

# Joyful Blessings!

Seeds Of JOY is a ministry dedicated to "touching hearts and transforming lives for Jesus!"

Winter 2019



**Welcome to the Season of Winter!** We pray that you are staying safe and warm during this cold, snowy, and windy season!

In late January, as my evening was winding down, I couldn't help but think about the weather outside. At the time, it was unseasonably warm with no snow in sight for the month of January. I remember thinking how unusually bizarre this weather was. I had to remind myself that it was January, because it sure *seemed* as though it was the end of March or April.

Then I heard these words from the Lord, "*Things are not as they appear.*" I knew instantly He was speaking to me about my life's struggles and circumstances; and the battle I was having walking by faith. He just simply used "the weather" to get my attention, so I could hear His words speak to my heart.

In Ohio, our season of winter can be very unpredictable! We can go from subzero temperatures in one day, to 45° rain and thunderstorms in another; to -35° windchill factor, 29° and lots of snow, then to abundant sunshine on a 60° day—all in the same week!

So, it is with our lives. They too can be very unpredictable at times! One day everything is going well. Then the next day, we are hit broadside by a circumstance, trial, or tribulation; a storm in life we never saw coming. In a matter of minutes, our life can be shaken to the core of our faith by the storm raging around us.

However, did you know there is a house you can run to where you can stay safe and warm during the unpredictable weather and storms in your life? Amazingly, there is only ONE THING NEEDED in order to find this house. You must first have the desire within your heart to seek after such a house!

Psalm 27:4 describes this house, "*One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.*" Having read this scripture many years ago, it became my heart's desire and prayer to not only seek after but also to find this house.

I can honestly say I found this house. However, to *dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life* has not always been an easy thing for me to do! Pressing distractions, situations, trials, and tribulations have challenged me so many times throughout the years. Unfortunately, I've allowed these interruptions, at times, to steal my joy causing me to grow weary to the point of despair. I never realized the value of dwelling [*living and remaining*] *in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

Trust me, circumstances in your life will become unpredictable at times! Storms in your life will rage out of control around you! Thus, the importance of not only finding this house, but also dwelling [*living and remaining*] *in this house of the Lord all the days of your life.*

*There is a house  
where you can  
stay safe and  
warm during  
the unpredictable  
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storms in your life!*

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This *house* will protect you from all of life's unpredictable storms raging around you, but only if you remain in this *house*. Moreover, it's only in this *house* where you'll find those *things* you're struggling with on the outside, *are not as they appear!*

Just as I found this *house*, you too can find this *house!* This *house* is simply, the Presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord tells us, *when we seek Him, we will find Him, when we search for Him with all our heart.* Therefore, as I mentioned, the only thing you need in order to find this *house* is to have the desire in your heart to seek after Jesus. And when you search for Him with all your heart, you will find Him! It is in this *house*, in the stillness of your heart, where you can talk to Jesus in prayer. It is here, at His feet, where you'll find everything you need to overcome all of life's challenging circumstances. You can endure the unpredictable weather and storms raging in your life. (Jeremiah 29:13)

The Lord is "a heart searcher," and He knew my one heart's desire was to seek Him daily so I could dwell in His *house*, by living and remaining in His Presence, every day of my life. However, He also knew how difficult this was as I struggled in the many storms of my life. I often grew weary at times to the point of despair. As a result, He led me to design an amazing prayer devotional. Through my own prayer devotional He taught me the value of not only dwelling in His *house*, but also beholding the beauty of the Lord, and inquiring in His temple while at His feet in prayer. (Psalm 27:4)

Many times, throughout the years of my journey, I struggled as I focused on the unpredictable weather and storms in my life, rather than focusing on the ONE who could calm every storm—Jesus! Then I finally realized how vital it was to take time every day and sit at the feet of Jesus in prayer! It was here, at His feet, where I learned to behold the beauty of the Lord, taking my focus off the unpredictable storms raging around me, and putting my attention and focus instead on Jesus looking to Him to calm the storms!

The value of my prayer devotional grew the more I inquired in His temple. The more I sat at His feet desiring,

searching out, and striving for His answers to all my unpredictable storms, the more I realized the value of writing everything down I was going through in my prayer devotional.

However, nothing could prepare me for the many times I would hear Jesus speak to me the answers to my prayers while writing in my prayer devotional!

The many devotionals I have now accumulated over the years are full of conversations between Jesus and me. Each page records the many ups and downs in my life's journey. If it were not for my prayer devotional, there's a good chance I probably would have quit from years of growing weary. However, every time I found myself growing weary to the point of despair, Jesus would lead me to reread His words spoken to me in my prayer devotional. I can't begin to tell you how many times He said these very words to me. "Judy, do not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time you will reap a harvest, if you do not give up, do not lose heart, and do not quit." (Galatians 6:9)

I can honestly say, I am so thankful that I never gave up...because now, 23 years later, it is with great pleasure to introduce to you our newly designed Seeds of Joy Prayer Devotional!

Are you experiencing unpredictable weather and storms raging in your life, such as the Season of Winter this year? Do you

desire to find the *house* that will keep you safe, warm, and protected from all of your life's unpredictable storms raging around you? If so, take my hand and I will lead you to the *house of the Lord*. I am a living testimony of what Jesus can do with a heart that has *desired to seek after and dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, beholding the beauty of the Lord, and inquiring in His temple.* While in His *house*, I will share with you all that I learned through my own prayer devotional at the feet of Jesus. I guarantee, you too with find this *house* in the stillness of your heart talking with Jesus in prayer as you write in your own prayer devotional! Order yours today!

♥ Judy



This prayer devotional will **COME ALIVE** when you sit at the feet of Jesus and talk with Him in the stillness of your heart in prayer.

*Order yours today!*

# Hear what others have to say about the **Seeds Of Joy** Prayer Devotional

In April of 2017, Judy invited me to the Risen Warrior Ladies Brunch. Judy spoke and taught the women who were present to use a prayer devotional she designed. Having never been one to journal, I was skeptical, but I felt the Lord nudging me to use it.

My early efforts were sporadic at best, but I continued to be amazed that when I used it, Jesus always met me there and spoke to me.

I wish I had words to explain how much my prayer life has changed and grown as a result of the Seeds Of Joy Prayer Devotional.

God has stretched me and continues to meet me when I use it. I wish I could say I use it daily, but that's not the case yet. Still, I believe as a result of my growth in my walk with Christ, even when I pray without using the devotional, my prayers are more organized, and I feel like God is closer than He used to be.

Lately, I've been taking the time to go through all the stuff inside the devotional. Wow! What a treasure chest God has given to Judy to share with His people. I can't help thinking this needs to be distributed to so many more people! — **Genny Armstrong**

The Lord has stirred a passion within Judy. She's an inspirational author and speaker with a true desire for the body of Jesus Christ to know the intimate relationship with their Lord and Savior. She longs for others to know their God given gift and potential to walk in the fullness of their calling to impact His Kingdom.

Judy encourages others to stir the gifts of God within them, learning to cultivate their gifts through prayer! Prayer is how we stir the gift of God within us. Therefore, the prayer devotionals she designed are a great resource and tool to grow spiritually as we spend time with the Lord intimately drawing closer to His Presence and allowing Him to stir those gifts within us.

The prayer devotionals are bible based on the truth of God's Word. Jesus gave us a prayer to model after in Matthew 6:9-13. These devotionals are designed to emulate that prayer as they teach us how to praise, give thanks, self-evaluate (confession of our sins), make petition, and how to listen to the voice of the Lord.

I personally have placed many of these Seeds Of Joy Prayer Devotionals into the hands of friends, family, and people I have ministered to, because I believe they can literally change someone's life. They also make wonderful gifts and can be used for both personal time or in bible study and prayer groups. — **Ruth Williams**

## **DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY IT'S COVER!**



When I first saw the Seeds Of Joy Prayer Devotional, I thought..."Oh, this is nice, a simple black binder with lots of pages to write on." But upon browsing my local bookstore devotionals...I discovered some had beautiful teal covers overlaid with lace borders, or soft leather books with gold stitching, or even one that sported a floral pattern of colorful roses on a shiny burgundy backdrop. It wasn't until Judy helped me understand why the Seeds Of Joy Prayer Devotional was unique, that a light came on in my head. *It wasn't what the outside of the devotional looked like, but what was on the inside that mattered most.*

In 1st Samuel 16:7, the Bible emphasizes, "...For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." The inner pages of my prayer devotional lovingly hold my heart's moans and groans as I have cried out to the Lord in prayer as a cancer survivor. The words on those pages remind me how God has always been there looking at my heart. The outward appearance of the prayer devotional is nothing impressive, as it has just a blank cover. However, the wealth of wisdom, heartfelt conversations, and tears of joy that consume the inner pages in the heart of my devotional are so precious in God's sight! As I started writing down prayer requests, taking notes as the Spirit nudged me to keep track of God's messages, and praising His name when prayers were answered...I finally understood. Those inner pages of my devotional were like a gold mine! God's dynamic love notes verified on **MY** pages for months to come, would help me battle any trial that would come my way!

I'm still getting used to grasping all the wisdom available inside my devotional (How to Digest God's Word, How to Pray, How to Listen, and much more) but am so excited about what God has planned for me! He has opened my heart and mind to a whole new concept of developing a closer relationship with HIM. I encourage others to give the new Seeds Of Joy Prayer Devotional a try! God will bless you daily for applying it to your life. — **Chris Goglin**

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## UPCOMING EVENT...

We are so excited to have Judy Nagella join us on the panel of the 1st Annual I Can't Come Down Women's Conference.

Judy loves to "touch hearts and transform lives for Jesus!" She is the Founder and President of "Seeds Of Joy," a nonprofit ministry in Ravenna, Ohio. Judy encourages others as an Inspirational Speaker, Teacher, Evangelist, Writer, Author, and Praise Performer. She loves sharing her heart-felt messages God has revealed to her while in prayer. Judy wrote, designed, and published a prayer devotional that taught her the value of sitting at the feet of Jesus. She now fulfills the Lord's Assignment and Purpose to lead others into true intimacy with Him at His feet using the Seeds Of Joy Prayer Devotional.

To learn more about Judy stop by her vendor table on March 30th to see her prayer devotional along with many other inspirational items she has designed and sells.

**NOTE:** How blessed we are to be a part of this sold out women's conference! Please join with us, and Rachel G. Scott, Conference Organizer, as we pray for this conference, the speakers, musicians, mc's, moderators, volunteers, and most importantly for the women in attendance. They each have a unique story that led them to attend and we are excited to be a part of what God is about to do in their lives. — *Seeds Of Joy*



1ST ANNUAL  
**Women's Conference**  
Saturday, March 30, 2019  
Understanding your Purpose,  
Walking in your Assignment,  
and Staying Focused.

Vision Brunch with Rachel: Registration 10:30 am | Brunch 11 - 12pm  
Conference: Registration 11 am | Doors open 11:30 am | Program 12 - 4 pm  
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CONFERENCE & PANEL SPEAKERS

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### Our Vision is to "Touch Hearts and Transform Lives for Jesus!"

We do this in the following ways as we teach others to:

- S**eek the Word of God for His Truth.
- E**ndure trials as your faith is tested.
- E**scape to a quiet place to hear God's Word.
- D**igest God's Word one bite at a time.
- S**hield your loved ones with prayer.
- O**bey the Holy Spirit's leading and guidance.
- F**ight the good fight of faith and receive eternal life.
- J**ournal God's messages to know the way.
- O**bserve all things commanded by the Lord.
- Y**earn to focus on what's ahead, forgetting what's behind.

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