TRUE LOVE SPEAKS

LISA BEVERE
The second month of the year has always been reserved in honour of St Valentine, and is globally celebrated as the month of love. I found it fascinating that the commercialization of “love” has become so cheap, since we are only expected to “show” our love and appreciation of those closest to us on birthdays, Christmas, and for the special “love” in our life on Valentines. I call it cheap, since we’ve been called to live out our love in the same manner that God lives His!

Enter the greatest revolutionary that ever lived, Jesus Christ. The historical context into which He steeped was one seeped in tradition and vigorous religion. The theologians of the day had made so many rules and regulations that it made normal living a near impossibility. And here comes Jesus and accuses them of making the rules so difficult, and of expecting people to follow them while they themselves couldn’t even keep it! Jesus even goes so far as to intimate that they’ve literally killed off a living relationship with God by introducing so many rules that their lives (and the lives of their followers) eventually was no better than white-washed graves. But Christ was the Great Forgiveness, and so He offers all of humanity a way out of tradition, religion, rules, regulations and conformity. The offer was simple: love God, love others and love yourself. Not some of the time, but all of the time, constantly and consistently. In the face of love all Law is made perfect, all rule is simply lifestyle and regulations are determined by grace.

How can one effectively commercialize this type of living? In fact, is it at all possible? We bandy the word “love” around so flippantly it often loses its essence. “I love my new car,” or “I love my new dress,” is just so … banal in the light of “God Is Love.” Love is the Source of life, its essence, it’s meaning and it’s goal. If our very nature, our most intimate characteristics are created and lived out in life, what a rich source of diverse expressions we will experience! Talk about biodiversity. Look at a sunset, a Yellowwood tree, crashing waves or a Highveld thunderstorm and you will experience some aspect of the diversity of Love.

Each person will get a choice of what to do with the chemistry of love that plays out in our daily lives: do we choose to live by feeling alone or do we live according to the Image after which we were created? In other words, are we living for the moment and the situation, or are we living in the hope of potential realized?

Is this not what true vision amounts to: to have the hope of invested potential realized. It is to touch the Unseen, it is to proof the Uncreated, and it is the evidence of Eternity locked up in our soul. There can be only one true Valentine for me! How about you?
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We discussed in the previous issue how faith in God’s Word should be the dominating influence in our lives, instead of the natural circumstances that seem to limit us. Smith Wigglesworth strongly reminded believers of our responsibility in this regard. He said where much is given, much is required. In other words, if we don’t move forward and walk in the light of the truth that has been revealed to us by the Holy Spirit from His Word, we will forfeit living in the supernatural here on earth. If living supernaturally is something we can experience, would we really want to opt for anything less? Would you be content to live at the mercy of your circumstances, letting the devil reap havoc in your life, while you suffer and say, “God is in control, so I’ll just sit by and let things happen.”? Really...is that in line with God’s Word? Absolutely not! Jesus said while we are here on earth, we are to be vitally abiding in Him, filled with His Word and power, taking authority over the devil and ministering the life and peace and miraculous in people’s lives. We are supposed to be His representatives by bringing the reality of the supernatural into this natural world. Many people say we are to only represent Jesus in His character traits by being peaceful and kind and tolerant of all people. But when you look at the nature and character of Jesus in the Word, as much as He loved people, He had no tolerance for sin or powerless religion. He had no tolerance for deception that kept people in bondage and lack, or sickness and pain and suffering. And neither should we.

Our enemy is not flesh and blood, but principalities and rulers of darkness that manipulate and keep people in bondage through sickness. If we are to fight the good fight of faith and overcome the attack of the enemy in this life, do we even suppose we will do it without being skilled in operating in the supernatural power of God? Do you think being a passive Christian who tolerates every kind of evil, and just looks the other way saying, “God is in control” is going to make any difference in this world? Yes, God is in control; that’s why He sent Jesus so that whoever receives and believes on Him will walk in His authority to stand up to the devil, supernaturally turning the tables on him and all the evil he spews out on people in this world.

We are the light of the world, we are the salt of the earth and we need to supernaturally influence it if we are going to be counted as Christ’s representatives. In John 15 Jesus tells us we must abide in Him by having the truth of His Word mould and shape the way we think and speak and act. When we do, there will be real evidence of what that abiding Word produces in our lives. That evidence is called fruit and it fills our lives with the actual substance of what the revealed truth has promised. In
other words, when we understand and agree and believe what the Word says about God being our healer and that His Holy Spirit has empowered us with spiritual gifts to operate in partnership with Him to bring healing to all who need it; then we will begin to do just that! And as we do, there is actual evidence of God’s Word being alive and productive in us.

WE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, WE ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH
The Beauty of Brokenness

JOYCE MEYER

There’s a story about a little boy who was very poor and needed shoes. He was standing in front of a shoe store, barefoot and shivering with cold. A woman approached him and asked him why he was standing there, looking through the window. He told her, “Well, ma’am, I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes.”

The woman took the boy into the store, washed his dirty, bare feet and put new socks and shoes on them. The boy was so touched by her compassion that he asked her, “Ma’am, are you God’s wife?” He assumed if she showed him that kind of love, she must be related to God.

This story is one of the best examples of what it means to walk in love. And our goal as Christians is to show God’s love so people see Jesus shining through us.

It Starts with Communion
Matthew 26:26 (ESV) says, “Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, ‘Take, eat; this is my body.’” It’s interesting to see here that Jesus blessed the bread, broke it, and then gave it to the disciples.

We usually refer to this scripture when we have communion to remind us of the sacrifice He made for us. And just as He gave His life and was broken for us, we must be broken so we can live for Him.

We don’t like to think about God breaking us, but it’s really a wonderful thing. See, when we’re born again, the seed of God’s nature - all that He is - is planted in our spirits. First Peter 1:23 says, “You have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.” And 1 John 3:9 tells us that as believers, “God’s seed [His principle of life, the essence of His righteous character] remains [permanently]” in us (AMP).

This means we have what it takes to be like Jesus and love others the way He loves us. But we all need God to do a work in our souls for us to be able to walk in love. We have to grow spiritually for our soul, mind, will and emotions to be molded into the image of Christ.

We don’t need to pray for God to give us love, because we already have His love in us. We need to pray for Him to show us how to walk in love...for God to do whatever He needs to do in our lives so His love can flow through us to others. When we do, He will deal with whatever is in us that is standing in the way: pride, unforgiveness, selfishness, insecurity, fear or any other ungodly attitude or behavior.

How Brokenness Works
Isaiah 64:8 says, “O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You our Potter, and we all are the work of Your hand” (AMP). I know what it’s like to be broken and molded by God. I used to have so many problems; I was hard to get along with and harsh. There were a lot of things I didn’t understand because I had been mistreated,
and I thought it was good to be hard and not let anyone push me around. I believed everyone else had a problem, not me.

I remember praying so diligently for God to change my husband, Dave, because if he would just be the way I wanted him to be, then I would be happy. But one day God spoke to my heart so strongly and said, “Dave is not the problem.” My response was, “Well, who is? It’s just me and him. What do you mean Dave is not the problem?” It was devastating to realize I was really the problem, but it was also the beginning of a beautiful work God wanted to do in me.

Even though I was hurting and hard to get along with, I really loved God and wanted to live for Him, but I had to give Him control so He could mold me into His image. I began to pray things like, “God, do whatever You need to do in my life to change me. I’m the clay and You are the Potter. Romans 8:29 says you foreordained me to be molded into the image of Jesus, and I want to be everything You created me to be.”

The journey hasn’t been easy, but I can honestly say that the hardest times in my life became blessings because God used them to bring me close to Him so I could really know Him and grow spiritually. That’s His plan for all of His children.

I want to encourage you today to spend time with God and search out the promises He has for you in His Word. Trust His wisdom and do what He shows you to do. As you put your faith in God to break you, mold you and make you what He’s created you to be, the Potter will make you an amazing work of His hand!

WHEN WE’RE BORN AGAIN,
THE SEED OF GOD’S NATURE IS PLANTED IN OUR SPIRITS

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If we go to the Word of God in Luke 15:4-10, the Lord uses two examples of how He is interested in the individual, the lost sheep. He talks about the Good Shepherd leaving the ninety-nine sheep to go and look for the one sheep; just the absolute ecstasy and joy He finds when He brings that lost sheep back home. He also uses the illustration of the woman who lost the coin and turned the house upside down until she found it and then she rejoiced with her friends.

When we see God moving majestically like He is doing in these last days, touching hundreds of thousands of people at a single meeting, it is very exciting. Yet, what I love about Jesus is that He is the God of the individual. He is the God of the “whosoever’s”. According to Romans 10:13 (NKJV): “For whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” He also specialises in using reprobates (unprincipled persons).

We just think of Paul the Apostle, who wrote two thirds of the New Testament, and who had a dramatic experience near Damascus.

We think of George Müller when he was a theological student and during weekendsa winebibber and a womaniser. He was saved dramatically in Bristol, England, where he then started children’s homes which took care of over one hundred and twenty thousand children, without him asking for any money.

We think of Charles Colson who was USA President Richard Nixon’s right hand man. One of the most brilliant minds in the world, and yet he went to jail. But, while in jail, Charles Colson met Jesus Christ and started an internationally acclaimed prison ministry.

Then of course, we think of John Newton, the captain of a slave ship, who wrote ‘Amazing Grace’. I couldn’t think of a worse occupation; and yet through this repentant sinner, the Lord has touched the whole world.

God is no respecter of any persons! He’ll use any man or women who put their hands up.

You and I must never be slow to speak to the Lord Jesus, to ask Him for counsel, to seek His Presence and His love; because He is always available for us. All we have to do is call upon Him. He says in Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV): “Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.”

So let us never think that the Lord is too busy to hear from us. Never let the devil tell us stories that we are not good enough for the Lord to hear our prayers.

He spoke to the woman at the well, who wasn’t even a Jew. She was Samaritan. In those days, that interaction was unheard of: for men to speak to women alone and
for Jews to speak to Samaritans. Yet He broke both those rules. He sat there, spoke to her at length and He told her whole life story. She was totally amazed, ran back to the village and told the village she met a man who told her whole life story; as a result of her powerful testimony, the whole village came to Christ.

My dear friend, if you forget everything else, never forget this: our Lord Jesus Christ came for sinners like me and like you. He is interested in the individual. He is interested in what you are doing; whether you are a farmer, a miner, a businessman, a sportsman, a mother, an old grandfather, a granny… God is interested in everything you do and He wants to participate and help you.

So let us call upon Him today, while He still may be found.

GOD IS NO RESPECTER OF ANY PERSONS! HE’LL USE ANY MAN OR WOMEN WHO PUT THEIR HANDS UP
Walk into most churches nowadays and you will likely hear a message of love, hope, encouragement, and identity. And all that is good and well. After decades of overly harsh messages, the pendulum has naturally swung to the other side - but have we swung it too far? Are we so set on being seeker-friendly that we neglect what it means to be a true friend to those walking through our doors?

Now the mistake we made in previous decades was to tell the truth in ways that weren’t always loving. The answer to this is not to shrink back from speaking truth. It is to learn to speak the truth in love.

Jesus was certainly a friend of sinners - and we should be too - but it’s time we reassess what being a friend actually looks like. I don’t know about you, but I, for one, expect my friends to tell me the truth. I don’t want them to bash me over the head with it, but I do want them to tell me the things I need to hear in a loving way.

We’ve all been given truth without love at times. It doesn’t feel very good. Truth without love is mean - but love without truth is meaningless. We need both. And when we look at Jesus, we see these two qualities on full display. He is the God who so loved the world, the one who is Himself the very nature of love, yet He is also the truth (John 14:6).

Consider the example of the woman caught in adultery in John chapter 8.

She is exposed in her sin and is surrounded by her self-righteous accusers who want to stone her. Most of us know the story. Jesus reaches down and writes something mysterious in the sand. Then he stands up and says to those condemning her, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” One by one, beginning with the older ones, her accusers begin to turn away. And then comes the moment of beautiful grace we’re all familiar with. Jesus turns to her and says, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She responds, “No one, sir.” And He says, “Then neither do I condemn you.” Simply awe-inspiring!

What an amazing embodiment of love and grace and beauty all wrapped up into this potent moment. The God of eternity reached down into the dust of our existence and transformed it with a single touch.

But if Jesus had the attitude of most churches today, that’s where the story would end. Thankfully, it doesn’t. His love for us extends well beyond that. As beautiful as the words “Then neither do I condemn you” are, His next words are equally charged with grace, love, and truth.

He tells her, “Go now and leave your life of sin.”
Why? Because He knows she’s been looking for life in places she can’t find it. Because He knows she’s been trying to drink from cracked, dry cisterns that can’t touch her thirst for more. Because He sees the broken ways of living she’s embraced, and is inviting her to leave them behind. Because His desire for her is that she run fully in the identity He created her for, and He knows she’s been living far below it. He sees the pain her choices have caused in her life and in the lives of others, and He has so much better things in store.

Do you see this? This call is an invitation to more, and it’s breathtakingly BEAUTIFUL. You see, Jesus loves us where we are but he never leaves us where we are. He calls us into life.

My question is, as a church, are we doing the same? When I look at the body of Christ at large, we are eerily silent on so many things that are wreaking havoc in people’s lives - things like greed, same-sex attraction, hypocrisy, gossip, self-identification, slander, moral relativism, gender confusion, abortion, pornography, and more. Is this what truly loving people equates to - silence?

Would we rather risk leaving someone in bondage and shame than say something in love that may temporarily offend or discomfort them? Have we confused loving people unconditionally with giving blanket approval of their actions? Do we believe God’s Word still speaks to these things? It is not God’s Word that is silent on the controversial topics of our day - it’s us. And the hard truth is that we are not truly loving people the way Jesus did if we shy back from the truth in the name of love. Jesus never did. His love runs so much deeper than that.

Beloved, let’s be like Jesus, full of compassion, yet uncompromising in truth. May we never cease to declare with boldness the unchanging, constant, unconditional, infinite, undeserved, adamant love of God - but let’s remember that love always calls us out of brokenness into something better.

Let’s never forget that the same Jesus who says, “Neither do I condemn you” says, “Go and leave your life of sin.” He doesn’t just forgive our sins and remove our shame. He sets us free from sin’s tyrannical rule in our lives and invites us into life as He intended for us. God, in His adamant love for us, won’t settle for anything less. We shouldn’t either.

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A new year is upon us…and how quickly it came. This is a time of setting goals, or at least dusting off the old ones and maybe reconsidering them with fresh perspective after a good rest.

So how did your finances fair in the last year? It was an extremely challenging period for sure. I am certain we can all attest to that. Definitely those of us who were out of debt before financial trouble hit last year have survived to meet a new year in a much stronger financial position. Being out of debt is always advisable. After all things are considered, I have never encountered a sufficiently good argument in its favour.

I think many of us will need to boldly face a new year, determined to set our fiscal sails and to hold on to our course. Living within one’s means is a reality many have had to face. The collapse of a debt bubble has forced this ultimatum on many and, in fact, in some cases has necessitated a real adjustment to a more prudent and modest lifestyle.

We need to carefully set our family budgets, resolve once again to earnestly avoid the debt trap, possibly cut up credit cards and make some realistic decisions as to how to attack the goliath of debt in our lives. We also need to make a careful determination of what represents essentials in our shopping basket and what is in reality a luxury. I think that our economy is making a slow recovery but I also think that the emphasis is on slow.

I am also an optimist. I think we should be when we are filled with faith. I would also like to suggest that this new year presents a wealth of opportunities for those of us seriously looking to take advantage. In many instances, I have encountered rather desperate sellers of assets such as properties and even business. Many of these sellers need to alleviate intolerable debt burdens caused by shrinking trading margins or a lack of suitable stable tenants. If you are looking to capitalise on these opportunities, make sure not to be over hasty. Do your sums very carefully and allow adequate provision for contingencies. In many cases, despite a conservative approach, you may be able to “cut a deal” at a lower price than you expected.

I am excited for what 2019 holds in store. Opportunities abound for the determined and observant. Most of all have fun in your financial affairs!
Churches and the Mistake of Inward Focused Marketing

PHIL COOKE

I met Jessica Foy recently during a visit with Pastor Steve Vaggalis at Destiny Worship Center in Destin, Florida. Jessica is the Marketing Director at the church, and joined the team after being a social media freelancer and marketer for Whole Foods Market. We started a conversation about how churches so often struggle to engage their communities, and I was fascinated at her take on what she calls “inward focused marketing.” If you’re involved in helping churches, ministries, or non-profits share their story, then you’ll be interested in our conversation:

Phil Cooke: Tell me what you mean by “inward” focused marketing? How and why do churches make that mistake?

Jessica Foy: Inward focused or inward faced marketing is something that companies and churches alike do without even knowing it. When your organization hat is on, it is sometimes hard to keep a pulse on how your message will be perceived by the outside world. I spent a couple years as a local marketer for a Whole Foods Market in Destin Florida and they also experienced this. One day a new Global Marketing Director came in and realized that all of the messaging on various platforms put out by Whole Foods came across as inward facing (self-consuming) and not customer facing. Instead of marketing in a traditional sales approach like “We have the best Berry Chantilly cake and you should buy it,” they took the angle of provoking a desire or feeling in their customers and placing their products in those special moments of people’s lives. This totally shifted the marketing messaging from pushing a product to feelings that resonate with every person.

Obviously, churches aren’t necessarily marketing a specific retail product but we are responsible for creating brand identity. Brand identity is a perception – someone’s gut feeling about your brand. This is shaped by everything from messaging on all platforms right down to how someone feels when they pull into your church parking lot. It all matters and it all adds to the feeling they have about your brand. So as a church communicator we need to do our best to define it and protect it – and focus on the customer, not you.

Phil: How can a church or ministry move to a more “outward” focus in their marketing, and why does it matter?

Jessica: It matters because the goal is to reach all people, not just the ones sitting in your services. We should be reaching the un-churched and the lost and in order to do this we can’t always talk in church acronyms that the average person won’t understand. I think the best way to do this on a church team is to support a culture of honesty and to have someone on your team (that can speak in the correct meetings/settings) that is not just a “yes” person. Obviously you don’t need everyone on your team challenging every thought or nothing will be executed. But it’s important to have at least one or two people that can speak to marketing and messaging who have solid outside experience and can really challenge thoughts that others on the team would never think twice about.

Phil: How will this change our approach and impact the way we engage the outside culture?

Jessica: I believe this outward faced approach will actually accomplish what churches are hoping to accomplish by reaching people. It will break down some of the barriers that stop new people from coming to a new place and put the focus solely on Jesus and not as much the organization. Remember that it’s not about you; it’s about the people in your community.

Phil: If you were to share one thing with church marketing and communications professionals, what would it be?

Jessica: Develop a brand standards guide and have a team member who can lay the messaging groundwork within your organization. Every church/organization should have a guide that clearly defines the importance of how to build a cohesive brand. This involves everything from acceptable fonts, colours, logo usage, signage, how to create effective t-shirts, etc. All the outgoing things matter when you are trying to shape a gut feeling that creates your brand identity.
Why Making Assumptions Can Lead to Disaster

We all make assumptions about things and in my case, they’re almost always wrong. I was talking to Dawn Nicole Baldwin during a digital communications project we were leading for a client recently, and mentioned my habit of making incorrect (and often embarrassing assumptions.) She told me an interesting story about a recent experience visiting a local church:

Dawn: A friend of mine doesn’t go to church but one day decided she’d like to try and find one. Her husband was sceptical, so she chose to visit one near her home with her kids first before asking her husband to go with her. I went with her and as we were walking up the pastor was outside the door greeting people as they came into the sanctuary.

The first thing he said to us was, “Good morning ladies - where are the men?” He made a huge assumption because after all, I could have been a widow, and my friend could have been a single mom. It was so awkward, uncomfortable, and actually condescending, that she stopped trying to find a church.

Dawn felt there were two lessons from the experience:
1. Don’t assume. Don’t ever assume. You never know the circumstances, the background, or the context, so even in a well-intentioned effort to be fun or casual you may end up being hurtful or callous.
2. Never forget that the slightest encounter with someone can have a far reaching impact. For good or bad, a single comment can last a long time. With my friend, that one awkward moment gave her the impression that pastor was more interested in being what he thought was probably funny rather than caring. As a result, getting her to try another church is going to be a real challenge.
As Tough as Nylon...?

LAURA LEDWABA

Nylon was created as an alternative to silk in the 1930s. What makes nylon so special is that it’s versatile and easy to make for manufacturers. And quite interestingly, nylon is well suited to creating fabrics designed to withstand intense force, an example being ropes, parachutes (first use in WWII), and more recently in bullet proof vests.

This ability to withstand an intense force is a characteristic that should be displayed by those who call themselves Christians - and I include myself among these! From experience I have learned that trying to achieve things on our own without God’s help is not only exhausting but also hopeless.

This ‘intense force’ I am speaking of are the challenges we face daily - peer pressure, failures, successes and disappointments. If you thought being a Christian exempts you from the challenges of life you were wrong. You see, the devil has even more of an interest in causing us to stumble because once we give our lives to the Lord we are on the path of righteousness. On this path, we are operating with God’s mighty hand directing our choices and decisions through which our full potential should be unleashed. It is precisely this powerful, potential unleashing of destiny that scares the devil. His best weapon is to distract us from this course through distractions of ‘life’s issues’.

So how do we equip ourselves to stand up to these intense forces? God’s Word gives us many ways to do this, one of these found in a letter written by Paul to the Ephesian church: “Therefore take to yourselves the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand” (Ephesians 6:13).

Paul continues to describe the typical armour of a spiritual warrior needed to face the intense forces that come against us: “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places” (v.12). Talk about intense!

My encouragement to us all is to simply dress ourselves in the awesome armour made available through God’s Word. Let us stand, and with God’s help face the enemy. We can be as tough as nylon... on second thoughts, tougher!
When I was a young boy one of my uncles was my hero - he looked rough and tough and seemed like he couldn’t care less. He used a rattlesnake for a belt and could wear out a pair of jeans in a day. And he had a tattoo! The tattoo read – Born to suffer! And that was his label. He never complained. He never moaned and groaned. He never grunted or growled. He was an expert in ignoring pain. He had developed seemingly useful coping skills, but led an extravagantly unfulfilled life. He based his entire legitimacy on the fact that he was born to suffer. And the more he suffered, the better he felt. Imagine that!

But perhaps it’s not that difficult to do, because many of us have the tendency to build our entire legitimacy on some big fat lie. Some people think they are legitimate if they are fixing things or people or they are solving problems. Others think they are legitimate if their children are successful. (Imagine what Adam and Eve’s Dad must have felt like if this was a valid assertion. Or even Samuel the prophet of whom it is stated: “And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.”) Some people think they are legitimate if they know – i.e. they have knowledge or if it is obtainable to everyone, they have it first. Some think they are legitimate if they have followers. Some think they are legitimate if they can give something and people need them. Some think they are legitimate if they are busy building some or other business or structure and they have power and are in control. Some think they are legitimate if they have earned it through their good works. Anybody who wears any of the above labels or believes even one of the above lies – still believes a lie. A lie is a lie even if it is a very noble lie.

The truth is:
• God loves you even if you break things and your best is not good enough.
• He loves you if even your kids or followers fail miserably.
• He loves you even if you don’t know or you are wrong.
• God loves you even if nobody likes you.
• He loves you even when you have lack and are needy.
• He loves you even when you are blocked or defeated.
• He loves you even if you don’t feel you deserve it and you haven’t earned it - He loves you because you are you.

That doesn’t mean that we shouldn’t fix things or solve problems, build a platform under our children to be successful, have knowledge, have followers, be givers, be builders and have dominion or do good works. It just
means that we can’t build our legitimacy on those things. If you do, your whole life will be based on performance and you will die unfulfilled. Guaranteed! So, if you believe the lies – Stop it! But that’s easier said than done. But it is possible. I know, I’m on that journey. It’s a wonderful journey. It’s the progression from bondage to freedom. The journey from slavery to sonship. So start today and do what you can with what you have!

(* A short definition of legitimacy can be as follows: Having the feeling of being in the right place at the right time and it rests on two essential pieces of truth namely that you are a chip of the Old Block and when God made you He said: That is very good. Note that there could be a difference between absolute legitimacy and a feeling of legitimacy.)
Who is your help against pride?
We are deceived almost daily by the same tactics of the enemy. And fall prey to temptation, lust, hatred, self-pity and greed. But pride is what fuels all of these above mentioned flaws. Pride is like a brain tumor which grows slowly and weakens us on the inside that it rapidly shows on the outside. That all what’s left to look at is bitterness. The enemy uses pride constantly against us, and we’re sometimes too weak to see it, too scared to fight against it. And end up loveless. Satan makes sure that our pride piles up like snow, so that it’s impossible for us to ever find our way to Jesus. Battling each day to walk in the light but failing miserably. But there’s hope.

HUMILITY OUT GROWS THE TUMOR KNOWN AS PRIDE
‘Have a heart of flesh’
God gave us the gift of wisdom, that even when we’re filled with pride we can still fight it with humility. I’ve mentioned that pride is like piled up snow, but humility is like salt thrown over this snow. And you know what happens? The snow drops and soon there’s a path. This is why Jesus told his disciples that we’re the salt of the earth.

Now is the time to suppress this pride which causes us to hate, judge and envy others. Our pride shouldn’t be master over the flesh nor the soul. Pride makes us selfish and causes our faith to become like infested farms where everything which grows is heavily affected but humility irrigates us spiritually.

And the Holy Spirit just washes out all the negativity, all the injured parts so that we once again may grow. It supplies us with the living water: Jesus Christ!

PRIDE SHOWS NO REMORSE
Pride is the most serious and the most subtle sin. It all started with Lucifer in Isaiah 14, and there we read about the effects of pride. Where one angel lost his position in heaven out of pride! And ever since then he has been at it to persuade the world to see God through his eyes. Lying and manipulating people, telling them that they too can be gods.

Even king Herod tried to kill Jesus as an infant, and failed. (Proverbs 16: 5)

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One of the questions that plague me often, if not daily, is ‘am I a true representation of who Christ is?’ When I look at who my King is and what He is... He is love! Every attribute or characteristic of Christ is one of love! Now I don’t know about you, but when I think about who I want to be, the ideal me, I think about the characteristics of Christ and I try to mimic myself to those of His.

Love is a verb - it’s an action, it’s not a thing! Love is very patient and kind, never jealous, boastful, proud, selfish or rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will keep no record of wrong when others do it wrong. It is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out. If you love someone, you will be loyal to them no matter what the cost. You will always believe in them, always expect the best of them, and always stand your ground in defending them.

God represents Love to us in such an elaborate way. John 3:16 says “Because God loved...” – a dynamic action and representation of sacrifice. He let us, the human race, murder His one and only Son, for the payment of our sins; for the payment of our incapability to show one another love. To me this was one of the most extravagant demonstrations of true love. From groom to the bride of Christ, how honestly beautiful!

The truth of the matter is God made us to love and to be loved. Now after realising what love truly is, my question was how on this green earth was I, a simple lady, supposed to love? The shoes to fill seemed unachievable.

Sitting here, I wonder if I am even capably of showing anyone love. But Christ said that He made us after Him and who He is. Therefore I was created to love and be loved.

So in closing... Chase after God’s heart, chase after who He is, and chase after what His love is. Trust me, as soon as you know and understand what His love truly is, and start practising it in your daily life, not only will your life be changed but the people in your immediate circle and beyond will be changed.

As always don't forget to LIVE - LOVE - LAUGH - AND LEAVE A LEGACY!

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The Faces of Humanity

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*Lwazi roams the streets of Rosebank in his worn faded clothes, shoes falling apart and unkept appearance, asking for some "small change" here and there to gather enough coins for his day’s meal. Forced to flee from the wrath of an alcoholic and abusive father and the daily struggles that accompany living in a poverty-stricken household rural Eastern Cape, Lwazi ran away from home and came to Johannesburg with the hope of finding a better life for himself. Unfortunately for him, the big city of lights was not kind refuge he had hoped it would be and he found himself living on the streets. Although everyday is a soul cracking challenge, he is adamant that he will never return home. After nearly a year of his search for work proving fruitless, he accepted homelessness as his reality.

Living in an up market two-bedroom flat that lines the very same street that Lwazi roams daily, is *Natasha. This tall and beautiful woman is a Lawyer. She spends days assisting her clients in sorting out their legal affairs and representing them in court. Natasha works long hours met with all sorts of challenges, but at the end of day she feels rewarded in having been able to help people. To Natasha, status and image is important. She invests a lot of money in her appearance, buying expensive clothing, bags and shoes. Late for work, as Natasha emerges from the parking space of her building in her new Mini Copper, she looks into the rearview mirror and applies mascara and lipstick, putting on her face for the day.

Just as Lwazi and Natasha are two very different people, our country, the African continent and the world as a whole is made of up very diverse people all who constitute the various faces of humanity. We look different from one another, have different experiences, lead different lives and speak different languages. The faces of humanity thus take on various different forms from poverty, war and suffering to fame, wealth and beauty. The faces of humanity are differentiated by gender, race, geographical location and religious beliefs. It is a combination the worst as well as the most of our inspiring of our human attributes. Through the different ages that we have lived in the faces of humanity has undergone extensive evolution and is still constantly changing.

Often in looking at the various faces of humanity, we become accustomed to only seeing our differences. Like a mask, we put on the face that we most identify with or that society projects onto us. Focused on our difference we become disconnected from one another. This makes it easy to forget that despite humanity being comprised of a diverse array of people, we are all individual parts of a human family. In the month of December, when we try and set out or differences aside and celebrate the festivities together, these are some good points to ponder. At the
end of the day, referring back to Lwazi and Natasha, although they are nothing alike the core of who they are is very much the same. Beneath the surface they both have feelings, dreams, ambitions, fears and insecurities. They are both children of God with their own unique path to follow.

In my teenage years when I lived in Queenstown, I used to love spending hours sitting outside on our front stoep on warm summer evenings just looking up at the stars that punctuated the evening sky. It amazed me how in different seasons, different constellations such as Orion’s Belt were positioned in different locations of the sky, or how when visiting different places, I could still see the same stars I could when at home. The sky is a beautiful mystery. I often wondered if it is a reminder of the constant love of our Divine Creator, as well as our connectedness. The components that constitute the beautiful sky-scapes come together to create a mass of endless blue that wraps the entire earth, just as a series of tiny droplets join to form a mass of clouds or as hundreds of individual blades of grass cumulatively join together to form an endless green carpet. Similarly, as people we form a collective called humanity and as all living beings are connected to one another and to God.

The idealists among us dream of a time when we will function as one humanity and not as divided parts of a whole. When we participate in the spirit of the festive season, we slowly allow barriers to dissolve as they lose their importance. It is in those moments when such things seem possible. When we undress the masks we wear or project, we are able to connect with the very essence of what makes us human beings. We have a greater awareness of our oneness and are able to generate a greater sense of compassion for one another. This awareness and sense of humanity prevents disconnecting and prompts us to be of more support to one another. When we look at people such as Nelson Mandela, Mother Theresa and Princess Diana, this understanding was inherent in them and they provide an example of the powerful impact that doing so can make.

*Please note that names have been changed for the purpose of this article*
Comfort: The Solution that Cannot be Found in a Bottle

MICHELLE FROST

"Have you ever thought about the skin under your arms? Has it occurred to you that it may not be soft enough, that it could be smoother, more appealing? Don’t fret because we have the solution! For just R99.99 your underarms can be as soft as a baby’s posterior! Call now and we’ll send you this amazing bug-repelling deodorant- absolutely free!"

Let’s face it, we live in a society that is absolutely obsessed with beauty, beauty products and anything that will make us look younger, prettier and healthier. A short tour through the TV channels on any week night will convince you. It seems that there are adverts designed to make us feel guilty and inadequate about every part of our bodies and every area of our lives. If we are to take society’s word on the matter then we will never feel good enough, thin enough or attractive enough, because their goal, it seems, is to keep shifting the goal posts.

Yes, during our coffee shop discussions with our friends, we are all very aware that it’s all a farce. We know that the magazine cover models are touched up by professional make-up artists and digital gurus. But if we bypass our savvy, educated, ‘I-don’t fall for gimmicks’ minds and look a little deeper into our hearts, we realize that some of this message, no, much of this message has slipped through.

As women we find our eyes lingering over those gorgeous cover shots. With a twinge of envy we wish our hair looked as healthy and glamorous. We stroll down the beauty and health aisles just a little more slowly, examining the myriads of products, hoping that perhaps one of them will be the solution to the wrinkles under our eyes or the ever-expanding width of our hips. Although our minds know better, our hearts have been conditioned to believe that, at every level, we are not good enough and that the solution to our problems lies in beautifully-packaged, cleverly-marketed bottles.

And so, in an attempt to improve ourselves, we spend the money… sometimes we spend lots of it. Our wallets become lighter but our souls become heavier as the terrifying thought haunts us, stalking ever closer; the thought that the moisturizers, toners, lipsticks, night creams and diet pills don’t work. We know that they don’t work because we still don’t ‘feel’ beautiful.

But let’s stop and check the TRUTH on the matter. The TRUTH is that we were created by The Master Creator and artist. God is perfect. In Him no fault is found and He created each one of us uniquely. The TRUTH is that the enemy comes to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10) and he does this by whispering lies to God’s beautiful creation – much as he has since that first day in the garden. These lies tell us that we are not beautiful enough, smart enough, brave or talented enough. They tell us that we are insufficient, we are not enough to achieve the things God has destined for us to achieve – without ‘tweaking’. And
the TRUTH is, as it was in the garden, that we listen to the tabloids that tell us that if our hips are too large, society will mock and belittle us. We hear the echo of these sounds of dissatisfaction when we look in the mirror and we believe that we do not measure up.

As women, I believe, that we can find the solution to every one of our problems in God’s word. The packaging may not be as attractive as a glossy magazine, and the marketing may not be as extensive as a hair-product advertising campaign but God’s word will speak directly to our hearts and heal the core of the self-esteem issues that no cream or pill can ever begin to heal.

The solution is Jesus. He can be found in the pages of the Bible and just as He spoke gentle words to Mary Magdalene, the woman with the issue of blood and many other women in the Bible - He will speak tender words of love to our hearts.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 says, “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the Lord of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.”

Comfort. Isn’t that what all women desire, deep within our souls? To be comforted when we are scared, lonely, confused and sad or when we feel inadequate. Often we seek this comfort in others; our spouses, friends, parents, children or even in TV programmes, romance novels or internet chat rooms. We look for it everywhere but are unable to find the true peace that passes all understanding.

If only we will reach out to the Lord of comfort – to God who comforts us in all our troubles. When we receive His genuine love, peace, words of affirmation and healing, we will be empowered to be the women He created as to be. When we have been comforted by Him, we can be used by the comforter to comfort other lost, lonely and broken women who need a touch from God. We cannot find what we are looking for in the beauty aisle at the supermarket. The comfort we long for can only be found in the arms of Jesus. David Crowder Band says it beautifully in their song ‘Remedy’: He is the one who has saved us. He is the one who embraced us. He is the one who has come and is coming again. He’s the remedy!
The ignition of love in anyone’s heart is such an exciting experience. The symptoms are mostly the same for just about anyone and once you have experienced this phenomenon it takes no rocket scientist to identify those around you whose love has just been ignited. Longing, adoring stares into each other’s eyes, giggles from her side about anything he says, holding hands, (with often sweaty palms), snuggling and chatting for hours into the night. If you have been there before you may remember the ability for you and your “love” to be able to spend hours together just talking. It did not matter about what just as long as you were together. Young love – it’s beautiful, intense and heart pounding!

My husband and I were on one of our “date” nights recently. Since having children we have determined to set aside “date” nights as often as possible simply to reconnect and be alone without the demands of being parents and running our own business. We went for dinner and a movie – a typical date night for most people. While we were enjoying our dinner, I was reminiscing our relationship and fondly examined the road we had taken from that young love to a more mature deeper one. When we had started dating I would take about 2 hours to get ready deciding what to wear. The anticipation was intense and when he finally arrived it felt like my heart was doing back flips in my chest. Our initial dates were filled with giggles, awkward moments and a journey of discovering who and what we meant to each other. Years later, we are still very much in love but have moved past the awkward moments of wandering – does he love me, will he stay with me, am I his true love? I know for certain that he does love me and will be with me forever. The uncertainty that the young love phase brings is over and we now experience the depth and beauty of a secure, steady and still very passionate marriage.

Yet I will never forget the start and how it all began. While thanking God for my special husband, I journeyed further back before I met him. I certainly am not proud to admit that I had a trail of disastrous relationships before my husband. One particular young man that I dated seemed to be the perfect picture. He was the full package – physically and spiritually. But one day after dating for a few months the unexpected happened. Out of the blue and for no apparent reason he took my hand and said these words – “Tracy, I am sorry but the ‘fuzzy wuzzies’ have gone away.” And just like that our relationship was over. I was truly perplexed and could not understand what he was meaning at first. ‘Fuzzy wuzzies?’ What was that? It sounded like a fluffy toy or a type of milkshake. For this seemingly mature man to use this language was puzzling to me. But eventually I came to the understanding that he meant that he did not love me anymore, that the ‘spark’ was gone. The butterflies in his tummy had flown away to rest upon another heart. This analogy brought a season of paranoia in my life believing that the ‘fuzzy wuzzies’ would always be temporary – that a deep meaningful relationship was not possible.

The turn around point came one day when I was spending some alone time with God. On my bedroom floor, listening to some music, I started to cry out to God about my longing to find someone who would stick with me even
when the 'sparks' were gone. A mature love, deep and meaningful. God took me to a verse in Songs of Solomon 2:7 - "Oh, let me warn you, sisters in Jerusalem, by the gazelles, yes, by all the wild deer: Don't excite love, don't stir it up, until the time is ripe - and you're ready." God drove the message into my heart that I should not try to find love until I was ready. At that point in my life I needed my heart to be restored by the Lord. He needed to become first and full-most in my heart without competing with someone else. Only once that had happened would I be ready to receive love. A spiritual "overhaul" needed to take place within my heart. I needed to understand that God must be first. When I yielded myself to the Lord and made a decision that I would not run after love from a man but rather run after and pursue God, a peace and newfound inner strength became mine. It was not long after that I met my husband and many years down the line I am thankful for the seasons He took me through and the valuable lessons I have learnt.

With young love, it is so easy to become wrapped up in a fairy tale. As soon as you meet the guy of your dreams, the wedding and honeymoon is already planned in your mind. You practice writing your first name with his surname and start getting used to the sound of it. Within moments of being "officially" together the pressure comes of when will you get engaged. And possibly then one day you have a disagreement about something, the "sparks" dissipate and the butterflies start to fly away! Fear sets in – possibly he does not love you anymore? Maybe he has met someone else. Insecurity and jealousy surround you and in one fowl swoop your relationship comes tumbling down. As dramatic as that sounds, it sadly portrays many relationships. Every relationship has its challenges but if yours cannot move from surviving even when the 'fuzzy wuzzies' have gone, then possibly it is not worth the effort. Possibly your heart is not ready? Maybe your heart needs a spiritual 'overhaul' like mine did? And maybe he simply is not the one for you.

Only God and you can journey together on your personal road. But wherever you are in your life and whoever you may be with, ask yourself some pertinent questions: Is your heart right with God - Is He first? Are you dating this person because you can’t be alone? Are you afraid that the sparks of butterflies (fuzzy wuzzies) will go away so you compromise your standards? Are you consumed with jealousy and possibly manipulate your way and opinion on your partner? I gently challenge you to allow God to minister to your heart and I remind you of the scripture, "Don't excite love, don't stir it up, until the time is ripe - and you're ready." Become ready by being with God and allowing Him His rightful place in your heart. Let Him fill your heart with Himself. God is besotted with you and will always love and desire to be with you. Let His sparks of butterflies fill your heart – He promises that He will never stop loving you and His fuzzy wuzzies for you will never go away!

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HIGHLIGHTS

Hosting the Supernatural
Nicky van der Westhuizen
MON-FRI @ 10:00 PM
A talk show based program hosted by Apostle Nicky van der Westhuizen. The show features special guest interviews, musical performances, family and leadership insights, and segments on how to host the supernatural in our daily lives.

Faith & Football with Mike Barber
SUN 03 @ 08:00 PM
Mike Barber, former NFL player, founder of Mike Barber ministries, bringing the gospel of hope to incarcerated men & women.

The Story of Jesus for Children
Jesus Film Project
SAT 09 @ 03:00 PM
In the first century, a group of children meet together to talk about what they’ve seen and heard about Jesus.

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THUR 21 @ 10:00 AM
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