

# MOVING UP HIGHER

with *Joyce Meyer*



God loves you and He has a good plan for your life. You are a wonderful creation made by God and you have a unique purpose to fulfill in this world.

Ephesians 2:10 (AMPC) says that as Christians, "we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]."

It's so exciting to know we are each created with a purpose and God has a good life that He has prepared in advance for us to live. But it's important to understand that we have an enemy, Satan, who wants to keep us from having the life Jesus died to give us.

Yes, Satan has a plan for us, too, and his plan is destruction and death. John 10:10 (AMPC)

says the enemy "comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)."

The good news is we have everything we need through Christ to overcome the enemy. We just have to know who we are in Christ, believe that we have His authority, and know how to release the power God has given us.

The Measure of Your Faith  
Faith in God is required for us to release the power and authority we have in Christ. Romans 12:3 (NASB) says, "...God has allotted to each a measure of faith." This means God has given you enough faith to do His will, whatever it may be and no matter what the enemy throws at you to stop you.

There are many challenges and difficult situations we have to face in life. You may have a child with special needs to care for, or maybe you're in a dif-

ficult marriage. You could be facing a devastating illness or have serious financial problems. Whatever your situation is, God has given you everything you need, through Christ, to keep you moving forward in His plan for your life.

We need to always remember that God is greater than our problems—nothing is too hard for Him and nothing catches Him by surprise. When we're going through hard times and the enemy is attacking us, we don't need to ask, "What can I do?" The question is, "What can God do?" The Word says all things are possible with God, and greater is He who lives in me than he who is in the world. (See Matthew 19:26 and 1 John 4:4.)

I want you to really get this in your heart today: In Christ, you have enough faith and the strength you need to do whatever you need to do in life! (See Philippians 4:13.) Get rid of "I can't" thinking and focus on the truth of God's Word, which says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!"

The Simple Solution to Overcome Enemy Attack

Prayer is a simple, powerful way to interrupt Satan's plan because we release our faith through prayer. We need to learn

to pray our way through the day; 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (AMPC) says, "Be unceasing in prayer [praying perseveringly]." This basically means prayer can be as natural as breathing, and our first response in every situation. It's so amazing that we can talk to God all the time.

Now the enemy doesn't want us to pray, so he will do everything he can to discourage us. He wants us to think prayer is hard, that we need to use eloquent speech and sound poetic, that we need to be careful what we ask God for so we don't overload Him with too many requests, or that we have to be in a certain place with a certain posture (on our knees, head bowed, eyes closed) for God to hear us. But it's actually simple to pray effectively.

James 5:16 (AMPC) says, "... The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]." God wants you to come to Him honestly, with a sincere heart, and just talk to Him as a friend. Be yourself and don't approach conversation with God as a religious activity. Humble yourself before Him and open your heart to Him. He loves you and wants you to walk in His will for your life victoriously.

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### Dorothy Heggen 1923-2017



Dorothy was born and raised in England and maintained her 'British-ness' her entire life. During World War II, she met and married her GI, the one with the twinkle in his eye, and subsequently moved to the U.S. While raising two children she completed her education and embarked upon her dream career as a nurse. Dorothy's passion and purpose was nurturing and care taking. She nurtured people, plants, and animals all with the same devotion and joy.

Dorothy is survived by two children, Brian of California and Lynn of Oregon, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Adrian, three siblings, and numerous beloved pets.

At Dorothy's request, no service is planned.

### Theresa Kronberger 1933-2017



Theresa (Ketter) Kronberger, 84, of Brooklyn Center, Minn., formerly of Cottage Grove, passed away July 25, 2017. She was born April 8, 1933.

She was preceded in death by a son, Darwin, and husband, Nick Kronberger.

Survivors include two sons, David (Carol Johnson) Ockwig and Joseph (Sheila Forbes) Ockwig, two daughters Cindy Ockwig and Arlene Bentley, three grandsons and five granddaughters, three great-grandsons and five great-granddaughters, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. A Memorial service was held July 28, 2017 at 1 p.m. with visitation 1 hour prior to service at Washburn-Mcreavy Swanson Funeral Chapel & Cremation Services, Minneapolis, Minn.

### Christine Jones 1950-2017



Christine Joan Jones, 67, of Creswell died on July 24, 2017. She was born in San Diego, Calif. on April 1, 1950 to Richard and Margaret Calavan.

She was the beloved bride of Ralph Jones, marrying him on April 9, 1990 in Eugene, Ore.

She worked in greenhouses for many years, finally operating her own successful greenhouse, eventually retiring to be grandma and great-grandma. She enjoyed growing plants, and loved her grandchildren and caring for her extended family.

Christine is survived by her husband of nearly 30 years, Ralph Jones of Creswell; son, Daniel R. Benner of Cottage Grove; son, Joseph A. Baldini and Shasta of Cottage Grove; son, Cobi E. Burgess of Redding, Calif.; daughter-in-law, Amber D. Pennewell and Rich of Washington; daughter-in-law, Lucinda M. Cavanaugh and Maurice of Arizona; sister, Virginia Lensing and Les of Idaho; brother, Richard Calavan and Linda of Alabama; sister, Stephanie Ashton of Florida; sister, Paula Piltz and John of Walker, Ore.; sister, Dara Vierra and Scott of Junction City, Ore.; 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

There will be a private memorial service at a later date. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

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