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## Please Pray For...



Crystal

- Summer travels for my clients. Pray for safety as they travel, and for rest and rejuvenation.
- The finances for Genesis over the summer months. The Lord provides generously for us each year, but pray that we would remember to rest in His faithfulness.
- A spirit of peace and unity to reign over Genesis staff, board members, volunteers, and clients. Pray that those who don't know Christ will see Him through all of our lives.



Katrina

- Prayers for my family during a difficult season.
- Please pray for Moody students as many head home for the summer.
- Please pray for Genesis to reach the goal of raising enough funds to fi the roof!



Todd

- Our leadership here at Genesis Institute and what God is moving us towards in regards to counseling, a director of counseling, building maintenance and more.
- Rest. That we as a people find true rest apart from the busyness of life. The hope is that we press the pause button for a moment and reset., Be still and know that I am God—Psalm 46:10
- Our counselors here at Genesis Institute, that as we meet with clients we allow space to foster healthy perspectives and growth.



Amanda

- Pray for our college students who will be all over the world this summer serving in various ministries.
- This month I will be applying for the ability to take insured clients. This will substantially facilitate the reach of whom I can meet with for counseling. Pray for a quick and smooth transition.



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## The Heart of Genesis



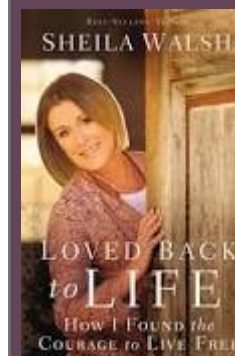
### Registration is Now

Thursday, October 19, 2017

6:30-8:30 pm

Spokane Convention Center

### OUR ANNUAL NO-COST DESSERT FUNDRAISER



Sheila Walsh is a Scottish lass known as “the encourager” to the over 5.5 million women she’s met and spoken to around the world. She loves being a Bible teacher, making God’s Word practical, and sharing her own story of how God met her when she was at her lowest point and lifted her up again.

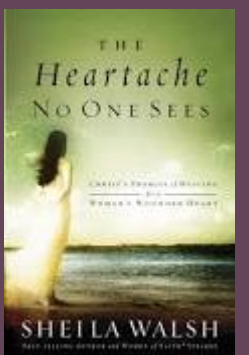
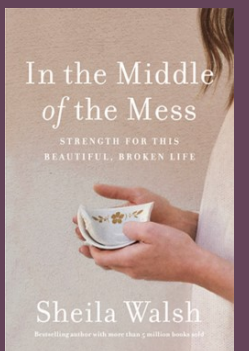
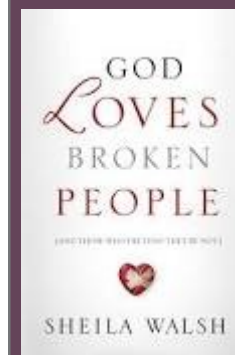
Her message: GOD IS FOR YOU!

Sheila also enjoys being an author—in fact she likes to write everyday—and has sold more than five million books. Her newest, *IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MESS, STRENGTH FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL, BROKEN LIFE*, (book and Bible study) releases in November 2017. She is also the co-host of the television program *Life Today*, airing in the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Australia.

Calling Texas home, Sheila lives in Dallas with her husband, Barry; her son, Christian; and three little dogs—Belle, Tink, and Maggie.

You Don't Want To Miss This!

Register now at [www.genesisinstitute.org](http://www.genesisinstitute.org) to reserve your seat!



### Meet Our Newest Staff Member

*"The posture of our soul toward others is to bless. Blessing is not just a word. Blessing is the projection of good into the life of another...blessing is done by the soul."*

Dr. John Ortberg, *Soul Keeping*

I had just finished speaking at a wonderful pastor's mini-retreat with nine pastors and ministry staff at North Church on the topic of soul care. Mike, the senior pastor, came to give some final words of thanks for me speaking just before I left the beautiful retreat. I came in somewhat soul fatigued, but hoped to encourage them. I felt the time was free flowing, engaging, and fruitful. The pastors were very receptive to the teaching on the ministry at a deep soul rest as God's intention with his followers. Pastor Mike previously asked me to speak on our ministry of soul care for their staff personal renewal and encouragement as a ministry team. As I was in process of gathering my teaching materials, I shared somewhat jokingly about when we started 23 years ago. Back then no one knew what Genesis Institute was and confused us with other ministries. What unexpectedly came next profoundly blessed my soul.

In that moment pastor Mike said with great intention and passion, "That may have been true all those years ago, but that is not true today, Dave. I believe that Genesis Institute is one of the premier biblical counseling and training ministries in our city. Your ministry to Moody Bible Institute (MBI) all these years, this church, and to our family has been significant. You may not know for years Genesis impact around the world, especially with the MBI young leaders, but you should be encouraged by all that God is doing through this ministry." I felt my depleted energy quickly come back on line. His very intentional words not only affirmed this im-

portant and challenging work we do, but even more, he purposefully projected good. He blessed my soul.

We each have a profound need to be blessed by others. Sadly, this world more often operates out of Cursing, to intentionally inflict verbal harm, which leaves us feeling distressed. Recall the quote above with Dr. Ortberg, "Blessing is the projection of good into the life of another." I have that need for blessing, and you have that need. I was a recipient of the pastors' intentional blessing that I needed to experience that lifted my soul.

Not only are we hard wired by God to receive blessing by him, but also return this blessing to others. The beautiful, biblical passage on God's blessing His people in Numbers 6:24-26 will touch your soul more deeply. It is written "The

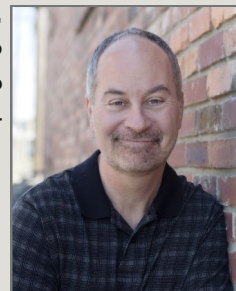
Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." As we live our daily lives in a graceless and distressing world, let us see a significant part of our mission as believ-

ers to become people of spiritual blessing. May our souls be postured toward blessing others, and be willing to daily find outlets to bless from our souls. God longs to bless us, and use us to become people of blessing! Go...and bless.

Warmly in Christ,

Dave

Executive Director



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### A Poem For You

My son, Jami, wrote this poem for me and I wanted to share it with YOU!

**" The ONE to Turn To"**

*Sometimes you give it all you got  
And things don't go your way  
If you feel that you've put in a lot  
Try taking time to pray.*

*I know someone who will always be there  
When you are in time of need  
He won't look away from your hurt and despair  
He'll have an answer for your plea*

*He'll carry you when times get tough,  
He'll always do his part.  
He'll show you that he cares enough,  
If you keep him in your heart.*

*He has a special love for us  
A love that never ends  
All he asks in return is trust  
For trust in him within.*

*He cares for the entire world,  
He cares for me and you  
His name is Jesus Christ our Lord,  
He's the one to turn to!*

I hope it speaks to you like it does me!

Linda



### We Are So Close!



**We haven't quite made our goal yet, so we could still use your help. We hope**

**to get the roof repaired the first of July, so there isn't much time left to raise the additional funds needed!**

**Will you consider helping us with this project?**

**Thank you!**

