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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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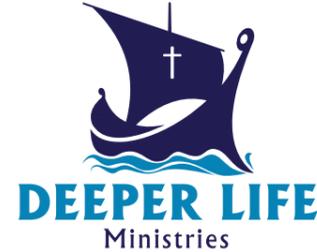
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Attending? Please register. We serve meals, so we need to know how many to prepare for. Please call 614-873-1199 or email info@dlmohio.org by September 23rd for the Faithful Women Seminar and by October 28th for the Faithful Men Seminar.

## Upcoming Seminars

### Faithful Women Seminar

Theme: *Life, My Expectations, & Pleasing God*  
**Saturday, October 7, 2017**

- 9:30—*A Woman's Life: Joys and Sorrows*—Ruth Miller, OH
- 10:50—*Expectations: Mine, Others', God's*—Danette Martin, ONT
- 1:50—*Insecurity & Inferiority*—Christine Martin, VA
- 2:50—*What Does God Want?*—Danette Martin, ONT

### Faithful Men Seminar

Theme: *Purity in an Age of Perversion*  
**Saturday, November 11, 2017**

- 9:30—*The Road to Sodom*—Dave Snyder, OH
- 10:50—*The Path to Purity*—Ben Waldner, OH
- 1:50—*Teaching and Maintaining Purity*—Jonathan Gingerich, OH
- 3:20—*The Rewards of Purity*—Denver Yoder, OH

### Helping People in Need

**January 23-25, 2018 - Harrisonburg, VA**

### 2017 Single Ladies Seminar CDs

Various Speakers

CD Set: \$24.95, Individual CD: \$4.95

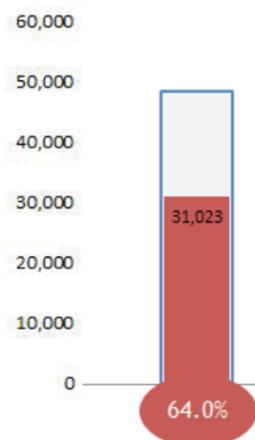
- Perceptions about Singleness – Elona Martin
- The Challenges of Singleness – Estalee Martin
- The Advantages of Singleness – Estalee Martin
- Single in a Couples' World – Sharla Plett
- Purposes in Singleness – Rhoda Martin
- Single No More – Laura Mae Hoover



### 2018 Heating Upgrade Fund

#### Progress

- Project Cost
- Funds Received
- On Track Target



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## Staff Opportunities

Deeper Life Ministries has urgent need for a Domestic housekeeper and a service opportunity for a Single Ladies Counselor. If these service opportunities interest you, give us a call at 614-873-1199.

## Current Needs

1. Domestic housekeeper
2. Roof Replacement Volunteers - A crew of men to replace shingles and install fascia and soffit on a staff house.
3. 3x Bedroom Sets – for staff dorms.
4. 10x 8-foot Lifetime Tables

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## Little But Wise

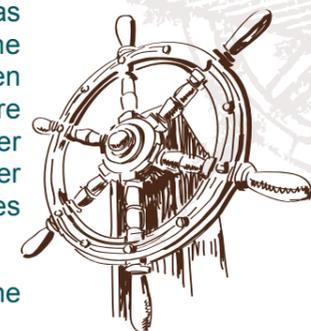
The man is obscure in history possibly because his name was not very popular. In my research, I could not find any contemporaries by that name. Truth be told, if I would have wanted to give one of our sons that name, my wife would have objected. To his credit, the biblical figure, Agur, was a keen observer of nature and people, gave wise counsel, and his sayings are included in the sacred canon (Pro. 30:1-33).

Agur observed four creatures that had the odds stacked against them due to their size, but because of their wisdom they thrived (Pro. 30:24-28). What creatures did Agur observe? What is the significance of these observations for the "little but wise" human? Consider with me the four creatures.

1. First, Agur notes that ants are of little strength, but are exceedingly wise (v. 25). Growing up, I recall numerous occasions coming upon an ant hill in a fence row. What looked like a pile of dirt mixed with straw was actually home to an ant colony. If ants were not busy on the surface, all it took was disturbing the home, and ants would appear by the hundreds. Seeming chaos was many tiny creatures working together to restore order. Instinctively, each ant knew what to do without instruction; oversized furniture was handled by two or more. The same ant hill could be disturbed during the winter months, but not a single ant would appear. Why no activity in cold months? First, these wise creatures knew there was a season of opportunity. Failing to seize the opportunity of warm weather during summer spelled death. Second, diligence in summer was essential in overcoming the challenges of living in a fallen world. Third, since they were little, survival during winter meant working together over summer. Single ant colonies are yet to be discovered.

coney (commonly known as the hyrax or rock badger) that looks similar to a ground hog, minus the tail (v. 26). These small creatures live in colonies and do not have the means to dig burrows, so their home is among rocks or boulders. One coney is on guard duty while the others feed, frolic, or rest. A shrill whistle alerts the colony of danger, and the large rocks provide a safe haven for these furry animals. Interdependence safeguards conies from predators' teeth or claws, and the rocks provide a safe haven for both young and old.

3. The third creature Agur observed is the locust (v. 27). This insect is related to and looks like a grasshopper. Although it is sometimes solitary, at particular seasons locusts congregate and travel by the millions without flying into each other or having squabbles. Although destructive to vegetation, Agur deems it noteworthy that these paperclip-size insects march together and create an unstoppable force. What advances are possible in homes, churches, communities, and govern-



### Financial Report

April – June 2017

Beginning Balance – 4/1/17

Operating Fund.....\$ - 13,837.48  
 Fire Alarm Fund.....\$ - 10,559.98  
 Project Fund.....\$ 51,247.89  
**Balance Total.....\$ 26,850.43**

#### INCOME

Bookstore.....\$ 4,576.89  
 Donations.....\$ 31,164.37  
 Gifts; Project Funds.....\$ 6,918.00  
 Offerings.....\$ 15,111.93  
 Seminars.....\$ 2,520.00  
 Rent.....\$ 1,500.00  
**TOTAL INCOME.....\$ 61,791.19**

**OPERATING INCOME.....\$ 61,791.19**

#### EXPENSE

Bookstore.....\$ 3,650.85  
 Food.....\$ 1,205.80  
 Fire Protection.....\$ 122.66  
 Insurance.....\$ 1,031.00  
 Maintenance.....\$ 4,368.22  
 Maintenance; Projects.....\$ 13,567.63  
 Payroll.....\$ 25,508.36  
 Printing & Mailing.....\$ 3,950.70  
 Real Estate Tax.....\$ 5,476.06  
 Seminar.....\$ 1,570.38  
 Supplies.....\$ 1,940.63  
 Utilities.....\$ 7,935.72  
 Vehicle.....\$ 2,847.65  
**TOTAL EXPENSE.....\$ 73,175.66**  
 MISC. LIABILITIES.....\$ 1,982.73

Ending Balance – 6/30/17

Operating Fund.....\$ -20,525.09  
 Fire Alarm Fund.....\$ -10,682.54  
 Project Fund.....\$ 44,690.86  
**Balance Total.....\$ 13,483.23**

### Counselor's Thoughts

From the Desk of Denver Yoder



In his discourse with Apostle Paul, King Agrippa made this profound declaration, "Almost thou persuadest me to be Christian" (Acts 26:28). Paul seemed to recognize the folly of such thinking when he replied, "I would to God that thou were both almost and altogether such as I..." In Matthew 25, we read of the ten virgins who went out to meet the bridegroom. At midnight the call was made, "Go ye out to meet Him." Five were ready, five were almost ready. Ananias and his wife Sapphira sold their possessions, and brought some of the proceeds and laid them at the apostles' feet. A little dishonesty kept them from meeting God in peace. Almost they were ready. Dear friend, do you have any "almost" in your life? That apology you need to make. What about your struggle in personal daily victory? You feel condemned, and know you need to seek help, but the devil keeps you back – will you overcome, or will you almost be saved? Christ offers the resources needed to overcome. Whatever need or struggle you may be facing, allow Jesus to break that stony heart and surrender your will. Will you be "almost saved"? How sad to hear those words, "Depart from me; I never knew you." Now is the day.

### Little But Wise *Continued*

ments when we endeavor to march together?

4. The fourth creature Agur took note of is the spider (v. 28). Assuming the writer is referring to a common household spider, it is no small wonder that this creature finds its way to the royal residence. The spider apparently has no inferiority complex, nor is intimidation effective in dissuading it from its course. What is the secret to the spider's success? Agur observed that the spider utilizes its "hands" to climb. The spider's secret is simply putting one hand (or one foot) in front of the other, clasping with one and releasing the other. By diligently following this procedure, the spider achieves great success.

In summary, do you ever feel small and your contribution insignificant? Be encouraged and instructed by the small, but wise creatures. Notice how they too are small, so they seize the opportunities that arise before they slip away. They work diligently and overcome little by little. They also work together, because interdependence makes for longevity and stability.

– Ben Waldner

## True Life Books that will Inspire You!

### THE TIME KEEPER 2018

Starla Kreider – \$13.49

Designed by a busy stay-at-home mom of four, *The Time Keeper Household Planner* is a beautiful way to organize and manage your busy days all in one place. Using this dated, weekly planner with its practical and uncomplicated layout, you'll find it easy to keep your act together.

This very affordable planning system is a simple way to calm the chaos that so easily happens if there's no good plan and organization in place. *The Time Keeper* includes all the basics you need –calendar, organizer, shopping lists – without the extras that might overwhelm and discourage you, or even make you feel guilty. Instead, you'll find joy in a well-kept life!

*Includes Monthly 2 page spreads and Weekly 2 page spreads with room for daily menus and to-do lists. Also has numerous shopping lists and pages for notes. NEW FEATURE THIS YEAR - Tabs for easy finding!*

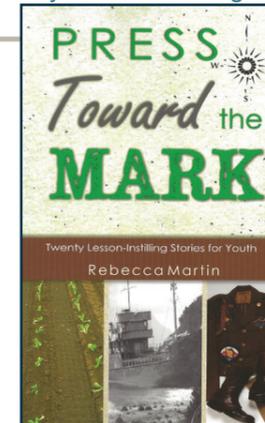


### PRESS TOWARD THE MARK Twenty Lesson-Instilling Stories for Youth

Rebecca Martin

Softcover, 164 pages - \$8.49

These stories will carry you across the centuries and around the globe. You will meet youth who lived long ago and in modern times. Like any faithful young person of today, the characters in these stories sought to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:14). | IN THE MIDST OF THE FIRE: Faced with the horror of a prairie fire, Mary learns that God doesn't necessarily save us from trials, but through them. | THE FOG HORN THAT DIDN'T WORK: Listening to this gripping true story of a shipwreck, the twins learn an important truth. | RESCUED FROM THE MEAT DEALER: Hearing the story of Snowman - a horse who really existed - teaches Alvin a lesson he'll likely never forget.



*\*Plus Shipping. Please add \$3.25 for the first item, then \$.75 for each additional item. Ohio Residents Add Sales Tax.*

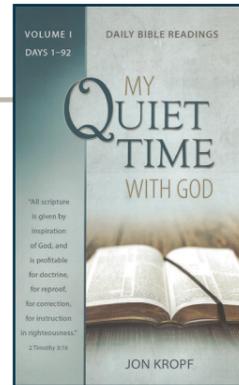
### MY QUIET TIME WITH GOD

VOL. I – IV

JON KROPF

Softcover, 50 pages - \$2.99 each

Are you looking for ways to improve your quiet time with God? There are four volumes available. Each volume will take you through the Bible chronologically and topically and include exercises designed to make your Bible study more meaningful. Daily questions and space for reflections will help bring focus to your time with God. These booklets are simple enough for young readers yet stimulating enough for older ones as well. Each of the four volumes is small enough to place inside most Bibles.



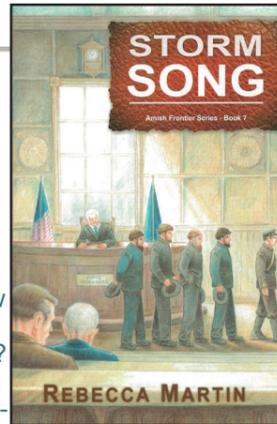
### STORM SONG

Amish Frontier Series - Book 7

Rebecca Martin

Softcover, 164 pages - \$8.49

"Today's the day we disappear." So said Hettie Yoder to her friend on August 16, 1943. Why would two teenage girls need to disappear? 1943 is a tumultuous year for the Yoder family. Far away at CPS camp, Elam is facing challenges too. How should a conscientious objector act when he boards a train full of sneering soldiers? To top it all off, Father ends up in prison! For the world as a whole, 1943 is tumultuous as the war grinds on, leaving a trail of bloodshed and heartache. But tumults and storms are the chariots of almighty God; all is in His power.



**Available from our bookstore now! Order at [www.dlmohio.org](http://www.dlmohio.org), or call the Deeper Life Bookstore between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday-Friday at 614-873-1199.**

Deeper Life Ministries' daily operations are funded by donations.

*Our buildings are approximately forty years old and in need of some upgrades. Additional contributions are needed for the larger projects. We can use funds, materials, or labor. For more information, contact Dave Snyder at 614-873-1199.*

## Maintenance Projects Needs

### 5. Volunteers for 2018 Heating and A/C Project

– 8-10 men (2-3 with experience to install and setup).

**Please mark your donation "DLM work project."  
 Excess funds will be applied to future projects.**

## Deeper Life Makes a Difference

## PR Trip - Ontario, Canada

Wednesday 10/11/17 – Zion Mennonite Fellowship

Thursday 10/12/17 – Glad Tidings Mennonite Fellowship

Friday 10/13/17 – Otter Lake Conservative Mennonite Church

Saturday 10/14/17 – TBD

Sunday A.M. 10/15/17 – Crystal View Mennonite Church

Sunday P.M. 10/15/17 – Grace Mennonite Fellowship

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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