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LIVING DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE

Our Living Discipleship Conference is drawing near. Don't miss out!! It is designed for pastors and church leaders. It is based on solid Biblical foundations that can bring transformation to you personally, those who come to you for counsel and discipleship, and for your entire congregation.

This is not about another program. It is developing a lay ministry that is effective and life changing.

Our speakers are Pastor Jeff Boersma, Pastor Jeff Stam, and Mr. Arnie Dykstra. All three of these men have been involved in helping their congregations get back to the basics of returning to Jesus and doing His Word His way through confession, repentance and a commitment to truth, prayer and obedience.



The conference will be held on February 24 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and February 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fair Haven Ministries in Hudsonville.

Registrations must be in by Wednesday, February 15. The cost is \$30.

Corporate donations are also appreciated and all corporations contributing will be acknowledged with contact information in the resource packet given out to each person attending.

You may register or contribute in the following ways:

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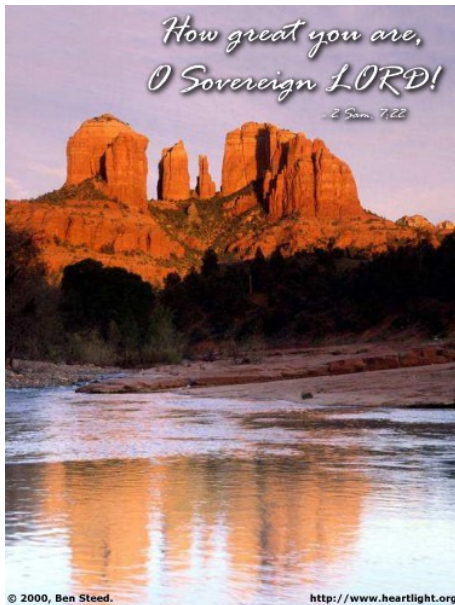
OUR GOD IS SO BIG

I want to share with you what we learned about how big our God is. One freedom appointment I had the privilege to be a part of was with a woman who had met God through the Jehovah's Witnesses. She was caught in many types of addictions and in so much bondage that she cried out to the God she had heard of as a kid, saying, "God, if you are real, send someone to tell me about you." The next day some Jehovah's Witnesses knocked on her door. When she told us this story the first thing I thought was, "What angel of darkness was caught up in this? And what kind of battle are we in for?" or ("is she in for?").

God had already put a question in her heart about the Witnesses' "bible". She realized that it did not always match up with the Bible she was familiar with, and she was eager to learn more. After reading and sharing with her who Jesus really is, she was willing to pray the prayer on the first page of the Steps booklet to accept Jesus as her Lord and Savior.

We then had to explain why "Jehovah's Witnesses" was listed on the first step as a Counterfeit belief. God had already prepared us with knowledge of what they believe through a tract that some of them had left with me the summer before. The tract told about Jesus as the Son of God, but never mentioned the need to accept Him as our Lord and Savior. ! It only told of how to try to live for Jehovah God.

It was hard for her to renounce the Jehovah's Witnesses as counterfeit because the women she had met with the last 2 years had shown her so much love and acceptance, but she did. God then used the Steps to Freedom in a powerful way to reveal the twisted gospel that she had come to believe. Each time she had a question about the differences in what they believe, either God gave an answer through us with Scripture or in the Scripture given within the Steps.



Because of time constraints, we met with her about 4 times over a 6 week period. We found that to be God's timing, too, because she needed to be mentored over a period of time in order to be able to take in each step and apply it and come back with questions (that God would give an answer for each time). We learned that we did not need to worry; we would pray and then trust that God had it all under control.

Jesus broke bondages in her life and helped her leave a lot of baggage at the cross as she walked through the Steps to her Freedom in Christ. She even said she felt physically lighter when she was done. Praise God!

The toughest part for us was when she told us she had shown her Witness friends the first step. They were hurt and confused because they were on the counterfeit list. At that moment God filled our hearts with so much love for them, because they were like sheep following the wrong shepherd. God gave us words that helped us explain to her why the Jehovah's Witnesses are considered a cult, without condemning the two women she loved.

God showed us He is so big that He can use that which is twisted and bring good from it. Nothing is too big for our God! He continues to amaze me and I know He always will. It is a privilege to serve Him. I can't wait to see what He will do next!

by Terri Jasperse