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Whose voice are you hearing?

In a world that is filled with a lot of competing voices, whether it be from television, your I-pod, radio, DVD, or movies, our mind gets bombarded with messages from the world, the flesh and the enemy of our souls.

The other day as I was walking down the hall from my office, I heard my cell phone going off in the office. It was a text coming in. I have become acquainted with the sounds programmed into my smart phone.

We all have different ring tones for the important people in our lives. This reminded me of Jesus’ words to us about His sheep hearing His voice and of Him knowing us and how we know to follow Him.

As shepherd of a sheepfold, that person watches over his sheep. He knows each one and leads them. He tends to each sheep individually, to look for wounds, parasites, illnesses and protects them from predators.

As our good Shepherd, Jesus loves us, watches over us, cares for us and desires for us to listen for His voice.

As believers in Christ, we need to be reminded that Jesus said, “His sheep hear His voice.”

We might be saying, “But Lord, I don’t hear your voice and I need to hear you.”

It’s time to tune in to what He is saying to us through various ways He can speak to us. It may be a scripture that rises up to our mind that gives us an answer for a need we have been praying about.

You may hear a still small voice in your heart. Or, it may be a word of encouragement from a fellow Christian when we are going through a tough time and we don’t see any way out of it.

The Holy Spirit will also bring to mind that Jesus gives us His Peace, and that we need to acknowledge it and receive it. His voice is always speaking to us. Our job is to spend quality time with Him and listen to what He is saying without all the distractions of the world drowning out His voice.

A spiritual daughter of mine is a young mother who has three children under the age of three, all clamoring for her attention.

Jesus is just as attentive to your heart’s cry to Him. He will never leave you or forsake you.

Turn off the outside voices and tune in to Jesus. He is waiting for you!

Judy Graham
President
Celebration Women’s Ministry Inc.

As Christian women, our daily actions are reinforced by the assumptions and perceptions that are framed by the past.

But to fulfill God’s plan we must create a distinct future. Great news! He’s already outlined a plan. Read our theme scripture, Luke 4:18-19. We know this is not a day-by-day regimen He has described, but it serves as the guidepost for our priorities and decision-making.

Before National Conference kicked off this February, we held a training session for all chapter leadership. Ladies in attendance may have taken off work and/or traveled from another city to gain insights from national leadership and other chapters, while feeling their anointing in this ministry. During this session Judy Graham shared news of Celebration activity across the nation. We have updated the chapter manual to reflect fresh thinking on developing, chartering, and re-igniting chapters. With your hard work, love, and support, more women welcome Jesus into their hearts and experience the healing power of the Holy Spirit!

While we are not called to be superheroes, we are called to be extraordinary. We each defined a superhero trait within us that we can leverage as we do God’s work. We are called to be extraordinary leaders and to act in his name. Recall John 14:12, “Whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.”

Later in the session we featured excerpts from leadership coach Jenni Catron, author of The 4 Dimensions of Extraordinary Leadership. Catron defines the extraordinary leader as one “who has searched to discover her authentic self and from that place influences others to accomplish great dreams through intentional relationship (heart), spiritual awareness (soul), wise counsel (mind), and relentless vision (strength).”

Keys to moving toward extraordinary leadership include building relationship with God, mentors, peers, and your teams, maintaining your emotional health (rest in God’s sovereignty and stay connected with your calling), being good stewards of your team, time and resources, and inspiring confidence by reinforcing the vision of Celebration.
We asked you to send us donations in the names of the wonderful Proverbs 31 women in your life, and here are your honorees!
Wake Up! Celebration

I was encouraged, challenged, affirmed & welcomed. Through prayer with Dr. Gilbert’s message, healing has begun. - Unknown

The weekend made me feel very loved. - Eva Leonard
The weekend showed me I need to step out and step up. -Nana Brady

Speakers were on point, convicting, and left me with a message to live out as we return home. -Suanne Wilson

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Celebration Luncheon at Texas Annual Conference

with Jessica LaGrone

Tuesday, May 31st, 2016
12 Noon (Doors open at 11:30 am)

Hilton Hotel Americas
1600 Lamar St., Houston, Texas 77010

All women & men invited! Luncheon Ticket - $30

Checks may be made payable: “Celebration” (Memo – TAC Luncheon)
Or register ONLINE by credit card at www.CelebrationMinistries.org

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Katie O’Neale, newsletter editor, would love to add your chapter’s news and events to our summer issue! Please send any information to News@CelebrationMinistries.org by April 15. Or, if you know anyone who would like to receive this letter, they can sign up also by contacting news@CelebrationMinistries.org to be added to our list.

To receive “Sounding the Trumpet” (Chapter and National Prayers), email Julie Puckett at jabpbristol@gmail.com.

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