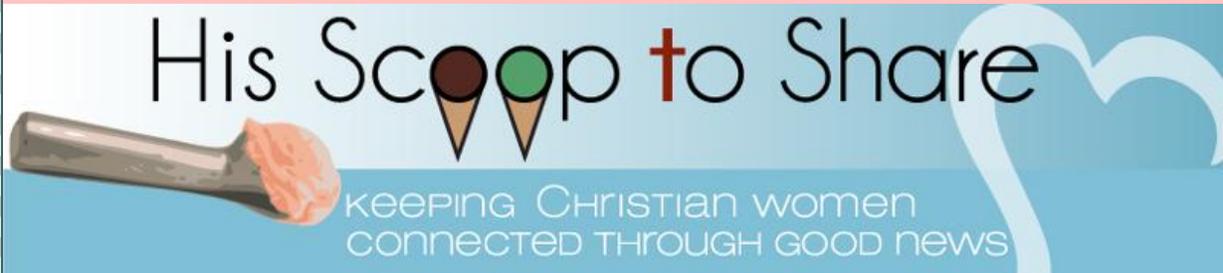


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**ISSUE 55 - MAY ISSUE**

**Greetings in the name of the Lord!**



When Jesus said her name, "Mary" she turned towards Him and recognized Him. His sheep listen to His voice as He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out. (John 10:3) He has called believers by name. When you read His Word, do you recognize His voice? The strips of linen lay exactly where Jesus' body had lain. The burial cloth neatly folded nearby. The disciples were slow to believe all that the prophets had declared...yet the power of His Holy Spirit continued to open their minds to understand Scripture. Today, the power of His resurrection life is actively at work in believers as we live out the "Newness" in life because of what Christ did for us. God helps us to understand Scripture. Mary went and told the disciples she had seen the Lord! He was soon to ascend to His Father, our Father, to His God and to our God! We are family! This is a reminder that we also, are privileged to tell others about the resurrection in which hundreds of unbelievers and believers witnessed so long ago. Changed lives of those who believe today are the ongoing evidence that our *faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. (Hebrews 11:1)*

So just as God sent Jesus into the world as man and fully God...Jesus sends us with a responsibility and empowerment to share who Jesus is. We are to share the gospel with the call to repent, believe and receive God's forgiveness. He gives us Life to

live it to the fullest! Our rewards are greater because Jesus told Thomas, *"Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."* John 20:29

by B. Brown

## A TRIPLE SCOOP OF HIS WORD...



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*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:6-7

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit"*

Romans 15:13

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Hear it from the LET gals...Let Go & Let God  
Louise, Ethel & Thelma  
bring you this month's flavor

**"TRIALS, TROUBLES & TRIUMPH!"**

**For with you is the fountain of life; in your  
light we see light.**

**Psalms 36:9**



### **HIS SCOOP STUDY SISTERS**

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* (Philippians 4:6-7, NIV)

Philippians is one of my favorite books written by Paul. The fourth chapter of Philippians is one of the most positive passages Paul ever wrote and it is written during a whirlwind in Paul's life! Paul is in a Roman jail awaiting judgment and possible execution. He could be terrified and doubting God at this point. Instead he is writing a book about joy and peace. How in the world did he pull that off? This life as we know it is filled with challenges. Each one of us can tell our story about a storm we have gone through or are currently going through.

I personally battle chronic pain daily. I have Scoliosis, degenerative disc disease, herniated discs and severe arthritis of the spine, fibromyalgia and stenosis in my back. And if that isn't enough already, I currently have developed a few new issues in the works within my blood. Amidst this storm I am required to get up every day, manage and run a successful business with my husband, manage a home with too many animals and continue to raise 2 college age children from a distance. I know many of you have the same kind of struggles. You know what I am talking about. The fact is... that all of God's children deal with troubles. Jesus said, *"It rains on the righteous and the unrighteous."* He also said, *"In this world, you will have trouble."*

Let me share with you what I have learned about dealing with pain and crisis. Character rises to the top over time and under pressure. From that truth comes my prescription for how to manage in this world and how we respond to the damage we experience in this world. We hurt. We are deeply injured. Pain is always about proximity. We must allow our emotions to flow. We must allow the emotions of others to flow. We must realize that emotions come in a different order and on a different schedule. Some will grieve first. Others will be angry. Some will be in denial. Some will be vocal. Some will withdraw. But we all hurt. Jesus wept. He knows about hurt especially when he suffered on the cross for us. He hurts with us.

We guard. The passage we read from Philippians 4 talks about *"guarding your hearts and minds."* That is an important word for us when we face a crisis. Guard your heart from despair. I know your heart is broken. People you love and trust have betrayed you. Your God is still with you. He will never leave you or betray you. The enemy will whisper to you that you are going down. That may be his goal, but it is not God's plan for you. Guard your heart from retreat. We are tempted to use pain and hurt as an excuse to abandon the plan to which God has called us. It is so much easier to simply give up. I know. There have been times when I have literally and figuratively pulled the covers over my head and told God to just go away. It didn't work. He loves me too much, and He loves you too much to let you give up. He will, however, give you time to heal - not retreat.

It's funny. Looking back, what I thought would be the biggest disasters in my life turned out to be the most magnificent victories. The mess in the messenger does not negate the message. God uses messed up people. You may feel that whatever crisis you are facing could be the greatest disaster in your life. That would be the enemy's plan. Or it can be the finest hour of your life. That would be God's plan.

From Zechariah we read...*"not by might nor by power but by my spirit says the Lord God almighty."* I must be utterly abandoned to the Holy Spirit...His power is available and it only takes a finger of faith to make His power mine. How easy is that...just a finger of faith. I'm worried about my whole self yet it is such a small thing to have enough faith to get through today's trials. We **can** get into the habit of looking for the silver lining during the storm clouds. Once you find it, continue to focus on it rather than the dark gray of the center. Do not yield to discouragement no matter how severely stressed or surrounded by problems you may have. The very instant you wholeheartedly turn away from every symptom of discouragement and lack of trust, the blessed Holy Spirit will reawaken our faith and breathe God's divine strength into your soul.

Yesterday, I nearly had an accident (my fault completely). Yet the Lord was there to protect me. I hadn't even prayed for traveling mercies. He was just there. May He be there for you too, even when you don't expect Him. May your trials today be a blessing...We pray you can see God's hand in it. Choose Christ's mindset. Lean on the Holy Spirit within you to help you. Trials give way to experiencing a closer fellowship with God, prove His power and share Christ's glory. Always seek to fulfill God's purpose in them!

Written by J. Koslosky & J. Bush

## *Opportunities for Women this May!*

### Military Moms of Tracy

A group of moms are active in supporting the moms and active duty troops from Tracy. They send care packages to those over seas and put their names on yellow banners downtown. If you would like to donate things for the care packages they are sending in June, please contact:

Marilyn Chorley at [militarymomstracy@yahoo.com](mailto:militarymomstracy@yahoo.com).



**Saturday, May 6 at 9:00 am to 3:30 pm**

St. Paul's Church, 1635 Chester Drive in Tracy  
\$30 per person includes continental breakfast and lunch.

Contact Kim Adams @ 209 835-7438 x104

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## OVERFLOW CONFERENCE Sat. August 26th

We hope that you are ready to get your worship on and pray that you come with many friends!

*Scoop Ministries Inc.* presents The Overflow Women's Conference. Things are changing with the tide, and it's going to be big and deep. Jesus' presence will be filling every corner of the room!

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We are excited for what God is going to do during our reality talk show for God! You will be able to register for the conference via our website starting May 19th.

*Reality Talk Show Featuring:*



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*Praise, Fellowship & Lunch*

Come... Taste & See that the Lord is good. Invite your friends!

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Gals are needed to help on our PR team with various tasks so we can fill God's house to it's max! No experience required. We just need your hands & feet to hand out, "Save The Date" cards and put up posters around town. **INVITE** women who are hurting, seeking or wondering about this Jesus you know. Be fisherwomen of

## **WOMEN!**

Please contact PR Co-Chair,  
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## **A Taste to See, Hear & Do... to stay connected...**

- 1. Have you begun to receive abundant life and if so, what does that look like to you?**
- 2. Do you have any doubts lingering in your heart? If so, will you ask God for His help?**
- 3. Have you recognized His voice this week? How will you thank God today?**

## **MEMORY VERSE FOR MAY**

***"May my lips overflow with praise, for you  
teach me your decrees."  
Psalm 119:171***



**Scoop Ministries, Inc. has assisted 46 women and 5 organizations  
to date since this program started in 2012.**

## To God we give all the Glory!

The Flavors of Hope program provides financial support to local women who may be in a short-term crisis. All completed SMI grant applications must be submitted to and reviewed by the staff at Community Partnership for Families of San Joaquin (CPFSJ), before SMI will consider the application.

### Office location of CPFSJ

Tracy Family Resource Center Healthy Connections  
35 E. 10th Street, Suite A  
Tracy, CA 95376  
209-229-4922



**S**isters...*"For you are called to freedom brothers, (sisters) only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh but through Love serve one another."*

*Galatians 5:13*

**M**agnifying the...*"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in in them."*

*Ephesians 2:10*

**I** am...

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The Light of the World  
The Gate for the Sheep  
The Good Shepherd

The Resurrection and the Life  
The Way, The Truth and the Life  
The Vine

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