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## Please Pray For...



Crystal

- Clients who are alone on Valentine's day. Some have lost loved ones, others are separated or divorced, and some are longing for a special someone in their lives. Pray that Christ will fill their hearts with his love.
- Pray for the decisions of our Genesis Board this month. Please ask the Lord to provide great wisdom and unity among them.
- Pray for energy and health for each of us at Genesis.



Katrina

- Pray for my clients to find redemption in their stories and discover where God is leading them.
- Pray for students as they return from break that they may feel refreshed and ready to start back into their school schedules.
- Pray for our Genesis staff as we seek to provide helpful services to hurting souls.



Todd

- Genesis Institute, as we continue to engage into the hearts of people who come with stories of woundedness as well as stories of celebration.
- My family, including our international students as we both continue to adjust to cultural differences. May God grant us an abundance of patience.
- Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still and know that I am God". I pray for many moments to be quiet in His presence this month. These still times are what propels me into every new day
- Current book reading: Fearless - Max Lucado



Amanda

- Continue to pray for courage and restoration for the couples that have come into counseling seeking healing for their marriage.
- Praise that my surgery went well and that I had family near to help me recover.



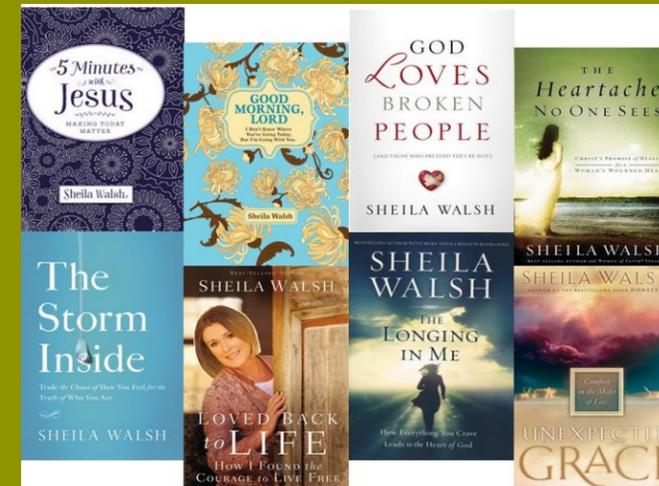
# The Heart of Genesis

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Sheila Walsh is a powerful Bible teacher, best-selling author, and Grammy-nominated singer from Scotland with over 5 million books sold. Her international ministry has reached more than 5.5 million women by combining honesty, vulnerability, and humor with the transforming power of God's Word.

She recently released her newest bestselling book "Five Minutes With Jesus" and her new line of children's books "The Bible Is My Best Friend" releases in fall. In total she has written over 60 books

Calling Texas home, Sheila lives in Frisco with her husband, Barry, her son, Christian, and three little dogs.

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### Interruptions; God's Classroom of Life

*"My whole life I have been complaining that my work was constantly interrupted, until I discovered the interruptions were my work."* Author Henri Nouwen

I find interruptions to my work and daily schedule internally can still frustrate me. I grew up in a high performance family, where doing things efficiently, productively, and with good time management was the uncontested standard of success. Being in ministry at Genesis, there is a lot of stuff to do and needs my full attention! Sadly it leaves one exhausted, anxious, and easily misses the daily moments to connect with others. But even as those old stubborn thoughts still cross my mind, I find that interruptions are beginning to take on a newfound opportunity for growth and rest of the soul.

**"I find that interruptions are beginning to take on a newfound opportunity for growth and rest of the soul"**

God has a bigger classroom, the one called life. Our lives are not compartmentalized like class periods in high school. Christian author, Mark Buchanan, says: "God's school is not like most. It's not regimented, age-adjusted, fixed in its curriculum. The classroom is life itself, the curriculum all life's demands and interruptions and tedium, its surprises and disappointments. Meaning, work out where time and eternity meet. Pay attention to how God is afoot in the mystery of each moment. He is present in all of that. But too often we are so time obsessed we take no time to really notice." Solomon compels us to consider what our time given us by God is actually for: "There is a time for everything...He has made everything beautiful in its time. He [God] has also set eternity in the hearts of men" (Ecclesiastes 3:1; 11). Time and eternity actually do meet us, but we must be open to work out where they intersect our hearts.

The other day I waited in line at a coffee shop for a good friend from overseas to meet me. I was anxious to see him, and wanted a good table for us. As I was getting set to pay for coffee, an old woman slipped in line in back of me for a coffee refill. Her empty cup was shaking in her hand, perhaps a hand tremor. I debated as I wanted to find a seat in a room quickly filling up. This time I listened for the small, insistent voice, "Let her go ahead of you, you can wait." I asked her to step in front of me. She beamed, and thanked me profusely. It was an almost negligible act on my part, yet I was deeply touched by her kindness.

Serendipitously interruptions may hold the divine key to God's big classroom of life. Pay attention. Slow down. Stop obsessing over time management. Take time to notice where God is working in each moment of your lives. Get present to what God is doing in the day we are living. Perhaps the time we invest with the everyday, ordinary moments will take on new meaning of eternal significance. Like Henri Nouwen above, we too can discover that interruptions are part of our life work God uses that leads us into His beauty, in His time.

Warmly in Christ,

**Dave**

Executive Director



### An Expression of Gratitude and Praise



As we started this New Year, I was reflecting on God's goodness in 2016!

I thank the Lord for YOU and the multitude of people who have played a grand part in giving and being on our TEAM to minister to so many people. It is with this grateful heart that we look into 2017 with great anticipation for the possibilities of this ministry. We want to make sure every person gets the care and help they need, and we can't accomplish that without you.

It is with your partnership in prayer, giving and participation that will help us achieve this! Submitting ourselves and our ministry, in order that God gets all the glory, we see fruitfulness in the lives of all who pass through our doors, enter our class rooms or participate by their prayers and sacrificial giving.

**"We are grateful!"**

Thank You for giving us a fuller expression of what it means to give. You are an example of that.

We are grateful!!

*Linda*



### Evening of Stories 2017

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We are so excited about this year's Keynote Speaker—Sheila Walsh. She will be performing musically as well as speaking! If you aren't familiar with her work, please go to our website and click on the Evening of Stories tab. There is more info on the books she's written, a link to her website and blog as well as a video with a sample of her speaking.

We hope you are as excited about her as we are. Registration for this event will open on June 1st, 2017.

**Hope to see you there!**

