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Good News to Share!

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Equipping women to connect to God and one another

"You want us to what?!" No one said this out loud, but I read it all over the faces of the thirty-six women gathered at the Longmont Church of Christ one Wednesday night in early September. I had been invited to kick off the *Human AND Holy* series for their ladies' class.

At the end of the class, I invited the women to open up with the same two or three women with whom they had already shared their answers to some earlier questions. The topic was the Common Threads – a way to make any lesson personal and practical, listed below as they appear at the end of each of the chapters in *Human AND Holy*.

The initial silence was uncomfortable for many, but as soon as one or two ladies

began to speak in their groups, the noise level and everyone's body language communicated a hunger for connecting more deeply with one another in this way. Women realized that they are not alone – not the only one struggling to grow in the same ways or fighting the same battles.

Confession is good for the soul, but hard on the pride. It is not a practice we are comfortable with. However, when we allow God to do His healing work, confession brings about freedom and transformation – through it, we are able to deepen our relationships with God and one another.

In a world of ____, we long for the sincerity and authenticity found in Christian

friendship. One of Iron Rose Sister Ministries' primary purposes is to facilitate opportunities like the one realized at the Longmont Church of Christ that night – equipping women to connect to God and one another more deeply. Thank you for helping make that possible in many places and many ways across the Americas - and in two languages!

Longmont Church of Christ
Ladies in the Word



Financial Need / End-of-year pledges

Simple request for funds?

Include specifics of how it will be spent?

Mention a possible intern?

Common Threads in IRSM Studies



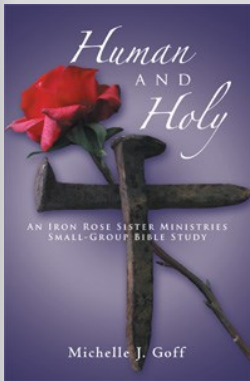
an area in which you are striving to grow and bloom



a thorn you are working on removing



an area in which you are striving to dig deeper or need to have someone hold you accountable



Order *Human AND Holy* for your women's small group today!

A quote...



Michelle and Amanda (Cedeño) Nitsch teach at bilingual event in Houston

Houston Bilingual Event or Honduras/Venezuela

“Luz para las rosas” Radio Program

La Voz Alegre, which means The Happy Voice, is World Christian Broadcasting's voice to Latin America in partnership with Christian Productions International. This hour-long radio program in Spanish currently broadcasts weekly via various shortwave, AM, and online streaming stations.

IRSM is partnering with *La Voz Alegre* to have a 2-3 minute spot for women during the one-hour program. *Luz para las rosas* (Light for the roses) will include encouraging biblical messages for women and will invite them to access additional resources through our website, www.IronRoseSister.com and www.lavozalegre.com.

Please join us in prayer as we embark on this tremendous opportunity to reach more women with the tools to connect with God and one another more deeply.



Esther Group ~ Ladies' Retreat (Spanish)



The Spanish Ladies' Bible Study group at **Englewood Church of Christ in Denver** is called “Grupo Ester” or Esther Group. Michelle was blessed to conduct their ladies' retreat in July and solicited their help to fold and stuff the IRSM August newsletter. What a joy to serve together when everyone lends a hand! *Gracias!*

Women are vital! ~ Sisters Connected in Christ ~ Victorious and Joyful in Battle

Women play an important role in the organization, life and growth of our church. We can not overestimate their importance for the discipleship of our children and young people. **Women serve a key role in most of our churches' ministries.** But rarely do we dedicate time and resources for their spiritual growth. If women are indeed integral to the work of the church, then it is also true that investing in their spiritual wellbeing is an investment in the entire church. ~ Jonathan Hanegan, missionary to Buenos Aires, Argentina

The sisters at the **Northwest Church of Christ in Houston, Texas**, hosted a **bilingual Ladies' Day**, September 20: *Sisters Connected in Christ*. What a blessing to see English- and Spanish-speaking sisters come together and be blessed by a day of teaching, small groups, fellowship, food, and deepened connections with God and one another.

Do you know a congregation that would be interested in hosting a bilingual event?



The ladies of the **Southeast Church of Christ in Aurora, CO**, explored Psalm 20 and were reminded of how God walks with us through all circumstances, *Victorious and Joyful in Battle*.

Southeast Church of Christ, Aurora, CO, October 10-12

This was one of our **best retreats ever**. Thank you for accepting our invitation to be our presenter, Michelle. It was a **great time of spiritual growth**. ~ Reniece Jones, Southeast Church of Christ, Aurora, CO

2015 Calendar

March 13-14—Ladies' Retreat, Eastside Church of Christ, Colorado Springs, CO

April 17-19—Wonder Woman Conference, Sacramento, CA

April 17-18—Women Walking With God, Wichita, KS (booth)

May 5-8—Pepperdine Bible Lectures (booth)

May 16—Sat. Ladies' Day (Spanish), **May 17**— Sun. Aft. Class (English), Cole Mill Rd Church of Christ, Raleigh-Durham, NC

July 9-12—International Gathering of Churches of Christ (Spanish), Orlando, FL

Book your event now for 2015 or 2016!

Destination Retreat

Mark your calendars, plan your vacation days, and start saving your money. We invite you to join us for the first IRSM Destination Retreat in **Colorado Springs, Colorado, October 1-4**.

You won't want to miss this inspiring weekend with other women at the Ponderosa Retreat Center. Stay tuned for details or email: IRSMretreat2015@gmail.com

Another way to give financially ~ Amazon Smile

Many of you already use Amazon to purchase books, movies, and a variety of other goods and services. Now, your purchases can also support IRSM!

Recently, Amazon launched a new initiative to partner with 501c3's (registered nonprofit public charities). A portion of the proceeds from

Amazon purchases can go directly to the customer's charity of choice.

Go to smile.amazon.com, sign in with your Amazon account and search for, then select "Iron Rose Sister Ministries."

From now on, shop as you normally would for Amazon

products at smile.amazon.com (NOT amazon.com) so that Amazon will donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchases to IRSM.



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Women's Ministry Resources in English and Spanish:

- Facilitate Christian sister relationships that will be like iron sharpening iron, encouraging and inspiring each other to be as beautiful as a rose in spite of a few thorns
- Provide women's Bible studies simple enough for anyone to lead and deep enough for everyone to grow

DO WE WANT TO CHANGE ANYTHING ON THE BACK? LIKE ADD "EQUIPPING WOMEN TO CONNECT TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER MORE"

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