



CHURCH COMMUNICATION NETWORK  
PROGRAMMING FOR WOMEN

**Completely His:  
Loving Jesus without Limits**

**Part 2:  
The Response He Longs to Receive**

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### Forsaking false fulfillment

1. Excess food	6. TV/movies
2. Excess shopping	7. Romance novels
3. Substance abuse	8. Inappropriate sexual relationships
4. Codependency on others	9. Corporate ladder climbing
5. The Internet	10. Pursuit of higher education

**Are you on the verge of burnout?  
How is your relationship with God?**

### Impostors to God's presence

Service taking the place of an intimate relationship with God

Mistaking people, places, and things for God's presence

Dependence on a seemingly more spiritually mature person

Reading books about God

<sup>2</sup>"The Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a king who prepared a great wedding feast for his son. <sup>3</sup>Many guests were invited, and when the banquet was ready, he sent his servants to notify everyone that it was time to come...

...<sup>10</sup>the servants brought in everyone they could find, good and bad alike, and the banquet hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup>But when the king came in to meet the guests,

he noticed a man who wasn't wearing the proper clothes for a wedding. <sup>12</sup>'Friend,' he asked, 'how is it that you are here without wedding clothes?' And the man had no reply. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to his aides, 'Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the outer darkness, where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen."

—Matthew 22:2-3, 10-14

### The problem:

**We can never be good enough to clothe ourselves in righteousness**

<sup>21</sup>Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.

<sup>22</sup>But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight,

without blemish and free from accusation—<sup>23</sup>if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel.

—Colossians 1:21-23

**You are *holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation...*  
based on His goodness**

### justified

"just if I'd *never* done those things!"

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## Our response to Jesus

Submit our lives complete to Him

We need to die to *ourselves*

### What do you need to die to in order to live completely for Christ?

<sup>34</sup>*If any of you wants to be my follower... you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross, and follow me. <sup>35</sup>If you try to keep your life for yourself, you*

*will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life..”*

—Mark 8:34-38

<sup>1</sup>*Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more kindness and forgiveness? <sup>2</sup>Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? <sup>3</sup>Or have you forgotten that when we became Christians and were baptized to become one with Christ Jesus, we died with him? <sup>4</sup>For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.*

<sup>5</sup>*Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised as he was. <sup>6</sup>Our old sinful selves*

*were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. <sup>7</sup>For when we died with Christ, we were set free from the power of sin. <sup>8</sup>And since we died with Christ, we know we will also share his new life. <sup>9</sup>We are sure of this because Christ rose from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. <sup>10</sup>He died once to defeat sin, and now he lives for the glory of God. <sup>11</sup>So you should consider yourselves dead to sin and able to live for the glory of God through Christ Jesus.*

—Romans 6:1-11

Our obedience to God **loosens** sin’s grip on us

Follow God into victory

Pursue personal holiness

<sup>11</sup>*My child, don’t ignore it when the Lord disciplines you, and don’t be discouraged when he corrects you.*

<sup>12</sup>*For the Lord corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights.*

—Proverbs 3:11-12

*Happy are those whom you discipline, Lord, and those whom you teach from your Law.*

—Psalm 94:12

**Worshiping God wholeheartedly is the language of our love for him.**

**Seven secrets to basking in God's presence**

1. Remember that all love affairs are carried on *in private*.
2. Establish a certain place where you will have regular devotional times with the Lord.
3. Establish a certain time that you can carve out of your day and write it into your calendar
4. Keep things handy such as a Bible, devotional book, a journal and pen
5. If necessary, use a timer
6. Write your prayers in the form of love letters to God in a journal.
7. Remember that conversing with God isn't a one-way conversation.

**His purpose is not that you will *accomplish more* for Him,  
but that you will be *more connected* to Him.**

**An intimate connection with God Himself is a vital experience for the bride of Christ.**

**Bring God's dreams to Life:**

Spend intimate time alone with Him

Ask Him to impart His dreams to you

Prayerfully determine your God given passions

**Ten questions to help discern the passion God imparts to you:**

1. Is there a particular age group that I feel drawn to?
2. Is there a particular group with special needs I feel a passion for?
3. Is there a particular issue affecting my local school or community?
4. What area of ministry at my church appeals to me most? Where do I see myself fitting in?
5. Are there political or global concerns that create a hunger within me to learn more and get involved?
6. If I had to identify the most influential person or factor in my life, who or what would it be? How might I become or pass on such an asset to others?
7. If I had to identify the most traumatic and burdensome issues in my life, what would they be? How can I help others prevent or overcome those same issues?
8. Based on my personality and preferences, what kind of difference do I want to make in this world before I die?
9. What can I see myself wanting to do every day of my life, whether I get paid for it or not?
10. What activities cause me to lose track of time? What gives me a sense of satisfaction upon completion?

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## Resources

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