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Putting Your “Yes” On the Table

One of the most difficult parts of serving in ministry in any capacity is the act of surrender. I know this is exactly how I was. I had little faith that I was capable, or that I was fully equipped for ministry.

In March of 2021 toward the end of the height of the pandemic, our church, West Tulsa Church, sent my wife and I, along with some other couples who had a heart for ministry, to the Pioneering Change Conference put on by We Start Churches.

I was not sure that I expected what this conference would produce, but I was willing to learn whatever I could to help foster growth in my church and my own life.

It was at that conference that my desire to serve was met with a challenge to put my “yes” on the table - the idea of surrendering yourself and seeing what could happen.

We left this conference with loads of information that would prove to be beneficial. We learned about different ways to serve, disciple, evangelize, and how to support and love people. It was at this conference that we learned different ways to change our methods without changing the mission.

My desire to serve in the ministry was growing; however, I held on to my “yes” because of my lack of faith.

Over the next year, I continued to learn and grow in my faith and attended PCC in 2022, where the main message was from *Matthew 9:35-38* –

“³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for



Joe and Kari Jamison

them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Our church decided that our mission for 2023 would be closely related to what we had learned at PCC the previous year. The message was that God would force us out of our comfort zones. 2023 proved to be the year that this mission was made a reality in my life personally.

In July 2023 at the NAFWB Conference, I heard a message on the final night of the conference that moved me to finally put my “yes” on the table. In August of 2023, my wife & I put our house on the market and surrendered to the call to go into ministry full-time.

In September 2023, our house sold, and an opportunity presented itself to us from an email that

came from We start churches. It was a ministry opportunity in Ypsilanti, Michigan. This was never a destination that was on my radar; however, I was sure that this was a direct result of taking that first step.

I was chosen for the position of Ministries Pastor at The Well Church Ypsilanti, and my family and I moved to Michigan in January of this year. This transition has been so easy, and I am so thankful for North American Ministries and all the guidance, encouragement, and support that they have poured out to help us minister to the people of Eastern Michigan.

It is wonderful what God can do when you surrender to Him. There are so many great resources and training available, but you must be willing to put your “yes” on the table. I ask that wherever you are in your walk of life, that you would all pray that God would force you out and use you for His glory.

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SHINE

Conference focused on Biblical womanhood

By Carol Thompson

I am grateful to God for the doors He has opened as I've stepped forward in obedience. I appreciate WNAC allowing me to host the 2024 Shine Conference. Reflecting on this conference, I am reminded of God's guidance, particularly in my commitment to teaching and encouraging young women (Titus 2:3).

Driven by a heartfelt desire to bridge the generational gap within our Free Will Baptist churches, we first engaged our more mature women by organizing prayer groups in each church. Additionally, due to the generosity of many churches, we were able to give away over 100 baskets filled with tangible expressions of love and support for our young women. These baskets included testimonial letters to our young women, encouraging them to embrace biblical womanhood.

The conference theme, "Are You Brave Enough to Be a Biblical Woman?" was carefully chosen to address the immense secular

worldview that pressures our girls today. Through biblical teachings and examples of courageous biblical women, attendees were inspired to glorify God, faithfully follow the Lord Jesus, proclaim his gospel, and trust Him as provider and protector. Drawing from Deuteronomy 31:6, "Be strong and courageous, do not be terrified or afraid... For the LORD your God is the one who will go with you," we found assurance that God equips us to embody biblical womanhood.

Hosting this conference was a journey of obedience. God's kindness was evident in the attendance of over 500, the representation of 66 churches, and the financial help of churches in the Oklahoma City area to host the event at Randall University. I am certain that the Holy Spirit was present. I cling to the promise in Isaiah 55:11, "So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me void..." Without reservation, I can sing, "Behold our God, He is seated on His throne!"



The most wonderful thing about Tigger is...



Rev. James Coffelt,
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When I was a kid, I loved Winnie-the-Pooh. One of my earliest memories is the day we moved to a new house and the previous owners had left a small Winnie-the-Pooh teddy bear. I discovered it tucked away in a nightstand drawer, and my mother said I could keep it. This old, ragged little teddy bear became one of my most treasured possessions and traveled everywhere, even when I left home for college. Perhaps this was why I have loved these books and shows most of my life. Whatever the reason, it is something that I always shared in common with my mother.

You see, my mother loved the books and shows and had this habit of assigning to each person she met a character in the series. Some people were Eeyore....melancholy or slow moving, always half empty type. Others were Rabbit....hard working and diligent, the get things

done type. Then there was Kanga (Mama Roo), who was patient, caring, and considerate of everyone. Piglet was scared of his own shadow. The others were Owl and Gopher; I think you're getting the point.

Even though I personally always seemed to connect more with Pooh Bear (insert pot belly jokes and hands stuck in honey jars here), my mother always saw me as Tigger. I never was completely sure why. Maybe it was my ADD—always running from one event to another—or perhaps my perpetually bumbling way of getting into some disaster or another and then coming out smelling like a rose. Whatever the reason, she would not be moved from it.

You see she just saw me in a way that I did not even see in myself. The ability to view their children in ways no one else can see is a gift that most mothers share. All of the extreme "helicopter" moms aside, this is an amazing gift God gives mothers. It is

a gift that allows mothers to inspire and encourage their children in ways no one else could. This is what allows us to come to them when we have not only physical hurts but emotional hurts as well. While a father may say, "Rub some dirt on it," it seems as if a mother really can make it all better. There are so many things that I could say about mothers who use this gift well and the children who have been inspired by it. I will say that it is an amazing gift that can be used for good and bad. I am especially thankful for the mothers who have used this gift to point their children to God and all that can be done in Him.

Tigger had a catchphrase: "The most wonderful thing about Tiggers is that Tiggers are wonderful things." Circular reasoning aside, I believe this fits here because... "The most wonderful thing about mothers is that mothers are wonderful things."

Motherhood IS kingdom work.



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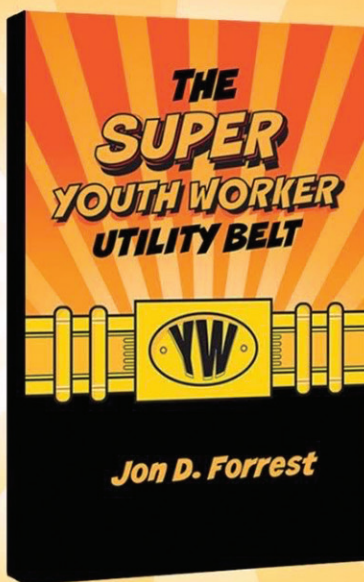
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