



Established Footsteps News

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Too Jazzed up about Bible Study!



Dear Partners and Friends of Established Footsteps Ministry,

I pray your first month of the new year has been filled with a knowing of God's presence and some wonderful moments. As we direct our steps further into 2008, I just wanted to take a moment and share something from my heart.

God has provided for Established Footsteps in more ways than I could ever imagine. One of the most interesting ways He has provided is through the gifts and talents of others. We have been able to do many things because others have offered their areas of expertise. One such area is in the field of editing. Since we began Established Footsteps almost two years ago, God has allowed me to write two Bible Studies. That process was both a great challenge and a joy. As I was writing messages and homework each week for a particular group, God prompted a wonderful person, Dot, to review each lesson and process an initial edit before we actually passed it out. I was so grateful for her efforts.

Well as the ministry has continued, the Bible Studies are still in use. And, this fall God provided a professional copy editor, Valli, to take it a step further. Valli used her skills to bring even more refining to the study material. In her words she had "been looking for a way to use her skills in the kingdom." I guess God thought we were a pretty good match as He knew I needed some editing! I was so blessed by her efforts in editing our study called "Loving Life". In the coming months Valli will continue this second editing process in our other Bible Study too. What a blessing and help to our ministry efforts.

One night in the late hours, Valli sent me the completed product of "Loving Life" and she included a note along with it that was signed, "too jazzed up about Bible Study to go to bed!" I had never heard it said like that before but that resonated in my Spirit. I thought in my heart, "Lord that is what we are trying to do here isn't it, get women jazzed up about Your Word."

Throughout the last month I have thought about that statement again and again. What a fun job, what an awesome privilege to get to help women get "jazzed up" about the Word of God. And I want you to know that if you have been a part of this ministry effort in any way, you are in on that too. Whether in the editing, or praying, or attending, or encouraging or supporting or taking on any number of jobs we need you and we count it a privilege to work alongside you, jazzing up together.

In the coming months there will be many opportunities to join in. Our women's Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it and we will need a ton of help. Mark your calendars now for July 10-12 for this special time and [contact us](#) if you want to be a part of the team. One of the biggest ways you can join in on the VBS right now is to pray for this unique event. God has placed a big dream in our heart concerning it and we definitely need His favor to see it come to pass. We are waiting on Him so please join us in prayer for His favor and direction for Women's VBS 2008.

My prayer is that God will jazz us all up about Bible Study so that we might truly establish our steps in this LIFE with which He has blessed us.

*All jazzed up,
Sharon*

Upcoming Happenings at EF for February and March

Loving Life Study continues— Monday Nights

Beautiful Girls Community Group continues—Sunday Nights

Memorize With Me Memorization Project continues through Easter

Sharon speaks at MOPS, Yorktown VA on February 6th

Sharon speaks at Summit Christian Academy Chapel on February 8th

Sharon speaks at Florida Christian College Women of the Word Conference on February 23

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mailing list, please
[contact us.](#)

Memorize With Me Continues...

Right now we are in the 8th week of this 15 week Memorization Project. We commend all our 150+ participants for working through these 5 wonderful passages about Jesus that take us from Christmas to Easter and we encourage you to stick with it even if you have gotten a little behind!

Not involved in this project but interested to see what it is all about? Visit our website to learn more at www.establishedfootsteps.com

or take a look at the blog where participants view the weekly devotionals and share together. You can view that at

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Memorizing God's Word— it's a great thing!

Women and Teens are in God's Word...

Weekly studies are underway for both women and teens during these winter months...

A weekly version of our Beautiful Girls Study is taking place on Sunday nights in Yorktown with 9 girls and several moms participating. We are learning how to be beautiful in Christ! Many thanks to the Brown family for their gracious hospitality!

Twenty women are coming together each Monday night to study I Peter 3:10-15 in our Established Footsteps Bible Study called "Loving Life". This special group of women is digging deeper to see how God intends for us to embrace this wonderful Christian life He has given to us. We are grateful to the Peninsula Vineyard Fellowship for allowing us to use their church building each week.

Peace on the Road

I am super excited about some things God has been teaching me about peace. Throughout my life I have struggled with worry, anxiety and conflicts and I know that I am not alone. I talk to women all the time who deal with these same issues. In the last 13 years as I have been walking with Christ in a deep way, God has moved me into greater levels of living in peace and I am very grateful.

This fall as I was studying God's Word, He began to show me some principles about framing my life in peace that I had never seen before. After several months of developing these principles in my own life, testing them and finding them to be true, God is now giving me opportunity to share them with others. This month I taught on this for the first time and the response has been wonderful. Just today I received an email from a friend that said, "*I keep hearing women talking about framing their thoughts, just wanted you to know that!*" How wonderful for God to give us practical principles that we can use every day to walk in the life He has given to us.

In the next several months I will be teaching this same series to several groups, in Florida in February, and in Newport News, VA and Virginia Beach, VA in April. I am excited about continuing to share these Truths from God's Word with women because I know they are principles that change lives.

Are you looking for more peace in your life? Do you know other women who are too? Perhaps God can use you to set up an event where Established Footsteps can offer these teachings. We are happy to take the message on the road! [Contact us!](#)

Contribution Letters Sent Out

Statements of financial contributions to EF for 2007 were sent out in late January. Established Footsteps Ministry is a non-profit organization and these statements will assist you in your tax preparation. We are so grateful for your support. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Please Pray for the following:

- ***Perseverance for those in "Memorize With Me"**
- ***Continued growth for those in our Bible Studies**
- ***God to continue to speak through this ministry**
- ***Direction in planning for our Women's VBS '08**
- ***God's favor over details as we function each day**