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The Gathering

Connecting Through Faith

An Open Heart
and
A Passion for God

July Birth Flower: Larkspur



“Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.”

- Proverbs 31:29

July Women's Meeting

REGISTER NOW TO ATTEND OUR
LADIES MEETING

July 17, 2021
2:00 PM

**Smells like
HAPPY.**

**Soothes like
LAUGHTER.
HEALS LIKE
THE WORD.**



The goal of Glad Tidings Women's Ministry is to bring women into an anointed service of love and friendship. To nurture and empower each other through our relationships with other women.

Kind-hearted and strategic friendships instead of intimidation or competition. To experience the joy of companionship.

All the while, providing much-needed encouragement so we all, no matter the age, are fulfilling God's plan for our lives.

The Biology of Sin by Elaine Lum

What do viruses teach us about sin's effect on our lives? Did you know that sin affects our lives in the same way viruses infect our cells? Here's how:

combat viruses with suds
AND
sins with Scriptures

Tricking the cell:

Viruses trick cells into accepting the virus and allowing its DNA to enter the cell. In the same way, sin is deceptively attractive and tricks us into thinking that it is harmless.

II Thessalonians 2:3 says, "Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction."

Replicating its DNA:

Once our cells accept the viral DNA, our gene producing machinery is suppressed and forced to make viral genes instead of human genes. In the same way, once sin enters our lives, it suppresses God's truth and prevents us from being productive for God's kingdom.

Romans 1:18 says, "The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness."

Making more viruses:

Next, our infected cells are hijacked by the viral DNA to make new viruses, eventually killing our cells. The new viruses then infect even more cells. In the same way, sin kills what is good in our lives by destroying our effectiveness in God's kingdom. John 10:10 says, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."

In the same way that we take measures to prevent viral infections, we must take measures to **guard against sin entering our lives**. Genesis 4:7b.

**"BUT IF YOU DO NOT DO WHAT IS RIGHT,
sin is crouching at your door;
IT DESIRES TO HAVE YOU, BUT
YOU MUST RULE OVER IT."**

Let's Go Deeper...

How does Proverbs 4:23 speak to you?

*Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it.*

Things I should pray about

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What action is God prompting me to take in protecting my heart from potential viruses?



Walking Together

a virtual Facebook Group walk

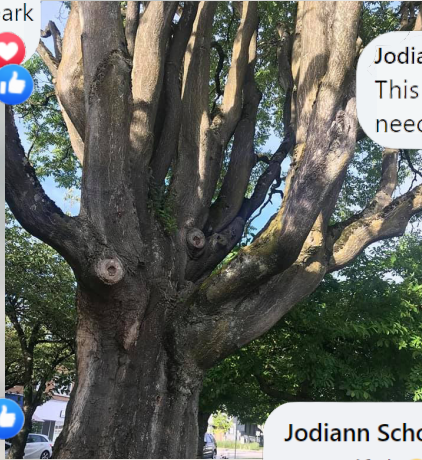
Thanks to all who participated in our virtual walk! It was refreshing to connect with others through your posts and pics.

Holly Enns

Nicole Cortez we will be walking at our go to park Southarm! 🥰

Nicole Cortez

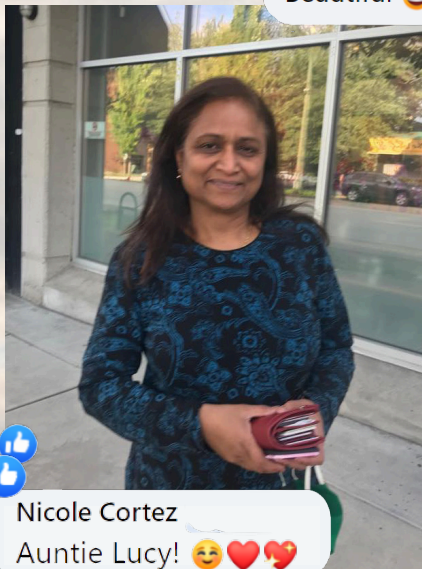
Never been there! Excited to see your pics! 🍷 1



Jodiann Schott

This is my favorite tree I walked to it tonight-I just needed someone to help me climb it! 🙌❤️

Jodiann Schott
Beautiful 🍷



Nicole Cortez

Auntie Lucy! 🥰❤️❤️

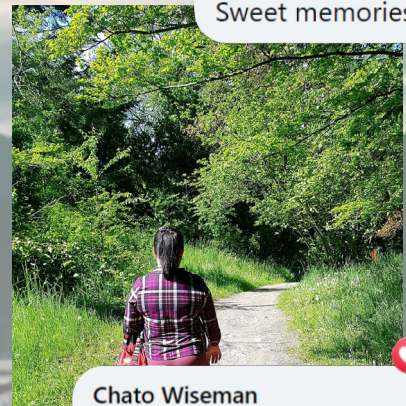


Sweet memories 🍷 1



Lorna Webb

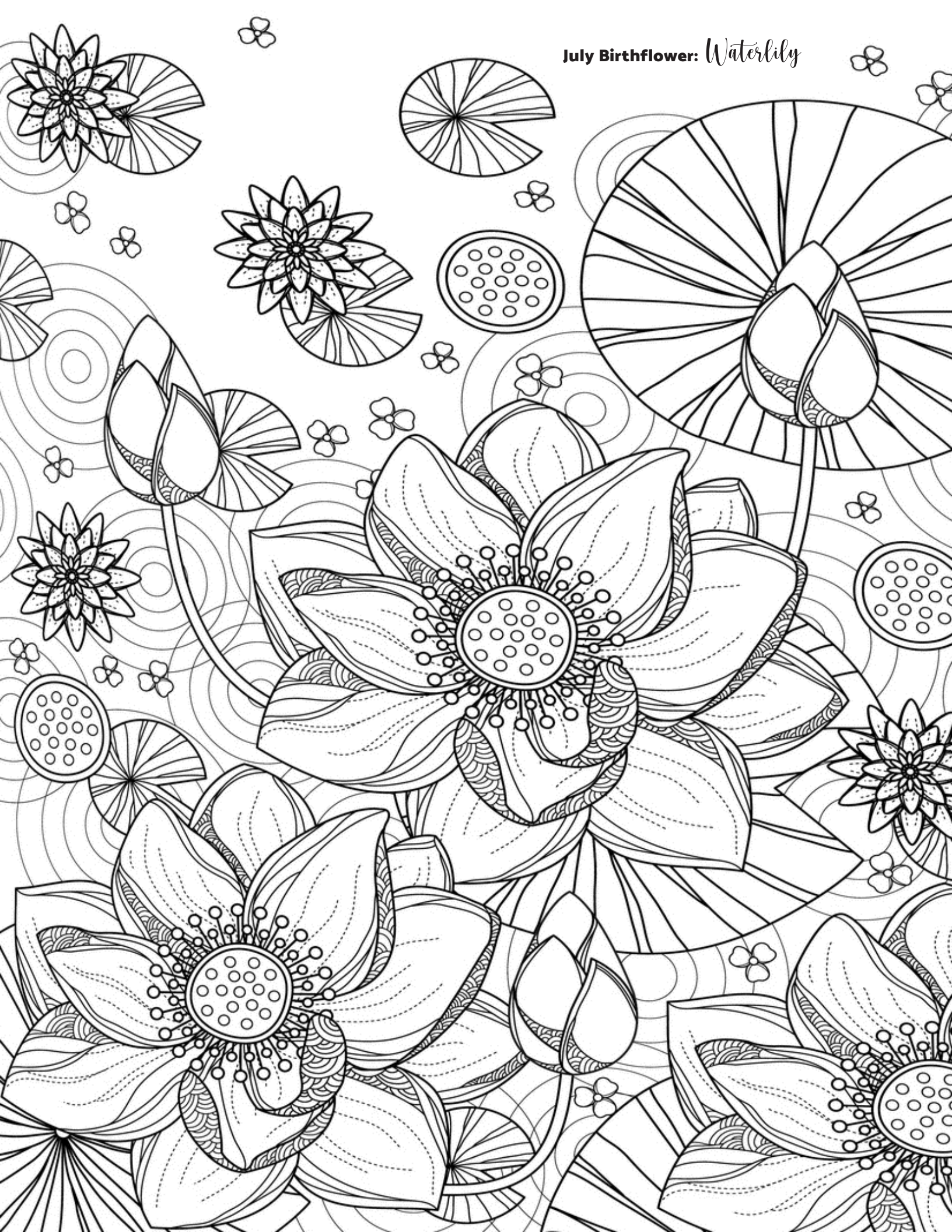
Does playing tag and hide and go seek with my grand children count? Was too busy hiding to take pictures. Lol 🍷 1



Chato Wiseman

Nice walk at Queen Elizabeth Park..

July Birthflower: *Waterlily*



BIBLE CROSSWORD XV

Across

- 1 Word of God (9)
- 6 Korah, Dathan and Abiram fell into one (5)
- 9 Prophetess and judge (7)
- 10 Rescue (7)
- 11 Judas wore one around his neck (5)
- 12 In a fervent manner (9)
- 13 Age when Jehoram became king (6-3)
- 15 Long range of hills or mountains (5)
- 16 Like the tomb on Resurrection Morning (5)

18 Samson, maybe? (9)

20 Pharisaical tomb covering (9)

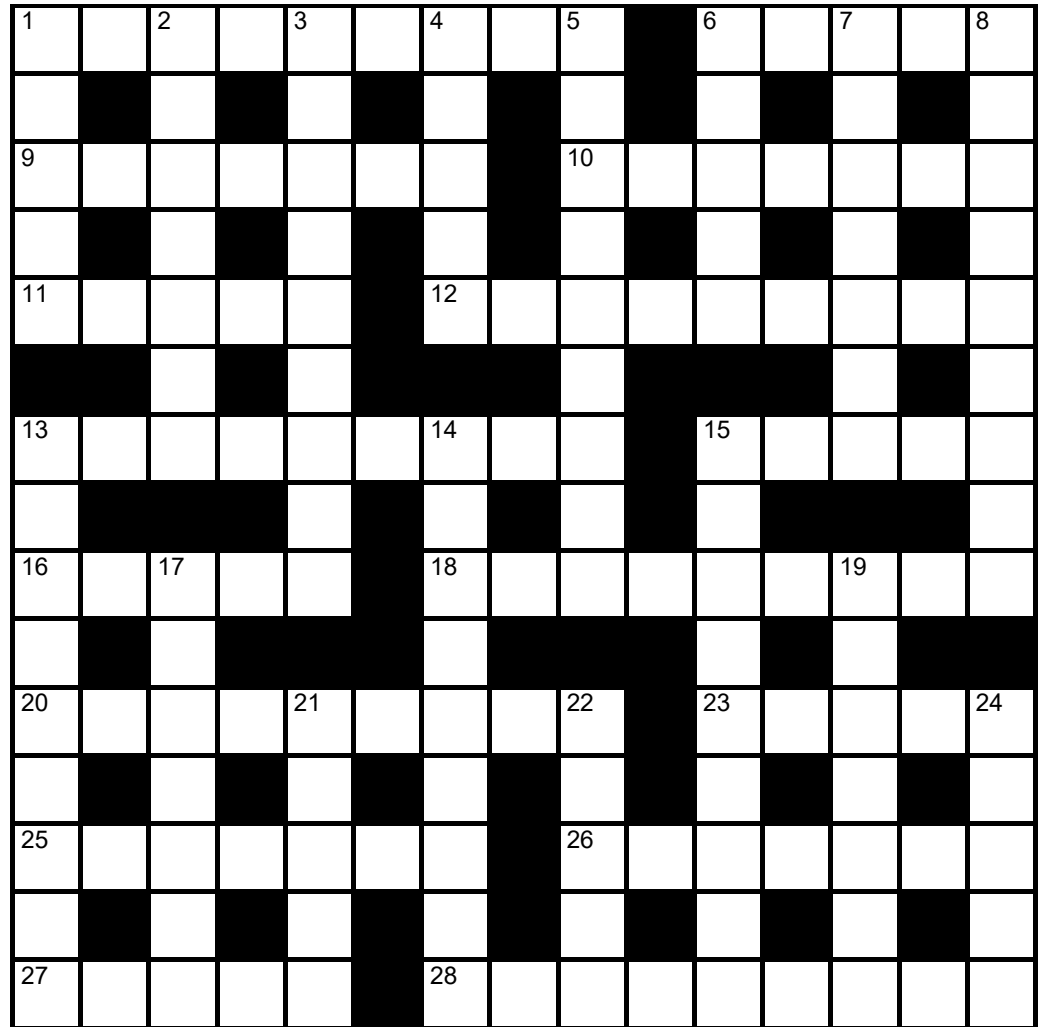
23 The beginning of a sequence (5)

25 Time when not working (7)

26 Alternative name for Feast of Tabernacles (7)

27 Region of Israeli enslavement (5)

28 One of 13 down (9)



by Philologus

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Down

1 City near to Tyre (5)

2 Honourable title for a teacher (7)

3 In an ideal way (9)

4 Region famous for its gold (5)

5 Strive (9)

6 A city of Nimrod (5)

7 Counselling (7)

8 Golden covering of the ark (5,4)

13 Apostles, collectively (3,6)

14 New and old parts of the Bible (9)

15 Plundered (9)

17 Secretly (7)

19 Instruction for the twelve spies (7)

21 Jubilate (5)

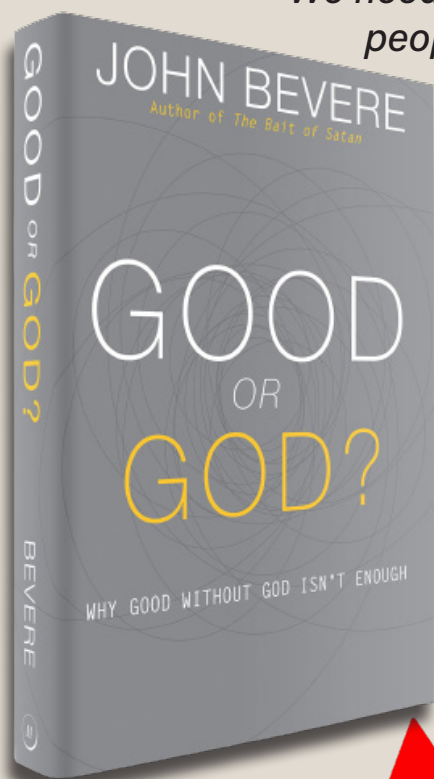
22 Minor prophet (5)

24 Often put on the head during mourning (5)

Summer Reading Suggestions

by Marion Wallis

We need this. We need to reverse the curses over our young people and turn them into blessings.

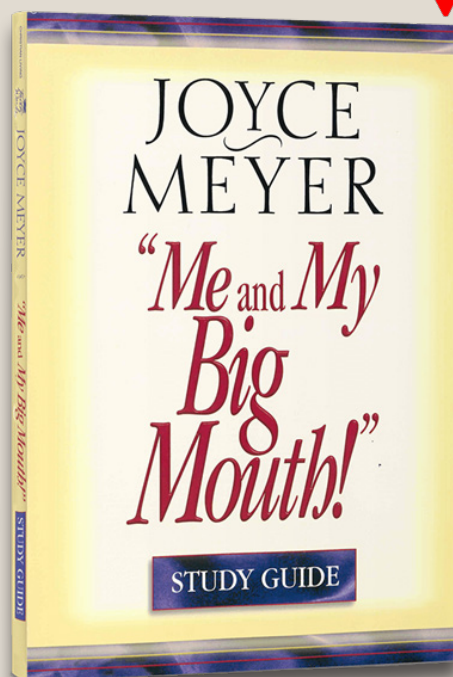
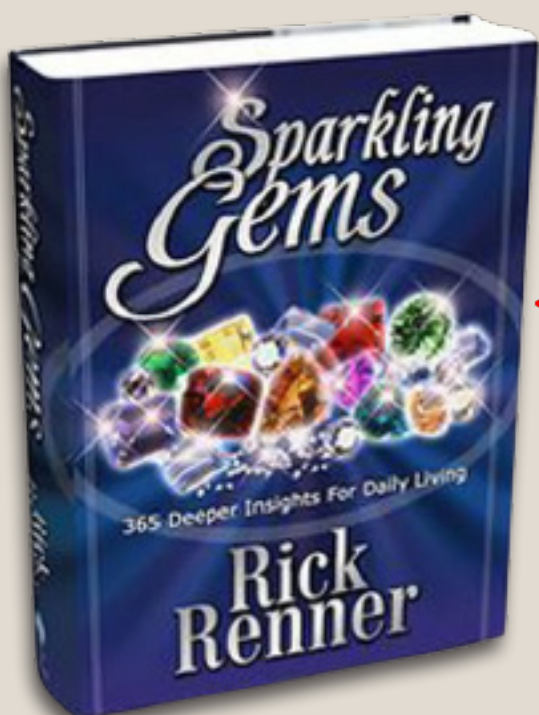


Why good without God is not enough.

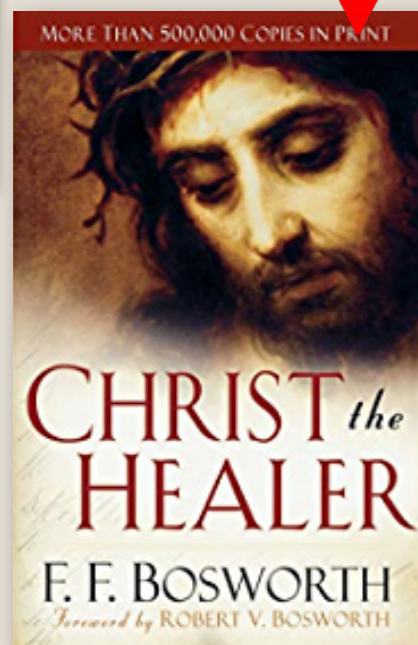
Do we truly realize that life and death are in the power of the tongue. Proverbs 18:21. We have the power to set the atmosphere for our homes and our families.



This is a classic. Helping us understand that healing is for all.



This is a devotional using the Greek as tools for in-depth study, offering volumes 1 and 2.



Where Does Your Great Strength Lie?

by Pastor Fran Huebert

Judges 16:4

VS 5 - Delilah's instructions were to entice (attract or offer a pleasure or reward) Samson to find the source of his power. If the enemy can't trick us with cheating and stealing, maybe he can with our strengths. Can we be enticed by reward, money and success?

Delilah then tried vexation (to anger, to irritate, annoy, afflict, distress, impatient to the point of giving in).

VS 16 - Delilah nagged him to the point of vexation. This in turn drove him towards impatience, writing his own death sentence.

From this, we learn that great strength in one area of life does not make up for the great weakness in other areas.

Luke 21:19 Stand firm, and you will win life.

We often focus on our weaknesses but our enemy

focuses on our strengths. Aiming to over-power them and bring them down. Attacking, while we focus on our weaknesses, worrying about what we can't do. Oswald Chambers stated that Bible characters fell on their strengths never on their weaknesses.

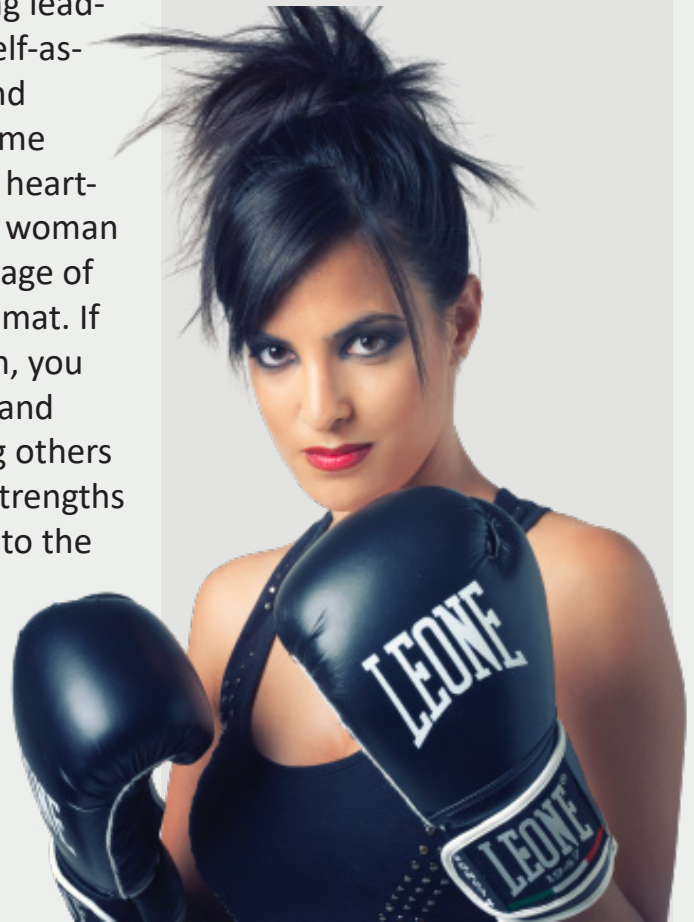
Strengths that are uncommitted to the Holy Spirit will have negative results, as in the example of Samson and Delilah.

A woman with strong leadership qualities of self-assurance, honesty, and integrity could become dictatorial, cold and heartless. A kind-hearted woman can be taken advantage of and become a door-mat. If faith is your strength, you can become critical and judgmental accusing others of unbelief. All our strengths must be committed to the Lord.

What erodes and saps our strength?

- Lack of confidence in God.
- Putting our energies in trying to make things happen on our own.
- Toxic relationships that take time away from God.

Our strength is in the Lord, trusting Him with all of our heart. This is living by faith.



Let's Go Deeper...

What are my spiritual strengths? What are my spiritual weaknesses?

Philippians 4:13

Things I should pray about

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Summertime Recipe: FireCracker Pig-In-Blanket

This is a great one to make ahead and freeze for later (leaving off the cheese of course). Prepare what you need and refrigerate or freeze the extra hot dogs and dough for a quick and healthy kid-friendly option. This is a great recipe for a summer BBQ or even Independence Day.

Ingredients:

- 1 Package Uncured Nitrate Free Beef Hot Dogs
- 1 Slice of cheese of your choice
- 2 Cups Organic Flour
- 3 Teaspoons Non-Aluminum Baking Powder
- 1/2 Teaspoon Cream of Tartar
- 1/4 Teaspoon Celtic Sea Salt
- 1/2 Cup Organic Butter
- 2/3 Cup Organic Milk

Instructions:

- 1) Preheat the oven to 350F.
- 2) In a large bowl mix together flour, baking powder, cream of tartar, and salt. Cut in the butter until the flour mixture becomes crumbly.
- 3) Add the milk to your flour mixture and stir until a ball is formed.
- 4) Roll out the dough until about 1/8 inch thick and cut into 1-1/2 inch long slices. Roll the dough around the hot dog, swirling upward until it wraps from one end of the hot dog to the other. Cut away any excess dough.
- 5) Bake the pigs-in-blankets until the dough is golden, about 10-15 minutes. The time may vary based on your oven.

SUMMER IS A GREAT TIME TO START A NEW FUN AND EASY HOBBY.

Embroidery! Even the basic stitches offer creative touches to blouse collar, jean jacket or summer wear. Embroidery is also a great way to relieve stress. It gives a person something to focus their attention on when there is too much happening all around them.



Embroidery Inspiration!



we found these tutorials at <https://pin.it/5Q7peC7>

JULY Presents Many Fun Activities in This Great Pacific Northwest...

WITH ALL THE FUN of the season comes potential hazards. Not to worry, with Aloe Vera you can handle any minor ouches that come your way.

If you're dealing with a **chronic skin condition**, it's a good idea to check with your dermatologist before applying any products to your face. Talk to your doctor about the following potential benefits of aloe vera:

Get rid of **wrinkles**. The Aloe Vera plant contains malic acid that helps reduce wrinkles by improving the elasticity of your skin. Simply cut an Aloe Vera leaf from the plant and extract its gel. Apply the fresh gel onto your skin and leave it on for 15 to 20 minutes. Wash it off with lukewarm water.



Didn't mean to burn my fingers... glad I brought Aloe Vera on our trip!

For minor **burns**, apply Aloe Vera gel to the affected area up to three times daily. You may also need to protect the area with gauze.

While Aloe Vera helps *soothe* **sunburns**, research shows that it's not an effective way to *prevent* sunburns. So, make sure you wear sun protection every day!

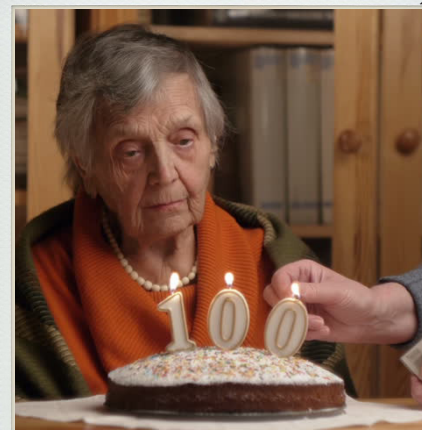
Aloe Vera gel absorbs easily, making it ideal for oily skin. However, it can help treat **dry skin** too. Consider swapping out your regular moisturizer for Aloe after bathing, to help seal moisture into your skin.



First time trying a rope swing. Not my first time getting splinters.



Good game doesn't come without some bumps and bruises...



Happy 100th! Your skin glows thanks to Aloe Vera gel!



A day at the Beach... lots of fun in the sun but where's that Aloe Vera??

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Skating at Stanley Park - scraped knee? Gotta love that Aloe Vera gel!

For **small abrasions**, like a scuffed up chin or forehead, apply Aloe Vera to the area for quick relief from pain and burning sensations. Use three times per day.

If you're used to using Neosporin for a **minor cut**, consider trying Aloe Vera instead. Its molecular structure helps heal wounds quickly and minimizes scarring by boosting collagen and fighting bacteria. Apply up to three times per day.

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Glad some loose fishing hooks didn't ruin their moods! Catches of the day!

Watch out for **minor scratches** this summer! The gel from the Aloe Vera plant soothes all kinds of incidents from berry picking to cuddling your pet.

We suggest keeping an Aloe Vera plant in your bathroom or kitchen. The insides of an Aloe's plant leaves are the most potent form of Aloe Vera gel. These water-dense leaves, combined with special plant compounds called complex carbohydrates, make it an effective face **moisturizer** and **pain reliever** and may be a source of natural treatment for a variety of **skin ailments**.

Aloe Vera plants are native to tropical regions, but they're common household plants in a variety of climates. Caring for an Aloe Vera plant is simple once you know the basics. With a little effort, you can help your Aloe Vera plant survive for years to come.

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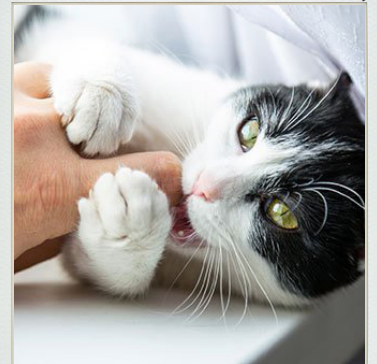
A little too much fun in the kitchen? Nothing Aloe Vera can't heal!

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Aloe Vera on-hand helps support their love of insects... bites and all.

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Welcomed this furry friend with love and a bottle of Aloe Vera gel... ouch.

1. Place in a sunny spot.



2. Water deeply & sparingly.

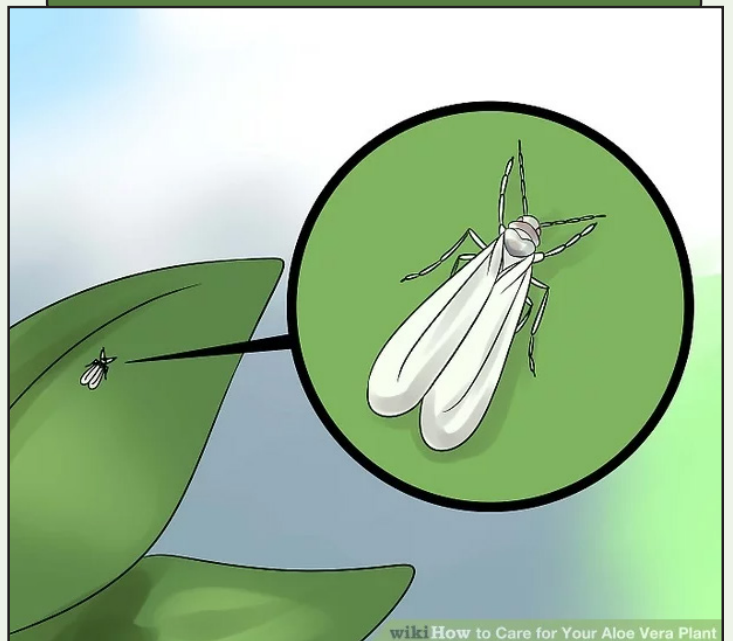


Aloe Vera Care 101

3. Fertilize alongside growth.



4. Watch for insects.



SCRIPTURE CALENDAR

We can trust God and stand on what He has promised! Here are 31 Powerful “I am” Verses; one for each day of this month. A great reminder that, God Is Who He Says He Is!


				1 “I am El-Shaddai—‘God Almighty.’” Genesis 17:1	2 “I am with you and will bless you.” Genesis 26:24	3 “I Am Who I Am.” Exodus 3:14
4 “I am Yahweh—‘the Lord.’” Exodus 6:2	5 “I am the Lord who heals you.” Exodus 15:26	6 “I am who rescues you.” Exodus 20:2	7 “I am merciful.” Exodus 22:27	8 “The God of compassion and mercy! Unfailing love!” Exodus 34:6	9 “Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10	10 “Don’t be afraid, for I am with you.” Isaiah 41:10
11 “I am the Lord; that is my name.” Isaiah 42:8	12 “Remember the things I have done in the past.” Isaiah 46:9	13 “I am a God who is near.” Jeremiah 23:23-24	14 “I, yes I, am the Lord, and there is no other Savior.” Isaiah 43:11-12	15 “I am God. No one can snatch you out of my hand.” Isaiah 43:13	16 “I am the Lord, who made all things.” Isaiah 44:24	17 “I, yes I, am the one who comforts you.” Isaiah 51:12
18 “‘For I am the Lord! If I say it, it will happen.’” Ezekiel 12:25	19 “‘I am the Lord, and I do not change.’” Malachi 3:6	20 “I am a God who is near.” Jeremiah 23:23-24	21 “I am the Powerful One.” Mark 14:62	22 “I am He [the Messiah]—I, the one talking to you.” John 4:26	23 “I am the bread that gives life.” John 6:48	24 “I am the light of the world.” John 8:12
25 “Jesus answered, ‘I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I am!’” John 8:58	26 “I am the good shepherd.” John 10:11	27 “I am the resurrection and the life.” John 11:25	28 “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.” John 14:6	29 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.” John 15:1	30 “I am the Alpha and the Omega. I am the Almighty.” Revelation 1:8	31 “I am coming soon.” Revelation 3:11

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From the Editor



I am honored to be entrusted with The Gathering Magazine. It has been so rewarding to see the joy and strength it has brought to all our ladies. In a time when we couldn't gather we have stayed connected through our faith. Our virtual walk advertised in the June edition was a great success. I grabbed my sneakers, sunscreen and sunglasses to investigate Fraser street. My thanks to all who participated and shared.

As things begin to get back to normal I am sensing a growing desire from the women to fellowship. That is why we are having our women's event on July 17th (advertised on page 3). Be sure to attend. I'm confident you will be happy that you did.

Christ in me loving you,
Pastor Jodiann Schott

July Birth Stone: Ruby



Solution

