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Prayer Requests



Crystal

- Christ's peace to reign in the hearts of those with whom I work. So many of my clients struggle with fears of all types
- The leaders of the various classes at Genesis. Please pray that they will have wisdom as they prepare. Pray, too, for the hearts of those who want to grow and learn by taking the classes
- My husband and I as we do some traveling, and have family in town. Please pray that we can get rest in the middle of the "busy."



Todd

- Staying focused in a world of distraction. Keeping my eye on those things that are important.
- Genesis Institute, as we prepare for our upcoming fall fundraiser, Evening of Stories.
- Our clients here at Genesis; that through God, relationship and looking inside, healing of woundedness and relationships would occur.



Amanda

- Please pray with me for clients struggling with a desire to live in community with others, but are being held back by a fear of being hurt.
- Pray for those who have been away from Spokane over the summer and are making their way back. That they will be safe while they travel.
- For my parents as they close on a home in Spokane, that the closing will happen smoothly.



Katrina

- For my clients to find healing and hope in Christ as they deal with difficulties in their lives.
- That I may gain wisdom, courage, and strength to counsel the clients that come to see me.



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The Heart of Genesis

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Fall Classes Start Next Month!—Space is limited so REGISTER now to reserve your spot!

***Spiritual Formation: Soul Restoration will meet on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30pm at Genesis and will begin on September 8th**

Courageous Parenting will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30pm at Genesis and will begin September 27th

Core Concepts in Biblical Mentoring will meet on Mondays from 7:00-9:00pm at Moody Bible Institute and will begin on September 12

More Information on our website

*What Is The Spiritual Formation: Soul Restoration Class All About?

I write these words sitting on an old, restored hard-wood chair. My lap-top rests on a matching table and King David's familiar phrase comes to mind, "He restores my soul." The table and chairs were a furniture restoration project but they remind me of something more mysterious: the on-going restoration of my soul.

Found at a garage sale, the table was badly marred and scarred but otherwise sturdy. The chair legs were rickety and the upholstery was worn and torn. I disassembled the legs, sanded their ends, poured in lots of wood glue and clamped it all together. 24 hours later the chairs were



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The Battlefield of the Soul

"Enemy occupied territory—that is what this world is." C.S. Lewis

Often God's truth presents itself to us in the quiet of our prayers, but occasionally, it comes with the sheer force of a speeding train. Sometimes even expensive advertising conveys God's truth that real battles are waged not only in the physical world, but far more importantly, in the unseen spiritual world.

I saw this truth on a recent vacation in San Diego when Cathy and I waited on a bench for a high speed trolley to take us downtown for sightseeing. The first trolley that blazed past on the opposing tracks was painted all dark black with just a few words we could not fully make out. The obvious deep black caught our attention. We gasped when we made out the slick words promoting an upcoming dark fall television series, *The Exorcist*. I felt my breath taken away, until I saw our trolley car approach the platform. The haunting by-line that riveted my attention was the ironic, sheer truth of the unseen spiritual war, and this war going on in every human life:

Every soul is a battlefield.

Every day the real battle goes on inside each person's soul. It is often unseen, but the battle nonetheless rages on. The advertisers, unknowingly, got this right on the money. In his "enemy occupied territory" C.S. Lewis keenly observed that we are all living with an unseen, yet real war raging against us. Revelation 12:17 boldly conveys the reality of this ongoing cos-

mic war between God and the devil, "And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus." At Genesis this battle is fought wholeheartedly by all of us in the daily ministries that you help make possible.

At Genesis we believe every human soul is precious, and that each soul is locked in a deep spiritual battle with eternal outcomes at stake. The people we serve need special care to heal, strengthen and become equipped to not be destroyed. They need extra support in healing their troubled marriages, supporting their fractured families, and helping weary leaders in the church stand strong in the Lord against such dark forces. This care enables these souls to go the distance.

Thanks for standing with us over the last 22 years! The battlefield is real, our times grow more desperate, and each soul's destiny is at stake. Will you continue to pray and financially support this vital work? We need each one of you. Remember: Each soul is a battlefield compelling us to be involved in the real war.

Warmly in Christ,

Dave

Executive Director



"Every soul is a battlefield."

The Thread of Genesis



A message from Bill Iannuzzi—part of our Courageous Parenting Teaching Team:

It was a damp evening in September and the students began to enter the classroom with anticipation of a journey unknowingly that would change their lives forever! The subject matter

could be found in any of these classes: Core Concepts, Storytelling, Spiritual Formation, and Courageous Parenting. "Discover Your Story, Live From Your Heart" isn't a catch phrase, it is the intentional thread that is woven through the fabric of the Genesis Institute.

At its core, every class is about instructing one another with the thought of teaching others also. You have to get

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at your own heart discovering your story, unfolding your experiences in light of truth principles unearthed in the Bible. Once we begin to discover and understand our story we can begin the awesome opportunity and responsibility in sharing what we have learned with others.

Looking for ways to connect with others on a much deeper level? Taking a class will give you hands on experience that will help you to grow personally as well as teach others to discover their story and live from their heart. **Join us this October for an "Evening of Stories" to get a sneak peak of what God is doing in the lives of people in your neighborhood, in our community and around the world.**

Linda



What Is The Spiritual Formation: Soul Restoration Class All About? (cont.)

strong and stable. My wife worked her magic by reupholstering the seats. Now the table and chairs are a functional part of our sunroom.

No, don't bring your broken-down furniture to Genesis Institute's Thursday night **Spiritual Formation Workshop!** Just bring your weary soul and a desire to follow Apostle Paul's exhortation, "Aim for restoration" (2 Cor. 13:11 ESV).

God's process of soul restoration is not as simple as fixing furniture. Soul restoration is a journey into God's slow, steady, meticulous and surprising interventions to save us from ourselves and transform us in ways which glorify His name and not our own. God sees the great potential in us and wants to cultivate it, multiply and divide it, transform it and delight in it. He is passionate about renewing us from the inside out, restoring us to His intended design, making us sturdy and steadfast, loveable and passionate, capable characters in His epic drama of redemption. He desires us to be the best version of you and me.

Last fall the Spiritual Formation Workshop was an amazing small group of 10 people. While we came from diverse backgrounds and represented widely varying life

and church experiences, we all had one deep desire in common – we desired to be more Christ-like. Together we laughed and cried and, at times, sat in stunned amazement as we explored God's restorative processes – He has many ways to grow and transform us. One woman reported, "After so many years I am finally beginning to sense His presence." Several others grappled with the abundant goodness of God's 'rest,' one saying, "I don't remember 'grace' this way - I've been striving when I could have been resting and receiving from Him!"

Come join us and explore God's life-giving restoration processes. He accepts our souls – worn and torn, marred and scarred, weak and rickety – and sees our potential. He will do the restoration but He requires our cooperation and participation. He wants you to sincerely proclaim, along with King David, "He restores my soul."

Terry Andres, author and instructor

Spiritual Formation Workshop II: Soul Restoration



Don't Miss Evening of Stories!

Registration Is Now Open!
Go to our website at www.genesisinstitute.org
Seating is Limited!