

# Redeeming the Division

Cultivating Unity Among Women

# More of You, and Less of Me



"More of you and less of me. That is all I want to be. Cause in the end, I shall stand at your throne at your command. Father, when you look at me, all I want you to see is more of you and less of me."

Kathleen Carnali, More of You and Less of Me

## Magnitude of Mission

We have become distracted, allowing liberties to

become divisions



### We are not immune to sin

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace." Ephesians 1:7

#### We are all Sinners!

When we have people in our life to hold us accountable, the sins in our life shouldn't get this out of control.









#### Jesus Died to Redeem & Restore

"Now the work of Jesus Christ on the cross was not only to bring men back into fellowship with God, but also into fellowship with our fellow man. Indeed it cannot do one without the other...But if we have not been brought into vital fellowship with our brother, it is a proof to that extent we have not been brought into vital fellowship with God."

Roy Hession, Calvary Road

FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT A MATTER OF EATING AND DRINKING BUT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE AND JOY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. WHOEVER THUS SERVES CHRIST IS ACCEPTABLE TO GOD AND APPROVED BY MEN. SO THEN LET US PURSUE WHAT MAKES FOR PEACE AND

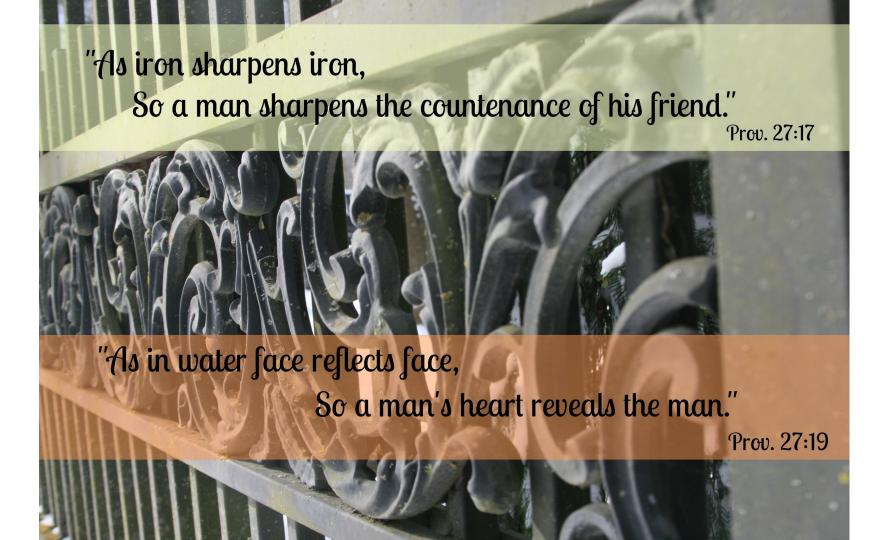
The Kingdom of God is not a matter of organic eating, education choices for your children, how or where you have your babies, or even how many babies you have... But of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.



## You were made unique for a reason

• If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

1 Corinthians 12:17-20 ESV





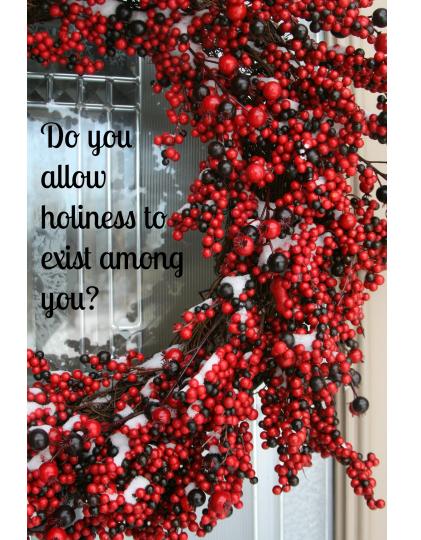
"You can Preach a better sermon with your life than with your lips."

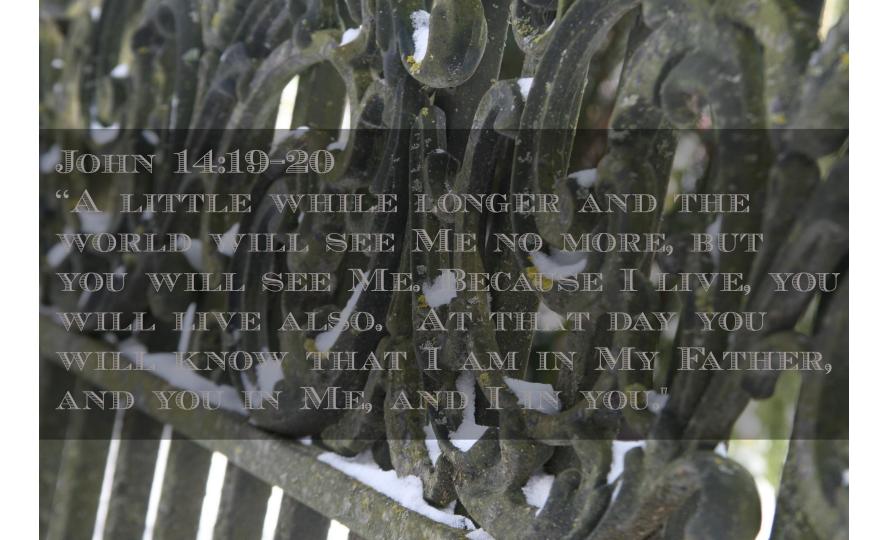
Elizabeth George

...put on the new self created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Eph. 4:24

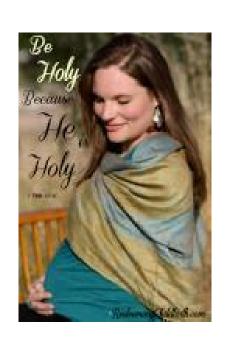






# Engage Rejoicing & Grieving Intentionally

We are not fluent in the language of empathy and we are not practiced in the ability of grieving or rejoicing together.





#### WE SET THE CULTURE OF THE CHURCH

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other, as the Lord has forgiven you... And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony." 1 Colossians 3:12-14

Choosing to be a part of this movement within the church, a movement of women recognizing their God given influence, in setting the culture of the church, means we are willing to stop caring about what others think of us and speak truth in love, pursue holiness, and relationships with those who are pursuing holiness, be intentional about mentoring younger women for the glory of God.

What should be our focus: "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy- think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me- put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you." Philippians 4:8-10



than it is within our power to give them, and this will lead us to prayer. Richard Foster

## **Ending Prayer**

Let's Pray for Unity Together,

Lord, we come together as sisters in your house, and ask you to bring unity and harmony back to the worldwide church. We pray that you would equip us to see a bigger vision here. Please raise up women to lead among the young moms of today, Women that seek you in every area of their lives and can, by example, lead. I pray older women would read this book Lord, that they would see a young mother's heart for unity and be prompted to team up in this effort to support women towards embracing birth and experiencing your presence in it. Lord, I ask that you would create in us clean hearts that are pure. That you would blot out any judgmental thoughts or fears of being judged from our minds. May we begin to treat one another with a special respect without avoiding intimate conversations. Lord, I pray that women would get real, get deep, even when it is painful; for that is when there is real growth. I pray that you would motivate us to seek change in our hearts from a deep love for you and an understanding that we are called to be lights in this world, recognizing that the world is watching us; watching how we treat one another, and recognizing that there is this disunity as well. May you bring unity through your grace. Amen





"No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." John 15:4