

# Priscilla's Women

## Women of Courage

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Happy Birthday/Anniversary!! We are two years old this month! It has been an exciting journey and the best is yet to come. In this issue we are adding two new columns: one deals with women and worship, the other is a column from a 20-Something's perspective. Next month we will be adding one more column, "Nugget's of Nourishment," which will be short thoughts from women of wisdom who have been down the road of ministry and survived.

I trust you will continue to enjoy what we are bringing and share it with other women you know.

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Throughout our years of ministry there was emphasis on making sure our children were not expected to do things that were pushed on them, just because they were the 'pastor's kid'. With all good intentions we may have done so well, that our children do not want to be involved in ministry. So, we have to be careful not to push them into things, but at the same time provide a place in which they want to become involved.

There has to be balance. The key is to provide an atmosphere in our churches where teenagers and young adults *want* to bring friends and *want* to be involved. I know I have heard many people say this, but have they truly accomplished it? Some have and some haven't.

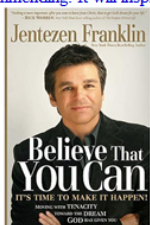
How do we actually know what teens and young adults want? Ask them. Don't just ask, but DO some of the things they recommend. Create a team of young advisors. Ask for their opinion and hear what they are saying. Ask what they would like church to look like. Let them know you really do want their input. Show them how valuable they are to you and the church. There have been too many pastors and leaders saying they want to reach the generations, but are unwilling to do what it takes to reach them. We have to put action behind our words.

I trust this issue will inspire and motivate you as you read the "Chick to Chick" interview, Karla's Korner, a new article from a 20-Something, and Women and Worship. Enjoy!

### Book Review

**Believe That You Can** Jentezen Franklin

This book is excellent to add to the ones I have been recommending. It will inspire and motivate you to believe in the dream and vision God placed in your heart.



Jentezen gives you scriptural reference for writing down your vision and so much more. Chapters include...

- Chapter One "Write Your Vision"
- Chapter Two "Discovering Your Mission in Life"
- This chapter talks about dreams from God going through a process of birth, death, and resurrection.
- Chapter Three "You Will Come to Vision"
- Chapter Four "Take Hold of Your Dream"
- Chapter Five "Unfolding Your Dream"
- Chapter Six "Making Assets of Your Liabilities"
- This chapter speaks on making strengths arise from your testing.
- Chapter Seven "Living in the Faith Zone"
- Chapter Eight "Don't Let Go of Your Dreams"
- Chapter Nine "Keep Climbing"
- Chapter Ten "Never Doubt Your Vision"
- Chapter Eleven "Never Too Old"
- Chapter Twelve "Put Away Your Measuring Stick"

Every chapter is worth the time reading. I hope you do pick the book up and be challenged by what you read.

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*Chick to Chick - a Chat with a Woman in Ministry*

## CLICK TO CLICK - a chat with a woman in ministry

Since this is our second anniversary I wanted to interview myself. This will allow you, the reader, to get to know more about me and where this ministry is heading. I trust it will challenge, encourage, and motivate you to become all that God has called you to be, no matter what your circumstance.



### 1. Tell us a little about yourself.

When I was a teenager I knew God called me to ministry. My husband and I have been in ministry 26 years. We have been blessed with four wonderful children, two sons and two daughters. When our second child, Daniel, was 15 months old he had spinal meningitis, leaving him totally dependent on others for his survival. He is now 21 years old. Our oldest son is 23 and our two daughters are 18 and 19 and are at Southeastern University.

My husband and I were pastors for 22 years in very traditional churches. About four years ago I allowed circumstances to overtake me and decided I did not want to have anything to do with church, ever again. I also allowed lies of satan tell me that my family would be better off without me and walked away from my family for a few days. My husband very graciously made the decision to leave our church and help me. With much prayer and God's grace He restored our family and revived a dream in my heart that had been dormant for several years...ministering to the needs of women in ministry and the pastoral family. My husband is finishing his D-Min in Patoral Care at Regent University and I have developed Mentoring Women in Ministry Int'l.

### 2. How did the illness with your son affect your family and ministry?

I was determined not to allow the affects of a disease hinder our ministry. We believed Daniel was going to be healed and still do. I also believed it was an attack from satan, trying to keep us from the ministry God had called us to. Daniel was in church with the rest of us. Life kept going. In fact, after one of our services, where there was an awesome sense of the Holy Spirit, our older son went to the children's department and had the workers put Daniel in his wheelchair. He rolled his brother to the altar for prayer. Every move Daniel made our oldest son would look, with anticipation for Daniel to get out of his wheelchair. We have tried our best to keep discouragement from happening to our children and have them keep trusting and believing for the miracle...that is [read more](#).

## My Identity by Karl Rodriguez

"Those Americans made fun of me every chance they got. They were cruel because I couldn't speak English." Those were the words I heard from my father's lips one night after he got home from work. We were at the dinner table and he had just narrated a story about the first time he attempted to order food at a McDonald's in the United States. He had only left El Salvador a few months earlier because of the violent revolution that was taking place. "I ordered a meal at the drive through window and then decided to ask for ketchup. I couldn't pronounce the word very well, so it sounded more like "katsap". The guy asking for my order yelled "what?!" every time I tried to say it more clearly and finally ended up cursing at me." You could tell that even though it had happened years earlier, it still brought back feelings of pain and resentment in my father.



When you're 10 years old and you hear your father speak these words, something inside of you changes. In my case his story translated to: "You're different. Your family is different, your culture is different, and everything [read more](#)

If you would like to send words of encouragement and support you can email her at [karlarod81@gmail.com](mailto:karlarod81@gmail.com).

## Alone, But Not Lonely (thoughts from a 20-Something) by Elizabeth Marsh

If you are anything like me, chances are you have a large circle of acquaintances around you. I think I must have missed "stranger-danger" day in Kindergarten, because everyone I meet, I like. This has allowed me the comfort of always feeling at home; a comfort I now more fully appreciate.

In January, I moved coast to coast. I moved away from family, friends, and everything familiar. This little adventure helped me to realize that the ability to make myself at home was not only a good skill, but one that was vital to my survival in the world of ministry.



I don't remember God asking me for my input when He chose to send me to minister here. He also didn't afford me the joy of taking everyone I knew with me. If you have been in ministry long, then this probably sounds all too familiar. This phenomenon, especially to the single female, is possibly the primary source of what I like to call Jonah Syndrome. It's the panic [read more](#)

## Women of Worship

by Sara Pomeroy

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Sara Kennedy is a native to Saginaw Michigan, Sara met the Lord on October 2nd, 1977 and felt His call to full-time worship ministry, eventually leading her to Pensacola, FL in 1998. She completed her Associate of Arts degree at Brownsville Revival School of Ministry. There she pursued her calling as a worshipper. It was not until she was led to Richmond, VA in 2002, four years later that she saw doors starting to open to lead worship more and more, and walk in her calling as a Worship Leader. Two years later she felt the Lord calling her to, and giving her a heart for Women's Ministry, leading nights of intimate worship for women.



"There is a level of intimacy with the Lord that is present in an intimate, non-distracting environment. Women feel comfortable bearing their heart before the Lord; they are not afraid of brokenness and find themselves washing His feet with their tears."

With God-given talent echoing her heart for meeting the Lord in song, she has led worship for Women's conferences, retreats, and bible studies along with other special events.

"The Lord has taken me through many seasons of growth, pain and tears in the many years I have been serving Him, and the only place where I have found safety, comfort, healing and freedom, has been in the midst of His presence in worship. I have found, without exception, when I run to Him, wounds open, offering up worship in the midst of my pain, is when His presence and His love is undeniable. His faithfulness to meet me there is unfounded. My heart is to go to that place again and again, and to take others with me to that place; in the presence of God, where they can encounter His love, receive His healing, and worship in freedom, walking away from that place with the glory of the Lord on their faces"

Along with pursuing her Bachelors Degree in Worship Studies, Sara has also had the privilege of training under singer/songwriter Rita Springer, as well as attending Saddledbacks Purpose Driven Worship Leaders Conference.

#### "SOAKing your wounds"

So I was at the gym one day, looking forward to a nice 45 min. on the Elliptical machine, while listening to my favorite worship tunes. I hop on, put my water in the convenient holder, unravel my earphones, plug in my Ipod and.....nothing. Oh no!!! I forgot to charge it and it is dead. Now I don't know if any of you have tried to exercise without the Ipod in your ear or some kind of stimulation to keep you going, but it is NOT fun!

Then I realized about 10 minutes into exercising, that God had a hand in this. There was a reason why he wanted me to be with just me, Him and my thoughts. It was during that work out that He gave me a vision, and that vision has really allowed my vision and heart for worship to be more focused and driven. So here is the vision.

It was a picture [read more](#)

#### PTO - Personal Time Out

In ministry it is quite often difficult to find our personal time out. Don't allow this to be a trick of the enemy. As leaders it is a MUST that we have our personal time. It is the time where we refuel. It does not always have to be spiritual. Find a friend and go to the gym...start walking together...go to a movie. It doesn't matter what you do, just take your time.

I say it doesn't matter, but we cannot neglect our physical, emotional and spiritual health. They all work hand in hand. We need to make it a point to be well rounded in our health. We can become so spiritual we are not good for anything and neglect our physical health. Make it a point to always look your best. This involves physical, emotional and spiritual. Like I said they all work together to make us the person God created us to become.

#### Ministry Resources

Our goal is to be a resource for the woman in ministry. If you know of a website or ministry that would be an encouragement and help, please email me the information. I will check it out and make a list to include in our monthly distribution.

#### The CD Resources:

##### September - "Fatigue" - Steve Kelly

This message is focused on not getting weary in ministry. [Order here](#), click on make a donation and put month in description. Cost is \$10.

##### January - "Imagine the Impact - The Economy of Heaven"

##### February - "Buy-In - Participation"

##### March - "Tithing"

##### April - "Stewardship"

##### May - "The Future is Now" & "The Power of Partnership" re: Favor

##### June - "What Every Leader Should Ask Themselves" - Steve Kelly

##### July - "The People You Can't Help" - Steve Kelly

##### August - "God is Moving - Where are You?" - Steve Kelly

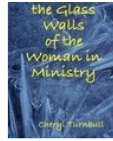
All CD's are \$10 each, which includes shipping and handling. Order Here and put month in description.

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**Proceeds of "Shattering the Glass Walls of the Woman in Ministry" and "If the Shoe Fits" go toward Ministry to Pastor's and their wives and other women in ministry in Ghana, Africa. Thank you for contributing to this ministry..**



This book is meant to be read individually or in small group and is specifically



for the woman in ministry. It will challenge the woman to think about where she is at this point in her life of ministry as woman, wife, and mom. It is an easy read because what woman in ministry has time to sit and read, right? Follow this [link](#), click on donations to order and put in the purpose of donation line, the title of the book and the amount of \$10.00 donation. You can pay with VISA, MC, AE, Discover or Paypal account.

This book is a fun book, taking the woman through the steps of spiritual growth, using shoes as an example. We find out what it is like to be a "Classic" Christian using the classic pump as an example. Our Christian walk is also meant to be fun and flip flops are used as an example here. Follow this [link](#), click on donations to order and put in the purpose of donation line, the title of the book and the amount of \$10.00 donation. You can pay with VISA, MC, AE, Discover or Paypal account.



The book "If the Shoe Fits" has been a tool I have used in my home. I have left it in my son, Daniels, room and the nurses taking care of him have read it. Two have accepted Christ and are attending church with me. They are working on getting their families to come as well. I never thought the book would be a tool for me to use in that way, but God has blessed it.

When you visit [www.mentoringwomeninministry.blogspot.com](http://www.mentoringwomeninministry.blogspot.com) you will find a list of blogs geared toward the woman in ministry and other interesting sites. So please check it out.

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!



### James River Women's Conference - Oct. 1 - 3, 2009

This is going to be an incredible time with awesome speakers. You will be challenged and motivated to become powerful women of God. Speakers include: *Lisa Bevere, Charlotte Scanlon-Gambill and Nancy Alcorn, along with Shane & Shane* in concert on Friday night. You don't want to miss out on this awesome event! Make plans now to attend and bring women from your church.

*These are women you want to position yourself with...you should desire to be around them. They will speak into the lives of the women in your churches and your leadership will reap the benefits.*

Register [here](#). Watch a promo video [here](#).

#### Rates:

August 1st-September 30th: \$79 / Onsite: \$89

Student/Single Mom Rates: \$49 through July 31st / August 1st-September 30th: \$59 / Onsite: \$69

We are happy to offer a Pastor/Staff Member rate of \$20 (one per church). Please call to receive this discounted rate. 1-417-581-5433

### Missions Project/Ministry Focus...Ministry Families.

I am inserting a [link to a video](#) that will explain in detail how we are expanding.

For now, we would like to hear from you. What do you need? How can we better serve you? This is so important, because this is for you. Please email me at [hstrymknwmm@hotmail.com](mailto:hstrymknwmm@hotmail.com) with how we can give you more support and encouragement.

### CLOSING REMARKS

Thank you for joining us this month. Please keep this ministry in prayer as we continue to expand and ask for God's direction. God is opening doors and it is only with His provision we are able to do what we are doing. I will explain more details next month as we celebrate our two year anniversary, going into our third year.

**One thing we have already added to the ministry is Skype coaching.** Skype is a free download on your computer. You sign up and connect with other people on Skype. If you have a camera on your laptop or computer, you are able to see the other person you are talking with. It has a sense of being "live" with the person; therefore, a little more personal than a phone call or email. AND IT'S FREE! *I am doing this with some women and we have found it to be beneficial. We just set up a certain time weekly to "meet."* If you are interested let me know and I will give you details.

We look forward to sharing with you again. Remember, this is to be a resource for other women in ministry, so share this with your friends. If you have something you feel would be beneficial to other women, please email [hstrymknwmm@hotmail.com](mailto:hstrymknwmm@hotmail.com). What you have to say is important to others.

If you know of other women who might enjoy reading this e-newsletter please forward this issue to them, or have them sign up at the Mentoring Women in Ministry website, [www.mentoringwomeninministry.com](http://www.mentoringwomeninministry.com).

Don't forget to look us up on Facebook, "Mentoring Women in Ministry" or search for Cheryl Turnbull <http://www.twitter.com/cherlyturnbull> or Women in Ministry at <http://www.twitter.com/mwim>, or visit the blog [www.mentoringwomeninministry.blogspot.com](http://www.mentoringwomeninministry.blogspot.com).

**JOIN OUR CAUSE ON FACEBOOK...Mentoring Women in Ministry Int'l.**

All you **Facebook Mentoring Women in Ministry Group members** remember to start discussions on the discussion board. What you have to start may just be the discussion someone needs, so don't be hesitant. The purpose is to encourage and support, so let's be that to each other. Until next month...

Being Courageous for Him,

**Cheryl Turnbull**  
Mentoring Women in Ministry

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