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# A Woman with a Vision

## The Launch of the Ministry

On the 16th May 2009 we celebrated the beginning of the ministry called A Woman with a Vision. A few friends from Eastside Community Church helped put together an amazing evening filled with drama, dance, music and prayer.

The purpose was just to praise God for who He is and how He will use this ministry to help heal not only women, but also families that are going through relationship problems, and to help them grow in their relationship with the Lord.

Suzanne Nolan wrote a song for the evening based on Isaiah 61.

*God's Spirit is on me; for He's anointed me  
Sent to turn the dark to light;  
For justice we must fight  
The Grace of God; will be with me  
I'll trust Him and be free; The Grace of God  
will be with me; I'll follow where He'll lead  
Sent to comfort those who mourn; To heal the  
heartbroken  
They'll find eternal gladness;  
No more tears, no sadness  
I greatly delight in the Lord;  
and my soul rejoices in God*

Judy Loedolff danced to the song "In Christ Alone". The song starts with the words: "In Christ Alone I put my trust ..." This is what I pray for myself and the ministry: to place trust in Christ alone.

Thank you for your support and prayers for me and this ministry.

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# Moving from Fear to Faith

**The 5 Week Bible Study Course ended the 2nd June on a blessed note!**



Nearly every school term I do a Bible Study Course.

This year the topics will be focused on emotions. Since fear is a reality in our society today, we began the year by discussing fear and how we as Christians can deal with it. The topics were: Fight or flight, Distorted reality & fear nothing, When you feel you're losing control, Replacing your fear with God's power and Becoming a woman of faith.

The course, merged by many sources, was challenging to present but turned out to be a blessing in the lives for the women who attended. Please pray that I would have the ability to gather and adapt material of my own for publication rights.

## **A few women in the course gave feedback on what they thought of the course:**

*Powerful but in a very personal way. I found the individual sessions simple but meaningful - leaving a picture or image with me of how one can hold on to faith - even when you are "fearing". Our lives are filled with so much that challenge us, derail us, put us off - but if we only but hold onto God - we can live in faith and be strong, no matter what.*

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*I think the course was great Ina! Thank you, it wasn't quite what I was expecting - I learned far more about God's promises in Scripture than I thought I would - it's really encouraged me to read my Bible more, which is so important.*

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*Thank you Ina. God sent me to you at the right moment in my life. Your first Tuesday helped to prepare me for the shock of receiving my divorce papers and helped me to overcome the fear that I experienced at that time. Every Tuesday pointed me in the right direction to handle the "Goliaths" of the coming week, and today you helped to remind me that I needn't fear the next "Goliath" as God is with me and will help me through, and I should just persevere and carry on.*

*The best day for me was the Tuesday when you used our acting (non) abilities to break down our inhibitions and that helped to open us and share more with each other. Maybe you should start each lesson with an interaction session to help break down the silence.*

*"a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and  
a time to dance." Ecc 3:4*



### ***A Woman with a Vision***

invites all ladies to come and enjoy a morning filled with laughter, music, dance, art and the Word of God.

**When: 8 August 2009**

Speaker: Melanie Belcher

Time: 09:00 - 11:00

Place: Eastside Community Church, c/o  
Garsfontein & Primula, Garsfontein, Pretoria

Cost: R100.00 per person (includes light snacks  
& tea, speaker and more) Bring cash for  
donation & craft tables

Booking is essential before or on 4 August 2009

Bank details: A Woman with a Vision Project; First  
National Bank; Branch: Menlyn Park; Code:  
252645; Account: 62215112070 Ref: Your Name &  
0808 Fax or email confirmation to  
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***Special offer: if you buy 5 tickets you get the 5th one for R90 or if you buy 10  
tickets you get the 10th one for R50.***

## **One-one-one counselling and workshops**

I thank the Lord for opportunities to share on a one-on-one basis with some of the ladies in the Bible Study - to get to know them better and pray for them. I would have loved to meet each woman!

There are also a few women whom I started counselling. One day I came back from an appointment and felt that this is what God has planned for me to do!

I have been reading a lot about counselling women. There is one course in particular that I would like to attend that deals with inner healing. The course fee is R300. Please pray that God provides the funds for me to attend this and similar courses.

I was also invited to do a workshop for women at a leadership weekend in Hammanskraal (just outside Pretoria) on Saturday, 13th June. The topic is: "My Identity in Christ."

# Prayer Partners

## *Praise the Lord for:*

- the 16th May - the wonderful, blessed experience we had celebrating a new beginning for the ministry;
- wonderful friends who helped with everything: from music to cleaning up afterwards;
- the Bible Study Course - Moving from Fear to Faith (that was blessed);
- new opportunities to do workshops and counsel women in the Tshwane area and maybe one day beyond the borders.

## *Please pray for:*

- Wisdom to rewrite the Moving from Fear to Faith Bible Study;
- R300 for the counselling course I love to attend;
- Women's Day Event 8th August: Please pray for funds for promotions e.g. radio advertising; women to register for the event; preparations: catering, decor as well as the speaker and people taking part in the music, dance and drama.
- Collaboration with other ministries in workshops and counselling.

## *continue to pray for:*

- the women who attended the Bible Study - that they will apply what they've learned;
- new partners for the ministry

# Partnership

Since I started this ministry I saw the need for women to have someone to talk to about their fears and struggles, to receive Biblical counsel how to have faith that God will help them through every circumstance, someone to pray with and be there in times of sickness, or just to know that someone cares.

Thank you to all of you who partner with this ministry to help these women. Without your help it would not be possible.

**Helping women to heal, you also help their husbands and children.** If you're not part of the ministry yet please consider giving: R100; R200, R300 ... per month.

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