



Emra Expressions

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Choosing Emmanuel



This month is the third anniversary of my mother's death. I have been seeking comfort from Emmanuel asking Him what He wants me to know about that. In these quiet moments I have remembered all the times my mother would pray with me.

It wasn't just the times she would pray with me but the times she didn't know that I saw her praying. I remember listening to her pray about the struggles she went through as a preacher's kid and a pastor's wife. What God has wanted me to know about her at this time is: All my years growing up in a pastor's home were preparation for ministry now. My mother's legacy for me was a desire to share with other women in ministry.

I have a deep passion for women in ministry - for them to have someone to share with, pray with, someone who can walk beside them and understand their heart.

I have always found it easy to listen, pray with, and walk with women in ministry - but my deepest joy is watching them experience Emmanuel in their lives. One of my favorite questions for the five ladies I am currently working with is: What does God want you to know about that?

Every week I am allowed the privilege of watching and hearing what God is doing. I watch their eyes light up, I hear excitement in the voices, and I see a peace come over them as they share their "God story" with me.

I am planning a day when these five ladies can get together and share their "God story." with each other. It will be good for them to hear from other ladies who are also choosing to learn how to practice Emmanuel. It is my desire to rise up an army of women in ministry who are helping others by asking the question: What does God want you to know?

As I grieve my mother's passing I am grateful she taught me to listen to God. I pray that as I pass this gift on, God will be glorified and others will benefit. These are exciting days. I am so glad you are a part of the journey with me. Thank you for your prayers.

In His hands,

Sheryl
for John and Sheryl Emra

Answered Prayer

A proof copy of Cornerstones and Core Needs of Growing Kids arrived at our house today. Praise God for His help and your prayers.

Prayer Requests

Continue to pray for the ladies with whom I am working. That choosing Emmanuel would become second nature to them.

We have asked you to pray for Maria in China a few times in the last year. She is asking us to mentor her long distance as she develops programs for working with youth who deal with various forms of addiction.

John has a S.A.Y. Yes! Training scheduled for Oct 7, 8, 14 and 15.

There are 12 people signed up from four churches. His book will be used as part of the training curriculum.

Pray that the information that is shared will be used to touch lives for His kingdom.