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Deeper Life Ministries began in 1994 with three primary objectives:

1. To disciple Christians who are struggling with spiritual or relational trials.
2. To strengthen families & churches in order to prevent problems from arising.
3. To equip church leaders so they can effectively disciple people through times of spiritual and relational struggle.

These objectives continue to be our goals.

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The Anchor is a quarterly newsletter sent free of charge to interested persons or congregations. To receive it, contact Deeper Life Ministries. – Editor, Ben Waldner

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WHAT DO YOU FEAR?

What is something that all of us face at one time or another (although few of us like to admit it)? One of those things is fear. One definition of fear is, “An unpleasant emotion caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous, likely to cause pain, or a threat.” What causes you to fear? The unknown? Death? Tragedy? Failure? The future?

Where does fear come from? According to 2 Timothy 1:7, we know it’s not from God. “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” As humans, we are naturally fearful, some more than others.

When do we first experience fear? For most of us, likely our first experience of fear occurred as an infant. As we grow, our fears take on different faces. Maybe we fear a test at school or driving a car. Maybe it’s meeting new people or writing an article for a newsletter. Most of our fears would fit under the category “fear of the unknown.”

Where does Scripture point for the first experience of fear? Immediately after Adam ate the forbidden fruit, he tried to hide. When God inquired where he was, Adam acknowledged he was afraid. It’s interesting that in over 6,000 years not much has changed: we still become fearful and attempt to hide. Sometimes, and in different ways, we hide things from others or try to hide them from God because we’re afraid.

Before the Fall, Adam and Eve didn’t know fear. They lived under God’s authority and submitted to Him. But when they chose their own way and sinned, fear became part of their experience. It is the same for us today. Sin brings fear, but because of Christ’s provision on the

cross, we know where we can go to find freedom from that fear.

We can be tempted to fear when we take our eyes off of Jesus and look at the danger around us. Peter literally found this to be true when he stepped out of the boat and walked toward Jesus. It was when he started to look around him that fear struck his heart and he began to sink. In desperation he cried out for Jesus to save him. How many times have I done something similar in my hour of need? I chose to go the direction I did; then at the last minute when all hope was lost, I cried out to God to save me.

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Upcoming Seminars

October 6, 2018 - Faithful Women
Becoming Women of Distinction...

- ... When Dreams Come True—Corleen Bean, New Hamburg, ON
- ... When Reality Dawns—Carolyn Weber, Allenford, ON
- ... When Dreams are Shattered—Amy Herschberger, Mercersburg, PA
- ... As Twilight Approaches—Karen Conley, Lancaster, PA

November 10, 2018 - Faithful Men
Shepherding Your Flock

- Following the Shepherd—Ben Waldner, Plain City, OH
- Managing the Fold—Dave Snyder, Plain City, OH
- Purity in the Fold—Phil Helmuth, Washington, IN
- Shepherding Your Flock—Denver Yoder, Plain City, OH

January 22-24, 2019 - Helping People in Need
Plain City, OH

ATTENDING? Please register. We serve meals, so we need to know how many to prepare for. Please call 614-873-1199 or email info@dmlmohio.org by:

- September 21 for Faithful Women
- October 26 for the Faithful Men

Full program schedules are available from DLM

Financial Report

April – June 2018

Beginning Balance – 4/1/18

Operating Fund	- \$1,890.66
Fire Alarm Fund	- \$10,559.98
Project Fund.....	\$163,755.15
Balance Total	\$151,304.51

INCOME

Bookstore	\$4,405.00
Donations	\$37,189.45
Offerings	\$16,889.91
Seminars	\$150.00
Other Income	\$119.32
Rent.....	\$1,500.00
OPERATING INCOME	\$60,253.68
Gifts; Project Funds	\$3,086.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$63,339.68

EXPENSE

Bookstore	\$4,149.23
Food	\$1,231.62
Insurance	\$1,044.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 13,199.70
Payroll	\$29,855.29
Printing & Mailing	\$4,067.27
Real Estate Tax.....	\$5,932.47
Seminar	\$2,844.58
Supplies.....	\$1,332.36
Utilities.....	\$8,057.26
Vehicle.....	\$2,343.47
OPERATING EXPENSE..	\$74,057.25
Maintenance; Projects ..	\$29,398.55
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$103,455.80
MISC. LIABILITIES	\$2,135.47
Ending Balance – 6/30/18	
Operating Fund.....	- \$15,573.10
Fire Alarm Fund	- \$8,545.64
Project Fund	\$137,442.60
Balance Total	\$113,323.86

2018
PROJECT
UPDATES

A. HVAC – Phase 1 – 3 Staff Houses @ Main Compound

Installed & waiting final inspection

Estimated Cost – \$ 59,000.00 Cost to Date – \$ 39,017.20

B. Window / Door Replacement

Installation Completed - Volunteers needed to complete trim work

Estimated Cost – \$ 6,500.00 Cost to Date – \$ 9,316.41

C. HVAC – Phase 2 – 3 Staff Houses

Contract awarded – waiting for installation

Estimated Cost - \$ 60,000.00

D. Rear House Repairs – Completed

Estimated Cost – \$ 3,000.00 Actual Cost - \$ 796.02

E. Staff House 2 – Completed

Estimated Cost – \$ 12,500.00 Actual Cost – \$ 10,765.14

F. 5997 Duplex Renovations – Ready to Begin

Estimated Cost – \$ 10,500.00

G. 6015 House Renovations – Starting Date TBD

Estimated Cost – \$ 26,000.00

Counselor’s Thoughts *From the Desk of Ben Waldner*

LOVE IS... If someone would ask you to define love, what qualities would you identify as essential? To prevent ambiguity among the believers at Corinth by what he meant by the term love (charity), Paul identified key ingredients of what it is and what it is not. Although Paul interchanged his descriptions of love, I will simply put them in two categories to distinguish how love does and does not act. First, love is patient, kind, rejoices with the truth, always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres. Second, love is not envious, boastful, proud, rude, self-seeking, easily angered, presumptive, or delighted in wrongdoing. To make 1 Corinthians relevant for ourselves today, evaluate which category describes your activities. Likely, each of us can point to an occasion where one or more qualities of love motivated our actions. Conversely, most of us can also point to incidents where self-love was the key ingredient of our actions. So what is the conclusion of the matter? According to Paul, he encourages growth from childhood (immaturity) into adulthood (maturity) in our love (v.11).

What Do You FEAR? Continued

Another example of this is when the disciples were in a boat on a storm-tossed sea. Danger was near. It was a life or death situation, but Jesus was with them in the boat: what did they have to fear? It seems that they forgot that detail and panicked. Again it’s easy to look at them with a critical eye, but what about you and I? What causes me to panic? Do I forget that Jesus promised He will be with me always? We know this, but sometimes our humanity takes over and we lose the peace that should be ours.

One more thing we need to consider is that some (maybe a large part) of our fears are imaginations. How many times have you let fear control a situation and later you found out it wasn’t as bad as you thought it was? We often let our thoughts run and soon we’ve imagined a much worse scenario than reality.

Let’s consider a solution to our fears. How do we overcome it? When we were children, Dad or Mom’s hand is all we need to reassure us. When we get older, it takes something more: maybe a reassuring word, someone taking the time to pray with us, or talking to someone that has gone through a similar situation. Most important is going to God with our fear: spending time in prayer, reading verses that relate to the subject, and finding examples of those that have faced fear and been victorious will bring release from our fears. Ask God to give you His Spirit. The Holy Spirit will assure our hearts and bring peace. We don’t have to live fearfully. God wants us to come to Him with our fears and He will replace it with His peace. “Casting all your care upon him, for He cares for you” (1 Peter 5:7).

~ Fred Byler

True-Life Books that will Inspire You!

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CHURCH MATTERS

God’s original purpose for the church and why it matters

~ Gary Miller Softcover, 248 pages - \$12.99

Disagreements and church splits can be disillusioning, both to those within our churches and to seekers. Some want to relax church standards in order to be more relevant to the surrounding culture. Others rigidly adhere to traditional lines. Both have strong arguments to back up their views. Who is right?

In *Church Matters*, Gary Miller compares the current state of the church with God’s original vision as seen in the book of Acts. His examination of God’s purpose for your congregation is a thought-provoking challenge to complacency and drift, and to the conflicts and struggles that keep us from reaching others with the Gospel.

BONNIE’S CHOICE

~ Diane Yoder with Bonnie (Maxwell) Troyer Softcover, 328 pages - \$11.99

Suddenly left without the warmth of mother at a tender age, Bonnie is faced with a multitude of change.

Thrust into a cruel, cold world of abuse and broken trust, will she learn to trust her loving Father in heaven? Or will she try to find her own way in the world?

A true story of pain and sorrow, and hope and healing.

DOXOLOGY IN DARKNESS

A family who loved through tragedy

~ Rachael Lofgren Softcover, 168 pages - \$10.99

The bitter threats rang in Rebecca’s ear long after the young men had slipped back into the shadows of the Costa Rican hills. How could someone her family had cared for harbor such hate toward them? But despite the dark cloud that hung over them, Rebecca and her sisters continued to pour their energy into caring for the special-needs foster children in their home. Then tragedy struck, and the dark cloud seemed to envelop them. How could God bring a song out of their darkness?

CLOUDS OF WAR

~ Elsie Singmaster, Artist Lana Kuhns Hardcover, 57 pages - \$9.99

Clouds of war rolled over the Cloister where the “Martyrs Mirror” was being printed. A knock was heard on the door. It was the soldiers, and they demanded that unbound copies of the “Martyrs Mirror” be handed over for the military to use as gun wadding. Would a book that extols the virtues of non-resistance be conscripted into the military to be used to kill?

RESOLVING CONFLICT

How to make, disturb, and keep peace

~ Lou Priolo Softcover, 316 pages - \$13.49

Many Christians see conflict as a dirty word – something to be avoided at all costs. After all, aren’t Christians to be peacemakers who strive to maintain unity? But, as Lou Priolo reminds us, many other things that the Bible exhorts us to do – such as convicting, rebuking, and admonishing other Christians – make conflict a necessary part of the Christian life.

Lou takes us through the biblical principles of conflict resolution, beginning before conflict even starts. He shows us the prerequisites we must have in place as we go into conflict, what is at the heart of our conflict, what makes it biblical or unbiblical, and how we should respond to it. He also shares practical steps and advice, giving us specific talking points to resolve conflict and journaling exercises that help us to grow when it happens. Learn how to “make every effort” to maintain unity – even when that effort must start with conflict!

I AM THE LORD

~ Sharon Singers CD - \$13.50

1. All Hail the Power of Jesus’Name

2. Holy Thy Name

3. Let Your Will Be Done

4. Children of the Heavenly Father

5. Come By Here

6. Be Thou My Vision

7. The Music of Living

8. Guide My Feet

9. I Believe

10. I Am the Lord

11. Offertory

12. O Come to My Heart

13. I will Rise

14. Mercy Flows

OVERCOMING FEAR, WORRY, & ANXIETY

~ Elyse Fitzpatrick Softcover, 216 pages - \$11.99

Are you tired of struggling with fear and worry? You are not alone. They are surprisingly common emotions that many women battle with daily in relation to their marriages, their children, their work, their spiritual life, special health issues, and much more. God knew fear, worry, and anxiety would be a very real problem for us, and He provides an abundance of clear and practical help in the Bible. Join Elyse Fitzpatrick as she shares how you can identify the real source of your fears and worries, find specific strategies for overcoming anxiety. Learn how to replace worry with joy and rest secure in God’s protective care of your life.

ANGER, ANXIETY & FEAR

~ Stuart Scott Softcover, 28 pages - \$3.75

Our responsibility as Christians is to depend on God as we work toward becoming more like Jesus every day. Often, there are life-dominating sins that greatly hinder us from becoming more like Him. As the challenges of living in an uncertain world increase, the sins of anger, anxiety and fear come up more frequently in our daily lives. We need to be on guard against these sins and know how to deal with temptation when it comes.

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