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Discover Your Story, Live From Your Heart

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Genesis Institute is a non-profit organization existing as part of the body of Christ to care for human souls, guided by the fixed point of Biblical revelation. Genesis Institute is an agent of relational transformation. Our passion is to help people discover their story and live from their heart. All Genesis ministries seek to enable and encourage the Christian community to this end. Genesis mission will endeavor to:

- Counsel Biblically.
- Enable and encourage the Christian community to care for human souls.
- Proclaim relationship with Christ is the ultimate answer to life's most challenging problems.
- Invite both believers and non believers to live according to God's design, and to worship and enjoy Him.

We offer a variety of courses designed for Christian leaders and lay workers. Our Soul Care Biblical Mentoring ministry, Spiritual Formation Workshop, Courageous Parenting, and various seminars are available through Genesis Institute.

Prayer Requests



Crystal

- The staff at Genesis as we grow to meet the increasing demand for counseling. Pray for wisdom and unity for the search committee.
- My clients who struggle to believe their worth in Christ. Pray that they will be awestruck by his love for them.
- Scott and me as we continue the home building process. We can see the light at the end of the tunnel!



Todd

- Please pray for Genesis as we dream about where God wants to take us in 2016.
- My family as we continue pray over educational decisions in the upcoming year
- Those with whom we meet in our offices at Genesis that hurts and wounds would begin and continue to heal.



Amanda

- Pray for clients who are weary from being in their struggles for so long. That they would choose hope instead of despair.
- Praise that we closed on the sale of our home and were able to move in. We have out of town guests coming to stay with us, pray for their safety getting here.
- Pray for a job interview my father has coming up and that the rest of my family would have opportunities to move to Spokane.



The Heart of Genesis

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Happy New Year!

We sought help from the ministry of the Genesis Institute because we were going through, what was for us, an intense life transition. We were both, as a couple, confused and hurt from a vocational ministry setting that we had been serving in. After much wrestling, we decided to move on from the ministry we were serving in for our family's sake. We moved across several states and chose to be near our family in Washington. We were so grateful to find the help we needed to begin unburdening our hearts in the safe and sound presence of our counselor, at Genesis Institute.



It was worth the almost 2 hour drive to Spokane every few weeks to meet with our counselor and be real about all that had transpired for us and confess the complete disorientation we were feeling. He listened intently, helped us to find words for the feelings and thoughts we were

having and continually directed us back to Our God's gracious intentions for our lives. We are still on the journey of learning, changing and healing from the disillusionment we experienced. We can see better that we are still in His loving care and that He is calling us into an ever deeper relationship with Himself through the messiness of life.

We are so glad that in the midst of our own inner turmoil we found safe, Biblically-sound and Gospel-centered counsel during our sessions at the Genesis Institute. God is continuing to carry on the "soul-work" He is doing in both our lives. Thank you to the team at The Genesis Institute.

- Matt and Nicole Hendrickson

Special Notice!

Don't Forget to Save The Date!

Evening of Stories

October 13, 2016

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. John Ortberg

Becoming Ourselves

It is a new year! But in this achievement oriented culture emphasizing self-reinvention and raw will power, it is difficult to live new lives that flourish. Are resolved efforts enough? Might our attempts toward self-discovery and improvement actually lead to dissatisfaction? Do good intentions and self-determination propel us toward the change we deeply desire and desperately need? What if the secret is not *finding ourselves*, but rather *becoming* the selves God intended? Transformational change... requires God's help in navigating in an uncertain world.

Following our Fall event, *Evening of Stories*, a woman from the audience shared her deep excitement upon hearing me share this powerful quote by 1800's Christian philosopher, Soren Kierkegaard:

"And now, with God's help, I shall become myself"

Her exhilaration reminded me of my astonishment, when years ago, my intuitive wife, Cathy, began praying a new prayer. She sensed the Lord calling me toward a deeper truth that went beyond self-efforts, spiritual self-discipline or even service. Cathy often ended our prayers with the simple words, "Lord, help him become the man he wants to be".

The impact was great. The man I wanted to be was my truest self. I will always need God's help in becoming that man!

We all need God in order for our lives to thrive! Only God knows how to overcome the many fears, discouragements and weaknesses that cause our hearts to grow faint. "So do not fear, for I am with you, do not be dismayed, for I am your God, I will strengthen you and *help you*; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." Isaiah 41:10

Our culture brashly declares: find yourself! The Bible lovingly beckons: *become yourself!*

Kierkegaard was spot on! With God's help, we can lead lives that spiritually flourish as we actually *become ourselves*...the individuals we were meant to be!

Dave

Executive Director



"And now, with God's help, I shall become myself."



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Thank You For Giving!

Please call me at 509.710.8182 for more information on how you can help!



"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy" Psalms 126:3

Happy New Year to all of you! Thank You for your generous giving in 2015!

God is calling us to partner with Him in reaching deeper into our community, our region and our world. He has done amazing things this last year through the people and ministry here at Genesis Institute. Besides achieving our goals for our Evening of Stories event, we have had a very generous offer from a local business to help us make our goal of online classes a reality! We should have our new website up and running in the next 30-60 days as well.

"[God] has done amazing things this last year..."

Let me encourage you to keep on believing God when it comes to your finances. When we put God first in our finances we are also inviting Him to bless them. By doing this we are joining a mission far bigger than ourselves. God is faithful to make every blessing abound in our lives.

A huge "thank you" to all of you who not only give of your treasure, but also your time and talents. May God bless you more than you or I could ever dream!

Looking forward to 2016!

With Love and Appreciation for you and for what God is doing,

Linda

Is He Worth It?



The current "Courageous Parenting" course is progressing well. Participants share similar desires. Reoccurring themes regarding their children harken back to Luke's declaration. Parents want their kids to grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and people. These courageous parents are realizing that INFLUENCE, (not control) must be their driving motivation. And they've developed a growing awareness that the primary question to struggle through continues to be, "Is Jesus worth following?"

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God". Luke, the physician, wrote this to ensure that Gentile Christians understood the Gospel message of Jesus. Was Jesus worth following? Two millennia later, the people that come through our doors, continue to probe this vital question.

The new Courageous Parenting class will start the first week of February. God's kingdom is advancing on many fronts! Thank you for your continued and valued involvement with this vibrant ministry.

"Is Jesus Worth Following?"

Our prayer, for this coming year, is that our Genesis Institute readers will say YES to the Christ of Christmas... Emmanuel, the God with us

who daily invites both our trust and our company. No matter the cost, may we continue to seek and find all the promises of God fulfilled in Jesus.

Dennis