

Book Review – by Carmen Bane

33 Days . . . To Live

By Trina Boyd Staton

Trina Boyd Staton was chosen to live through a trial that most could not handle. After being married for only a few years, Trina's husband Steven was diagnosed with a very aggressive form of cancer. 33 Days . . . to Live! is a journal of this couple's journey through the most difficult time of their lives. Mrs. Staton's transparent descriptions of their fears and anxieties, as well as God's incredible sustaining of their spirits, are a real-life testimony of their commitment and faithfulness to God at a time when there were no human explanations.

Pursuing the most effective medical care resulted in being on the move from one location to another, seldom being in one place more than a few days. Each day Trina wrote in her journal, closing with a brief note to her two young daughters, Jaclyn and Brittany. The sentiments to her daughters are very tender.

As the title indicates, in just 33 days from the day of diagnosis, Steven Staton was in the presence of the Lord. Trina, a young woman, and their two daughters were without a husband and a daddy. Trina does not conclude her story with Steven's death; instead she shares of the faithfulness of God, the encouragement of God's people, and the incredible power of support.

Every reader will shed tears as you turn the pages of this book, but your perception of your relationships will be forever altered – all because a young lady chose to trust God. ♥

Speaking of Submission..

Bill, the boss, was concerned that his employees weren't giving him enough respect, so he tried an old-fashioned method of persuasion.

He brought in a sign that said,

"I'm the Boss,"

and taped it to his door.

After lunch he noticed Tim had taped another note under his door –

**"Your wife called.
She wants her sign back"**

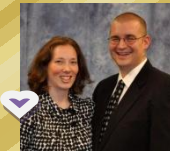
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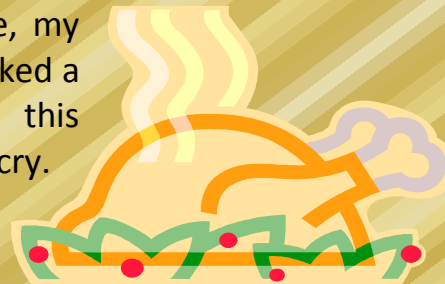
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One year at Thanksgiving, my mom went to my sister's house for the traditional feast. Knowing how gullible my sister is, my mom decided to play a trick. She told my sister that she needed something from the store. When my sister left, my mom took the turkey out of the oven, removed the stuffing, stuffed a Cornish hen, and inserted it into the turkey, and re-stuffed the turkey. She then placed the bird(s) back in the oven. When it was time for dinner, my sister pulled the turkey out of the oven and proceeded to remove the stuffing. When her serving spoon hit something, she reached in and pulled out the little bird. With a look of total shock on her face, my mother exclaimed, "Patricia, you've cooked a pregnant bird!" At the reality of this horrifying news, my sister started to cry. It took the family two hours to convince her that turkeys lay...eggs! Yep.....SHE'S BLONDE!



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"For they have refreshed my spirit and yours..." 1 Corinthians 16:18

Happy Thanksgiving

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Welcome to Ladies of Grace!

Welcome to the Ladies of Grace Thanksgiving Potluck. I don't know of any group of ladies who puts together a tastier, more satisfying potluck than the Ladies of Grace! Enjoy your dinner this evening.



The theme for tonight is "Relationships" and "Thanksgiving in Action." For the first time at Ladies of Grace, we will be having Split Sessions. We have four speakers prepared to speak on a variety of life relationships. After the meal, you may select one of these sessions to attend:

Pastor Bane – "A Virtuous Woman's Investment Strategy"

*Come and learn how the heart of your husband can safely trust in you.

*Chapel

Mrs. Bane – "18 Years...and Still Expecting"

*Tips for consistency in mothering while enjoying your kids – your husband – your life – and God – for the long haul!

*Room #202

Bro. Sapp – "Caring for Loved Ones"

*How to adjust our relationships with those whom we love during the transitional times of their lives, whether it be a growing child, developing young adult, maturing spouse, or aging parent.

*Room #203

Mrs. Leigh Daughenbaugh – "Entertaining & Hostessing"


*Practical advice on entertaining and hospitality

*Room #204

This month's Ministering Grace contains superb articles on the topic of "Thanksgiving in Action." This past summer, as I was planning this year of Ladies of Grace, I felt led to join two themes together for November – Relationships and Thanksgiving in Action. With the Holiday Season upon us, we will get to spend more time than usual in the company of our family and friends. If you are like me, I have sometimes found myself so distracted with my to-do list, that I have overlooked the people in -- and the purpose of -- my life. I believe that thanksgiving and relationships join together very nicely. Sherry Spears and Marsha Simpkins have written very practical, helpful articles to help us direct our focus correctly.

I am very thrilled to feature Mrs. Sandy Thompson's article on "Biblical Submission." Mrs. Thompson has a wonderful testimony of being a Godly wife and a faithful Christian. She has graciously agreed to share with us what she has learned about submission. I especially appreciate her application of submission to several areas of our Christian life. As I read her article, I was encouraged to take an inventory of my own level of Biblical submission.

Please enjoy the evening and know that I am very, very, very thankful for each one of you!

Mrs. Bane 

Biblical Submission

By Mrs. Sandy Thompson

Before I started writing this, I got the book that Eddie and the Preacher always use, the Webster's 1828 Dictionary, to find the meaning of "submit." Submit: 1-a yielding of one's will to the will of a superior without murmuring; 2-acknowledgement of a fault; 3-to humble one's self; 4-obedience as to a parent; 5-to yield, resign or surrender to the power, will or authority of another; 6-to give up resistance.


The only way that we can submit to so many things is to be prayed up. You know the old saying, "Prayer changes things." Our will sometimes needs to be changed; getting into the Bible will help us in our prayer life and submission.

The first thing we need to do is submit ourselves to the Lord. James 4:6-7 says, "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God." Boy, do I need God's grace! Yielding your will to God's will can sometimes be very hard. I think of the ladies that said okay to God concerning their kids going off to college, going into the military, or just leaving home. . . allowing kids to do God's will. Submitting to God's will makes our submitting to other things a lot easier.

The next thing for the married ladies is submitting to your husbands. Ephesians 5:22-23, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body." (Also see Colossians 3:18.) Again, prayer comes to the forefront. Pray for your husband for wisdom; pray for wisdom for yourself to be submissive. Thank God for your husband.

We need to submit ourselves to the authority of another. See I Peter 5:5. We need to submit to the laws of our country. See I Peter 2:13.

The hardest part of submitting, for me, is in the first meaning – yield without murmuring. I have said too many times, "Okay," and did what I was told but resented the authority. Mrs. Robin Fraker said something that really encouraged me: If we pray and overcome the murmuring, it will cause us to grow -- always a positive!

When you start looking at submission, you will see that even Christ submitted unto the will of His Father. See Matthew 26:39. Aren't we glad He did? 

Scripture Memory Challenges

November Scripture Memory Challenge #1: II Chronicles 5:13

November Scripture Memory Challenge #2: I Corinthians 16:8-10

Ladies who memorize the selected monthly theme-related verses and designated passage verses each month, September through March, will receive recognition and awards. Go to www.galaatgrace.com for award details.


*Challenges are to be completed within the designated period of time.

*All questions regarding the Scripture Memory Challenges may be directed to Mrs. Robin Fraker.

*Be sure to read the November Updates flyer for current information on the Scripture Memory Challenge.

Serving the Lord with Thanksgiving

By: Mrs. Sherry Spears

We as Christians get to serve the Lord in so many areas. We can serve in the choir, nursery, the bookstore, a bus route and so many more. We are to share what God is doing at Grace Baptist Church and in our individual lives. The Bible says in Psalm 26:7 "That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works." We are thanking God every time we are serving him to the best of our ability. I believe joy and thanksgiving go hand in hand. Because of being thankful, there is joy that follows. The Bible says in John 15:11 "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." We are not to be just thankful for all God has done for us, but to serve the Lord in a Thanksgiving attitude. In I Thessalonians 5:18 it says, "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Let's all keep a servant's heart that would be pleasing to the Lord. Let's serve the Lord with thanksgiving at Grace. 

Focus on Missions

Rick & Srichand Horn -- Thailand

Rick and Srichand Horn are missionaries to Thailand. Bro. Horn is currently in the United States receiving treatment for cancer. His wife remains in Thailand, trying to continue their ministry with little assistance.

Bro. Horn is a former marine and Hyles-Anderson College graduate. The Horns have been serving in Thailand for over twenty years. As of February 2010, they had sixteen churches, a children's home, a Bible institute, and a printing ministry.

The Horns began their ministry working with Bro. Tommy Tillman and the lepers in Thailand. Bro. Tillman helped the Horns purchase property to build a home for the children of lepers. The Horns and their people often face the worst of conditions, including monsoons; but Bro. Horn said his wife has never complained about the conditions in which she has been placed and is a tremendous helpmeet to him.

Please pray for the Horns, particularly Bro. Horn's health, and for strength and perseverance for his wife. Bro. Horn is currently using some herbal treatments for his cancer. Bro. Horn may be emailed at rhorn15@hotmail.com. They also have a very nice website at www.RickHorn.org.



Putting Our Thanksgiving Spirit into Action

Mrs. Marsha Simpkins

Ready...Set...Go! This may be how many of us start out the holiday season. We're like runners out of the starting blocks in a big race. Full steam ahead! There's so much to do. Planning, shopping, cooking, baking, cleaning, hostessing, and traveling; the list could go on and on.

I find it very easy to get caught up in all of the preparation for Thanksgiving and other holidays. I am often guilty of losing my focus from the true meaning and spiritual side of holidays. I can become so busy with the preparation of events, dinners, etc, that before I know it, the big day is over and I seemed to have "missed" it. I may have even missed opportunities to meet a need or to be a blessing by being caught up in the "action" or busyness of the holiday season.

Thankfully, that's when God steps in and re-directs my perspective. He, many times, will use a situation in my life to teach or show me where my perspective and focus should be. God used a situation in my life in November 2008 to show me that Thanksgiving is more than a big dinner, family getting together and a day of football.

While planning and preparing for Thanksgiving in 2008, my husband found out that his company that he worked for would be laying him off on November 25th. I was in shock and disbelief. Didn't they know that it was the holiday season? More importantly, didn't God know? How could He allow this to happen? I became very heavy hearted. Christmas was coming soon and we had NO income! I admit I was not feeling very thankful at this time. I wasn't even looking forward to Thanksgiving too much now. The next few weeks were very trying. I had to really lean on God. As I started praying and trusting Him more, I began to "see" Thanksgiving differently. Then God really let me see what Thanksgiving truly is about, by so many of our church family who were willing to give, pray, share and to help us. It was overwhelming. God was in control and He was able to meet our needs.

My eyes were opened and I was shown so many things by God in those following weeks and months. I saw people with a Thanksgiving spirit moved into action. I still look forward to Thanksgiving now, but with more of an emphasis on God and how good He is to us all, rather than ready...set...go. 