00-6:00

Dinner

6:00-7:00

Gainey Room

Session Three

7:15-9:00

Gainey Room

Sunday

Breakfast on your own (continental)

7:00-9:00

Hearth Room

Session Four

9:15 -11:30

Gainey Room

Check out

11:30-12:00

Faith, Hope, and Love in the Midst of Trial

Diane Yates

Session 1 - Saturday Morning

1. Hear my cry, O God. (Psalm 61:1-5)

A PSALM OF DAVID.

Hear my cry, O God;
Give heed to my prayer.
From the end of the earth I call to You when my heart is faint;
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
For You have been a refuge for me,
A tower of strength against the enemy.
Let me dwell in Your tent forever;
Let me take refuge in the shelter of Your wings. Selah.
For You have heard my vows, O God;
You have given me the inheritance of those who fear Your name.

2. In the Midst of Trial

3. Faith

- a. **Definition** - "...faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)
- b. **Gift of God** - Ephesians 2:8-9: "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- c. **Means of Growth**
 1. The example of Christ. (Hebrews 12:2)
 2. The teaching of others. (Acts 17:11)

3. Personal Bible study.
4. Trials. We grow in our faith when we learn to trust God in times of adversity. Jerry Bridges, the author of "Trusting God Even When Life Hurts," wrote, "In order to trust God, we must always view our adverse circumstances through the eyes of faith, not of sense. And just as the faith of salvation come through hearing the message of the gospel, so the faith to trust God in adversity comes through the Word of God alone. It is only in the Scriptures that we find an adequate view of God's relationship to and involvement in our painful circumstances. It is only from the Scriptures applied to our hearts by the Holy Spirit that we receive the grace to trust God in adversity."

"For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith." (Romans 12:3)

"Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." (James 1:2-4)

Perseverance in the faith is one of the proofs of genuine salvation. When we go through trials with our faith remaining strong, it proves to us and others Who God is and that we belong to Him.

4. Hope

a. God's Word gives us hope

(Ps. 119:28, Rom 15:4, Isaiah 40:28-29, Ps 77, I Peter 1:4, Rev. 7:17)

b. The gift and growth of hope

2 Thess. 2:16 -17, "Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word."

1 Peter 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.."

God gives us hope and His word is instrumental in the growth and strengthening of that hope.

5. Evidence of God's Love

a. Preparation for the trial

1. He reminded me of His sovereignty
2. He prepared me spiritually
3. He protected me from regret
4. He gave me a memory.

b. God's Comfort

1. His Word.
 - a. The Psalms
 - b. God's promises
2. The peace that passes understanding.

3. The body of Christ.

Hebrews 10:23-25, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."

4. His purpose.
 - a. Purpose in the way Charlie died
 - b. Purpose in the funeral arrangements
 - c. Purpose to share the gospel
 - d. Purpose to encourage others
 - e. Purpose for me

6. Parting Notes

- a. Cultivate a biblical perspective.

- b. Put your affairs in order.

- c. Do not forsake the assembling of yourselves.
(Ephesians 5:18b-21).

- d. Keep your eyes on the goal.
(Phil. 1:6)

The Psalmist had faith. He knew where His hope came from. He knew that God loved Him. That's why in the midst of trial he could write, "For You have heard my vows, O God, You have given me the inheritance of those who fear your Name."

Dissecting Doubt

Janet Yates

Session 2 - Saturday Afternoon

1. What is Doubt?

A. Webster

B. "Struggling to believe" (John MacArthur)

C. Wavering _____

Matthew 28:17
Jude 22

D. Sinful Stubborn _____

Jeremiah 9

2. What Causes Doubt?

3. What Does God's Word Say About Doubt and Doubters?

A. Gospel of Mark Survey

B. John the Baptist

4. What Sins May Be Involved in Doubt?

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
- E. Your own list--

5. What is the Solution to Doubt?

A. JESUS HIMSELF

- * Repentance
- * The Word of God/Bible
- * Other Practical Helps

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References:

Sermon on Jude 22-25 by C.J. Mahaney called "When Someone Doubts" found at: <http://www.girltalkhome.com/blog/when-someone-doubts>

Sermon on Luke 7:18-20 by John MacArthur called "Why the Believer Doubts" pt.1 found at: <http://www.gty.org/resources/sermons/42-95/why-the-believer-doubts-part-1>

Sermon on Luke 7:21-23 by John MacArthur called "Why the Believer Doubts" pt. 2 found at: <http://www.gty.org/resources/sermons/42-96/why-the-believer-doubts-part-2>

Seven Reasons Why You Can Trust the Bible by Erwin Lutzer

Nothing But the Truth by Brian H. Edwards

Reasons We Believe: 50 Lines of Evidence that Confirm the Christian Faith by Nathan Busenitz

<http://www.csntm.org/> Center for the Study of New Testament Manuscripts

A Testimony of God's Grace

Becky Sitton

Session 3 - Saturday Night

Outlines

Practical Steps for Dealing with Doubt

Smedly Yates

Session 4 - Sunday Morning

1. What do I do when I encounter perplexing passages?

2. What do I do when I encounter challenging circumstances?

Outlines

The Triumph of Faith

1 Peter 1:3-9

Sunday Night Worship Service - September 8, 2013

Outlines

Session 1

10,000 REASONS

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up,
it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass,
and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
when the even- ing comes

You're rich in love,
and You're slow to anger
Your name is great,
and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness,
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
for my heart to find

And on that day
when my strength is failing
The end draws near,
and my time has come
Still my soul will sing
Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
and then fore - - vermore

I'll worship Your holy name.
Yes, I'll worship Your holy name

ALIVE IN CHRIST

Awake O sleeper the Lord is your keeper
Arise from the grave to life unmarred
Stand firm your ground
Take heart you soldier now
The war is won but the battle's just begun

We are alive in Christ our Lord our Light

He died to win, conquered sin

And gave the blind their sight

We are freed from death, its curse its sting

The Spirit sown gives life alone

To all who would believe

Dead we once were but God
Whose ways are pure
Delivered us from winding sheets to life
Raised up with Him in oceans
of love we swim
Cleansed in the spring
Now saved by grace we sing

We are alive in Christ our Lord our Light

He died to win, conquered sin

And gave the blind their sight

We are freed from death, its curse its sting

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To all who would believe

PRAISE TO JESUS CHRIST

You were left, despised, forsaken
Man of sorrows, grief unspoken
To the cross our sins You carried
Struck by God so it was finished there

Pierced alone for our transgressions
Crushed for our iniquities
We like sheep have gone astray
For our debt the price You paid

***Praise to Jesus Christ in heaven
You in love for us were given
God's great mercy coming through You
Lamb of God who takes away our sin***

Holy God was pleased to crush You
As the guiltless sacrifice
Raised in power You give salvation
God's good pleasure prospers in Your hand

Final Lord of all creation
Heaven and earth will sing Your praises
Lion of Judah, Lamb of slaughter
Of Your worthy name we'll always sing

COME THOU FOUNT

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise His name, I'm fixed upon it
Name of God's redeeming love

Hither to Thy love has blest me
Thou hast brought me to this place
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Bought me with His precious blood

O to grace, how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace, now, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O, take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Oh, that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry
Bring Thy pro – mi – ses to pass
For I know Thy power will keep me
'Til I'm home with Thee at last

THE SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

***On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand***

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

***On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand***

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my Hope and Stay

***On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand***

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Session 3

O praise Him, O praise Him, Hallelujah, hallelujah

NOW WHY THIS FEAR

Now why this fear and unbelief?
Has not the Father put to grief
His spotless Son for us
And will the righteous Judge of men
Condemn me for that debt of sin
Now cancelled at the cross?

Je - sus, all my trust is in Your blood

Je - sus, You've re-scued us

Through Your great love

Complete atonement You have made
And by Your death have fully paid
The debt Your people owed
No wrath remains for us to face
We're sheltered by Your saving grace
And sprinkled with Your blood

Je - sus, all my trust is in Your blood

Je - sus, You've re-scued us

Through Your great love

How sweet the sound of saving grace

How sweet the sound of saving grace

Christ died for me

How sweet the sound of saving grace

How sweet the sound of saving grace

Christ died for me

Be still my soul and know this peace
The merits of Your great high priest
Have bought your liberty
Rely then on His precious blood
Don't fear your banishment from God
Since Jesus sets you free

PSALM 62

My soul finds rest in God alone
My Rock and my Salvation
A fortress strong against my foes
And I will not be shaken
Though lips may bless
and hearts may curse
And lies like arrows pierce me
I'll fix my heart on righteousness
I'll look to Him who hears me

***O praise Him, hallelujah, My delight and my reward
Everlasting, never failing, My Redeemer, my God***

Find rest my soul in God alone
Amid the world's temptations
When evil seeks to take a hold
I'll cling to my salvation
Though riches come and riches go
Don't set your heart upon them
The fields of hope in which I sow
Are harvested in heaven

***O praise Him, hallelujah, My delight and my reward
Everlasting, never failing, My Redeemer, my God***

I'll set my gaze on God alone
And trust in Him completely
With every day pour out my soul
And He will prove His mercy
Though life is but a fleeting breath
A sigh too deep to measure
My King has crushed the curse of death
And I am His forever

O praise Him, O praise Him, Hallelujah, hallelujah

BE MY STRONG REFUGE

Be my strong refuge--
my only refuge
To which I can come continually
Gather me to Your heart--
never again to part
Be my strong refuge continually

When life's storms come, I'm afraid
Be my refuge, my only refuge
When troubles roll in like waves--
be my refuge
And when I have joy exceedingly
And I'm walking near to Thee
Be my strong refuge continually

When sorrow threatens to despair
Be my refuge, my only refuge
When fear becomes a constant snare--
Be my refuge
In my distress, I cried to You
You sent from above--
And drew me out of many waters
You delivered me from my enemy

JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

Jesus, I my cross have taken
All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken
Thou from hence my all shall be
Perish every fond ambition
All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition
God and heaven are still my own

Let the world despise and leave me
They have left my Savior, too
Human hearts and looks deceive me
Thou art not, like them, untrue
O while Thou dost smile upon me
God of wisdom, love, and might
Foes may hate and friends disown me
Show Thy face and all is bright

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure
Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure
With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather
All must work for good to me

Soul, then know Thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station
Something still to do or bear
Think what Spirit dwells within thee
Think what Father's smiles are thine
Think that Jesus died to win thee
Child of heaven, canst thou repine

Haste thee on from grace to glory
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer
Heaven's eternal days before thee
God's own hand shall guide us there
Soon shall close thy earthly mission
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope shall change to glad fruition
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise

Session 4

THERE IS A FOUNTAIN

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Emmanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains

Lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains
And sinner plunged beneath that flood
Loose all their guilty stains

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more

Be saved to sin no more
Be saved to sin no more
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more

When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave
Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy power to save

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DEAR REFUGE OF MY WEARY SOUL

Dear refuge of my weary soul,
on Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll, my
fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief,
for Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,
for every pain I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail,
I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail,
and all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee?
Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to Thee
Though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, and
shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace, be
deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace, attends
the mourner's prayer
Oh may I ever find access, to breathe my
sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still,
here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
and wait beneath Thy feet,
Thy mercy seat is open still,
here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
and wait beneath Thy feet