



# Dayspring Discipleship Institute

"...the ministry of the Word" - Acts 6:4

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"...the Dayspring from on high has come to give light to those that sit in darkness..." --Luke 1:78-79

Newsletter

## Ordinary Living

Dearhearts,

God always catches us by surprise...lurking in the mundane, waiting to burst forth and startle us like a child hiding in wait for some unsuspecting adult caught up in their own world...not noticing the suspicious bulge behind the curtains. Waiting to infuse what is dull with translucent glory...if we let Him.

I will never forget the trees. The ones transfigured that ordinary morning on my way to tennis. Bright green spring leaves had pushed forth the week before and were in full plumage. Ahead, the sun caught the angle just right and suddenly ordinary trees were seized with glory. And so was I. I pulled over and stopped, completely overtaken by the backside of God. The shimmering trees were transfigured. I was in His presence.

Everyday has moments of splendor in which God crouches ready to spring. A child's smile that lights up his whole world...and yours. The sun bursting forth in its last arching gasp of the day, a seamless kaleidoscope of fluid hues blazing gold on cirrus clouds, then burnt orange, then pink...then gone. A walk in the woods and a burst of sunshine catches a web sequined with dew and something holy jolts us awake. Something of the beauty tucked away in the folds of everyday life. Something of God.

All creation streamed forth from His mouth in words shaped like trees and sentences shaped like mountains. Living words flowing forth from His being, robing us in His presence, speaking to us daily of who He is and whom He loves and of the gifts He lavishes on us. Life, itself, is gift, and I am coming to believe that it is to be lived as sacrament. Taking what comes in our day, be it good or ill, and offering it to Him for transfiguration.

The voice of each new day calls to us to shake the slumber from our souls and awaken us to see the holy there. "Day unto day wells forth speech, night unto night breathes forth knowledge," the Psalmist exulted. "The heavens are telling the glory of God," \* Moment living draws us deep into the pages of these words, and ordinary living is transfigured there. The bouquet of moments each day holds is offered to all of us but is given only to those who are fully present; to those who

move with the wind, letting the breath of God take them where it will and bring them alive. As His light shines through us and catches the right angles of our heart, your life and mine may glisten as a moment of glory for someone overtaken by the load they bear. Without His light, you and I are a part of the ordinary pallet of colors we daily see and live in. But the Light brings translucent glory...pure...not of us. And it graces the world about us in sacred hymn.

I never see wondrous splashes hiding in the folds of the day unless I am awake. Unless I am present. Walking in the Spirit is walking, fully present, in the moment. "Tell them I AM has sent me." This present perfect God...the I AM...has sent us into this day, coronated with light...robed in beauty. He sends us forth to be fully alive in Him, to love and cherish what is precious to Him, and to jolt the world with something of the holy.

I love you,

"...these things have I spoken unto you that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full."

*"Love took up the glass of time,  
turned it in its glowing hands.  
Every moment, lightly shaken, ran itself  
in golden strands."*

Tennyson, *Locksley Hall*

It is the poet's heart and the artist's eye the Lord asks us to have. Seeing what is cherished by God and holding it in love's glowing hands.

\*Psalm 19:1-4 (Spurgeon)

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## Good Attendance for “Hearing God”

An unexpected gathering of 35-40 men and women crowded the chapel for Brenda’s first conversation of the year on prayer, with extra chairs having to be pulled from the closet. We are very grateful for the response. The spring conversations on prayer will alternate monthly on Tuesdays with two conversations on Mysteries from a Sacred Hand. See articles below for details.

### ***Tuesday, February 9*** **“A Conversation on the Human Mystery”** **7:30 p.m. Dayspring Chapel**

Scheduling difficulties have forced a quick turnaround on the heels of “Hearing God” for the first “*Mysteries*” Conversation of the year. In the *Human Mystery*, Brenda will be looking at the unique position of man in creation. Sitting astride two worlds, we are uniquely gifted agents of the supernatural.

Invite a friend to join you at this unusual consideration of man’s place in creation and the extraordinary capacities of the human community and, more profoundly, of the community of the saved.

A break at 8:30 for refreshments will allow those who need to leave to do so. For those who can stay, discussion and questions and answers will follow at 8:45.

### ***This Spring Marks the Last of*** ***Mysteries Conversations***

At this point there are no plans to continue with the Mysteries Conversations past the “The Mystery of Longing” this May. Though attendance has been fairly consistent, the interest in the mysteries series has not shown the strength of those on prayer. Unless interest intensifies, beginning in the fall, our plans are to offer monthly conversations on prayer.

### ***Setting Aside 1-4 Hours for Personal Prayer***

**Friday – Saturday, February 26 – 27**  
**Dayspring Chapel / Prayer Garden**

The chapel will be open from 8:00 – 8:00 Friday and Saturday the end of February as our ministry resumes its invitation to carve out alone time seeking God through the Prayer of Communion. Brenda will be available for anyone who wants to better understand this form of prayer. Prayer guide sheets will be in the chapel to assist in the use of your prayer time.

To reserve your chapel time, please call our office. We will make every effort to schedule times so you may be alone.

If you would like to become more familiar with this form of prayer, three separate CD’s with Brenda’s teachings on the Prayer of Communion are available for purchase or you may listen to them on the Dayspring website by clicking the menu tab: **Teachings / Downloads**

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### **Christian Dinner Book Club** **To Repeat**

**“Relax and Let God”**  
*Friday, March 5, 7:00 p.m.*

**Reserve your place around the table at:**  
**972-722-1905**

Due to the rich content of James Duncan’s book and a number of those who attended who had not had time to read it, we have decided to offer it again as our March Dinner Club selection. If you have not come but would like to do so, please let us know as soon as possible so we may secure a book for you.

*“We were created to bear God’s likeness... We have within ourselves the capacity for God, to not only be present, but to live, to rule, to reign, and to be King in His kingdom. This kingdom is our heart. Our heart is His address here on earth.”*

James E. Duncan, *Relax and Let God*

### ***Conversations with Brenda\**** ***Spring 2010 Schedule***

**7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Dayspring Chapel**

**February 9**  
***The Human Mystery***

**March 23**  
***When God Changes How He Speaks to Us***

**April 6**  
***The Mystery of Longing***

**May 4**  
***Prevailing Prayer***

\*Check website or newsletters  
for possible changes