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LOVING GOD OUT LOUD



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Nancy's Upcoming Engagements

COMING SOON...

Christian Women's Leadership Conference

Just Talkin' Life Emotional Healing Workshop
 Community Arts Center
 1229 1/2 East Monroe
 Springfield, Illinois
 Saturday, August 13, 2005
 Registration: \$25.00
 Brown Bag Lunch included

Emotional Healing Triangle Center
 June 3rd & 6th, 2005
 Registration: Closed

Empowerment Workshop
 King's Court
 June 7th & 14th, 2005
 Registration: Closed

Christian Women Outreach Conference
 Indianapolis, Indiana
 Saturday, October 1, 2005

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There were over one hundred women in attendance at the **1st Annual Loving God Out Loud Conference**. The conference was held May 21, 2005 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield, IL.

Conference visionary and organizer, Bobbi Haun, released just enough faith to witness the beginning of something that will continue to have a major impact on the women of our city and surrounding areas.

The conference began with an exuberant sound of high praise from a segment of Abundant Faith Christian Center's Praise and Worship team and band, lead by Worship Leader Dee Pulliam.

The atmosphere was now set for the participants, to "Get Real, Get Ready, and Get Rolling" as Evangelist Dawn Marie

Huddleston gave us humorous and life changing points on how to 'get real' about loving God out loud in a powerful two hour workshop. She admonished the audience of women to "Stop competing and Start completing".

And wouldn't you know it? We were presented with a beautiful bowl of wisdom birthed out of the experiences of four pastor's wives who took the platform on the Pastor's Wives Forum. Elder Gita Doss, Abundant Faith Christian Center, Co-Pastor Cheryl Hansen, First Assembly of God, Elder Teresa Price, Abundant Life Christian Center (Edwardsville), First Lady Rosann Summers, Kokemill Christian Church, shared in detail about joys and challenges of ministry.

In the afternoon we were blessed by Evangelist Bobbi Hahn who took us to the "Garden" as

she reflected on the experience Jesus had in the 'Garden of Gethsemane' as he prayed for the disciples. She paralleled the 'garden' experience with the challenge to make our lives pleasing to God as a spiritual act of worship.

And lastly, yours truly, stormed the ladies with a powerful message entitled "A New Sound" challenging the women to check the "sound" illuminating from their lives. The ladies were also given a prophetic word relating to the call to unity among women in the Springfield area.

THE VICTOR'S CORNER

From the time she could remember, she had either experienced or been exposed to just about every negative type of situation you could imagine.

Let's gather around and encounter Jessica Pickens in the VICTORS CORNER!



Jessica recalls thoughts of being the product of a bi-racial marriage, which subjected she and her siblings to a magnitude of hurtful teasing and harassment. She shares how she grew up during a time when being bi-racial wasn't really cool. She and her siblings were subjected to some pretty unfair and mean treatment as children.

Jessica's parents divorced when she was four years old. Subsequently, she was raised without her father, and at the age of eleven turned her attention to her boyfriend who was

four years older. This temporarily fulfilled her void of being without her father. Jessica loved her father so much and desired to have a relationship with him. Unfortunately his absence led her into some very dark and challenging situations, including sexual, mental and physical abuse. She even found herself taking her father's absence out on her mother and siblings to the point of locking herself in her room for hours. By the age of fifteen, she became pregnant and also encoun-

tered an abortion. What an undertaking for someone who was yet...a little girl only desiring the love and affection from her daddy.

"The State police searching my vehicle, called for a K-9 truck. When the trooper went to get the dog, and there was no dog! You heard me... no dog!!"

Although Jessica broke the relationship off with her boyfriend who she says represented the father figure in her life, the self-abuse patterns were not broken. Her desire to give and receive love only intensified the mani-



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As I sit to write this article, I'm reminded of past summer time child's play. I envision myself in the midst of one half~ to one dozen kids running through green grass, ducking and dodging, sweating and swatting, diving fearlessly to avoid "the" tag. Hand to back contact from the little person who holds the small 'p' in power. Running, zig-zag, twisting and turning, the pursuit

Get Over It Girl... You're It?!

by Nancy D. Collins

is on! He's relentless! She runs you down! Someone touches you, and tells you, "you're it!"

Now fast forward. Today, take that same scenario and apply it to the

One who carries the super "P" in power. The pursuit is indeed on! He's relentless. He runs you down and touches you. Exception. When He tags you, you're tagged for life. Get Over It Girl, you're it!

Chosen, she's one of few. Hand picked, we search our minds for space that would quantify such an outpouring. Our understanding won't let us qualify her credentials. It's

like synergy. Who could make sense of it? The prestige! The power! The promise! The outpouring, all working together!

"Do you continue to make excuses as to why you're not walking in purpose? Do you continue to buy t-shirts, books, and tapes, solely for your library...and by the way, what are you doing with the revelation? Are we buying but not applying?"

Often times sitting in the midst of a deep sea of women emerging from different experiences, and captivated by the tangible, yet far reaching, (or so we think) Holy G h o s t

drenching anointing, that spews itself onto the lives of those who've been invited to grace

"the platform". As part of the majority, we observe in great wonder, this minority.

Year after year, conference after conference, we flock across state lines, meeting registration dead lines, not to mention hours upon hours of standing in lines, just to be in their presence. Whether it's Pastor Paula White, Prophetess Juanita Bynum, Apostle Corletta Vaughn, Evangelist Yvonne Capehart, Teacher Joyce Meyers, or perhaps just a sister without a name. At least until our ears and hearts meet with the undeniable 'issue' she speaks to. Our spirits are caught and our souls are clenched forever!

Now, that was simply the prelude. Here's the story!

Almost every year for the past eight years, I've attended the Winning Women's Conference in near-by Quincy, Illinois. Each year I am overwhelmed with awe of the anointing I see displayed on the lives of those chosen to bring refreshment and restora-

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festations of negative addictive behaviors, even after starting college. Jessica says she was an alcoholic often drinking herself into a stupor, causing her to black out on a regular basis. **"It was only God's grace that I was never raped or hurt during one of my blackouts"**.

Jessica also recalls how God continued to place a hedge of protection around her as she made decisions that could have altered her life forever. **"It was also in college that I even began to sell drugs on a minor level. God literally delivered me from the hand of the enemy once when I was stopped on the interstate while making a drug run. The State police searching my vehicle, called for a K-9 truck. When the truck showed up, the trooper went to get the dog, and there was no dog! You heard me... no dog!! I didn't realize or acknowledge it back then, but I know now that God stopped the hand of the enemy that day. He prevented me from**

going to federal prison for drug trafficking".

Jessica became pregnant and birthed a son out of wedlock in March of 1994. As hurt and longing for someone to love her continued to haunt her, depression set in and Jessica realized the drugs and reckless behavior could no longer numb the pains of her life. At this point she seriously considered suicide, and states that she would have done it, if she had not considered her son. **"It was at this point that the aching in my chest just wouldn't go away. It made me realize somewhere along the line I had missed it...there had to be something more that I'd overlooked... forgotten...passed over...or something!"** She says that her sister began to minister to her about a man named Jesus and the transformation began!

Immediately after accepting Jesus Christ into her life, Jessica's vow was to abandon the ways of the world. She threw away her cigarettes, secular tapes

and CD's, and battled the tendencies to return to her familiar coping mechanisms. Drugs, alcohol, and sex continued to knock on her door. Sometimes she answered. **"I was still hurting so bad on the inside and didn't understand why all my issues hadn't magically disappeared after getting saved."**

In the year of 2002 after a season of total devotion to the Father, He spoke to Jessica and told her that she would never receive her hearts desire of being married, until she became content in her relationship with Jesus Christ. It was through her yielding to this process that God rewarded her while she lead the Young Adults Ministry at her church. On September 14, 2004 she met the man of her dreams, and they were married, December 7, 2004. Look at God!!!

Tyrone, a single father, and his three children from a previous marriage, and Jessica, and her son, joined together to answer a life-time prayer of Jessica's. **"Without me even realizing it, God had answered a life-long prayer. It was my desire to have a big family!"**

God not only brought me an instant beautiful family with absolutely wonderful and highly anointed children, but he brought me a fine, saved, anointed man of God! My husband is more than I ever could have asked for and I thank God for him every day. Within two and a half years of being married, God has blessed us with two more beautiful children, an even bigger home, multiple vehicles, and most importantly, more love and friendship in our marriage and in our home, than most people have the pleasure of experiencing in a life time".

Jessica says that she still has some challenging days when she feels like going somewhere to cry and give up. She says, **"Yes I do, but only very rarely anymore, because I have finally truly come to understand, and know, and believe that the good news is, we win y'all! I know that as long as I am seeking His face and doing my best to walk in the will of God, everything is going be alright, because He is working it all out for my good!"**

tion to the 'seekers'. Explosive words rise from the pit of their bellies, bringing healing and deliverance to the inner man.

For several years I would leave the conference excited but baffled. "God, where are the women in our (geographical) area, who are operating at the level of these women? Where are the women who will train and develop us for our mission? How long God, How long will we have to wait? God where are the mentors? Where are the examples. And for several years, I heard no answer from the Father.

Finally, about a year ago, after going through the same routine after this conference, I questioned God again after an explosive weekend, and He said, "GET OVER IT GIRL, YOU'RE IT!" At that very moment, I began to understand what the Father was speaking to me.

Why do we find it difficult to accept that God the Father

has a plan and purpose for our lives just as He does those we encounter on the plat-form. Sisters, each one of us was tagged before the foundation of the world according to Jeremiah 1:5. Time is out for searching for the next 'wonder' to blow through and set you on fire for the Lord.

Mentor's are great and in most cases, necessary relationships. However, what do you do when none are available for you? Do you quit? Do you continue to make the trips every year to the conference and chase the 'shoulda, woulda, coulda' syndrome? Do you continue to make excuses as to why you're not walking in purpose? Do you continue to buy t-shirts, books, and tapes, solely for your library...and by the way, what are

you doing with the revelation? Are we buying but not applying? Set your heart in the presence of God, and vow to walk out your destiny no matter what comes your way.

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

Ephesians 2:10

The Father has indeed called you to greatness. Sometimes it's difficult to accept because we spend time and energy comparing ourselves to others. Keep in mind the Paula White's and Juanita Bynum's of the world are no different than you. The difference is found in whether you're willing to yield to **your process**. They yielded

to their process and their ministries are a huge reflection of what they allowed God to work in them and out of them, just so they could bear the burden, as

well as joy, that comes along with ministering God's gifts back to Him.

Your greatness may not include a ministry to the nations. It may not even be on a platform before people. Guess what, it's o.k. You were still tagged for greatness! Do what you've been born to do, and go after it with all your heart. It is in the pursuit of God's design for your life that you will find total peace and fulfillment in Him. Get Over It Girl...You're It!



1. What area of ministry do you operate?

My area of ministry is Evangelism. My heart screams salvation! I just fell in love with Jesus and His forgiveness. I can't understand how people live without His unconditional love. The Lord continues bringing people across my path who He's prepared to receive His promises of love, salvation and healing. I just share His truth, pray with them, and lead them to Him.

I love to preach His word when it is God's timing, and watch the Holy Spirit change lives. God has called me to evangelize everywhere I go, and everyday He gives me breath for His Glory! God is teaching me how our lives are either winning people to Jesus or not. We must present our lives

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FEATURING EVANGELIST BOBBIE HAHN

back to God as a LIVING Sacrifice, holy and acceptable to Him! For this is our spiritual act of worship. We are not to conform any longer to the patterns of this world, but are transformed, (changed) by the renewing of our minds, Then we will be able to test and prove what God's good and pleasing will is for our life! Romans 12:1. That's when the lost will see Jesus in us!

How long have you been in the ministry?

When I was a little girl, I always talked with Jesus, I was one of five and I had three little brothers. I use to make them sit on the bed at night while I would read the Bible out loud to them, before they went to sleep. I knew when I was six years old, there was a calling on my life, but I did not understand it all.

I was always back and forth with surrendering my life. In 1983 I gave my life to Jesus and fell in love with His word. It was like candy. I just couldn't get enough. Two years later He called me into ministry at my Church in Texas. God used me to initiate an Evangelism team.

I worked jointly with teams of preaching, worship, drama, street ministry, and a bus ministry.

In 1990 The Lord took me out of front line Ministry as I went thru a great turmoil in my life. I went thru a divorce and a bitter period. My son had cerebral palsy and under went 10 grueling surgeries. But God showed me in His word that He is the potter and we are the clay. In the book of Jeremiah it says that if the clay becomes marred, the potter can take the clay, reshape it, and remold

it! God was pruning me by getting rid of pride and teaching me servanthood, because He had another plan for me. I later found out that my 3rd and 4th great grandfathers were Rabbis. I wondered why I had a calling on my life and where it came from.

What ignited your thrust into ministry?

It was the unconditional love of Jesus! It was the gentle way He changed my life! When I realized that He could forgive someone as bad as me, and He took me from the pit of pits and gave me forgiveness and TRUE MEANING OF LIFE, you could not silence me! He filled me with the Holy Ghost and sent me out! When I saw all these peoples lives changed by the power of God, I answered the call! Here am I send me!



What do you enjoy most about ministry?

I enjoy the intimacy with my Lord! He is my everything, He is my best friend, He's there when no one else is! He never leaves me nor forsakes me! I also enjoy the friendship I have with my Lord, my God! I enjoy the Hope that lies within me in Christ!

When I see someone hurting, I enjoy being His hands and feet. I enjoy giving them His hope, His life, and ministering the promises of Jesus Christ! And watching God change lives! I love Him!

What is your greatest Challenge?

My greatest challenge is wondering if I've reached the people Jesus wanted me to reach today? Can I lay my head down knowing that I have done all He has asked me to do today?

Another challenge is having the ability to see some of the most impoverished situations.

Sometimes it is hard to see these situations, so I rely on God's Holy Spirit to direct and equip me. There was one situation where it was so hard that I questioned God if He was sure He wanted to send me? Because it triggered some memories, He spoke to my heart and said "If you want to do my will, this is where I have called you to go. You know what I have done for you. Love them as I have loved you." My response is, "forgive my doubt and unbelief and send me".

Highlight your testimony and relate it to your ministry.

I was a slave to the king of this world, I was ugly in sin, blinded from the truth, I was on the outside looking in, really wanting to be accepted and loved. Being a slave to sin, I was shackled to the darkness of this world, in the area of drugs, promiscuity, lying and drunkenness. I was abused both physically and sexually from the time I was 3 yrs old. Satan thought he would destroy me, but God

had another plan. His plan was to resurrect His forgiveness, and His powerful love, and he snatched me from the pits of hell. He is the glory and the lifter of my head. He whom the Son sets free is free indeed!

The word says the voice of the Lord splits the Cedars and shakes the deserts! Well that is what he has done for me. So I feel compelled to answer the Great Commission sister's. I am called to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to the prisoners who are bound in slavery. I challenge you to be surrendered to The King of Glory and listen for His voice, because He wants to use you too!

What has been the impact of your ability to touch others lives through your testimony?

God called me to Evangelism in 1983 and used me to lead many to Him. One in particular was a little boy named Joshua, who a lady decided she didn't want any more. She was a lady God called me to minister to while doing street ministry. I had

no clue she would drop her son off at my door and tell me she wanted to go on the road with her boyfriend, and that Joshua was the last one she would give up for adoption out of 5 children. She had already given up the other 4. So we went to the judge and she signed him over to me. At that time my ex-husband's life was not where it needed to be and I knew God had another plan. My pastors at that time had been praying for a home for Joshua and God's plan was for my pastor's daughter and her husband to adopt Joshua. He was 6 yrs. old at the time.

Today Joshua is 22 yrs. old and a Youth Pastor at Salvation Army Church. He is also studying to be a pastor in Texas! How does that impact my life? I am soooooo humbled that no words can describe my gratitude to my King for allowing me to be a small part in His awesome plan!



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