



Welcome to the *Evening Edition* of **Women's Bible Study** A Ministry of Autumn Ridge Church

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Today's lecture by MICHELLE HARRIS from 2 Samuel 15-16 is titled:

What's In The Heart: A Broken Heart

As a courtesy to others, please turn off your cell phone as you enter Bible study.

Dear Friend,

Last week we heard about "A Heart of Lust and Murder". And those sins of David's, even though forgiven by God, carry consequences that are played out in the lives of many other people. This week we are in 2nd Samuel 15, learning about *A Broken Heart*. There could hardly be anything more painful than being betrayed and hunted by your own child, but that's what happened to David when Absalom started a civil war in an attempt to take David's throne. Yet David never stopped loving Absalom, and was heartbroken when Absalom died.

Parenting is never over, no matter how old we are. Our adult children are individuals who are responsible before God for their own life choices. But that doesn't make it any easier when we see them taking paths that we know will bring them heartache. It's important to remember that God will give us wisdom in parenting when we ask for it, and that he loves to hear the prayers of his people. I think one of the greatest reminders we can take away from this chapter is to pray fervently and daily for our children to draw close to God, and then to live a life that has no disparity between what we say, and what we do. I am so thankful for God's help in parenting...what would we do without him?

Warmly,

Gretchen Steer

Coming...

Nov. 25th – No WBS – Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 PM
Dec. 2nd - Jann Wright lectures on *A Heart that Finishes Well*
Dec. 9th – Theme night – A Christmas Tea
December 10, 2009 – January 12, 2010 Christmas Break
January 13, 2010 – Begin winter session titled *The Heart's Cry: A Look at Heartfelt Prayer*. Look for more information in Ridgelines the weekend of December 12-13, 2009. You do NOT need to register again if you are returning to the winter semester study.



This week we take our **Fall Thanksgiving Offering**. This is one of two free-will offerings collected during the course of the year which defray the expenses of WBS and allow us the opportunity to thank those who serve our program week to week with a small gift of appreciation. Your past generosity has permitted us to persist in offering WBS free of charge for all participants as well as providing free childcare to mothers who otherwise may not have the opportunity to participate in a Bible study. Please prayerfully consider in your heart what you might be able to give today. All checks may be made out to *Autumn Ridge Church* but please note in the memo line "WBS fall offering." Envelopes are available at the registration table and all gifts may be left in the designated baskets also found at the registration table. On behalf of the WBS leadership team, let me thank you in advance for partnering with us in ministry.



Also, please take the time to fill out the **fall survey**. You may return it to the registration table today or bring it back with you and turn in at our last lecture on December 2. Your feedback is valuable to us as we work to meet your needs and desires in this setting.



Finally, **next week there is NO WBS**; instead, please join us for the **Thanksgiving Service and Pie Social** beginning at 7:00 PM. We pray you have a blessed holiday break and recount with friends and family God's goodness, blessings, and provisions during this past year.

Serving in his name,

Jacqui Stahl
WBS Small Group and Evening Coordinator

Women's Bible Study Weekly Outline

What's In The Heart: A Broken Heart
2 Samuel 15-16 Michelle Harris



I. What happened?

II. Why this happened

- A. A _____
- B. A _____
- C. Unchecked _____
- D. V _____
- E. R _____
- F. Poor _____
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

III. David's response to what happened

- A. S _____
- B. C _____
- C. W _____

IV. What do we learn about God?

- A. God _____
- B. God _____
- C. God's discipline is _____



Gretchen Steer is looking for a few more homemade pumpkin and pecan pies for the OASIS event at the Steers' on November 20, which is this Friday. If you are attending, you may not contribute! 9" or larger pumpkin or pecan pies are needed. Please contact her by email at steergjs@msn.com or through CCB if you would like to contribute a pie. Thanks!



Please continue to pray for Sharon Penz's son following thyroid cancer surgery last Friday and for Bethany Monson's recovery from open heart surgery.



All of our weekly materials: Announcement/outline page, discussion/study questions, and the printed lecture notes are available on our website listed below. If you have questions during the week please Contact Michelle Johnson, ARC Women's Ministry Assistant and WBS Administrative Assistant, 288-8880 or marthatoo@hotmail.com or e-mail us at: wbs@autumnridgechurch.org.

Thoughts on Worship

by Tara Maier, Evening Worship Leader

So how can we anticipate, learn, and participate in God's story? Some of us close our eyes in order to reflect, others lift up their hands, and some break into tears in response to His story. Since we serve an amazing God, His story will always evoke participation. The story of Christ dying for our sins and being our victor over sin and death motivates us no longer to live for ourselves (II Cor. 5:14-15). This process of shedding the "old" and taking on the "new" is done by the gift of the Holy Spirit given to us by our Lord and Savior.

As the Christmas season approaches, I am starting to invite, anticipate, and prepare for my guests to arrive. Are we doing this each time we come to worship the Lord? He has already given us the invitation and He anticipates our arrival! He has also given us the greatest gift of the Holy Spirit in order to prepare us for His second coming.

"I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am their God, for they will return to Me with all their heart." (Jeremiah 24:7)