

# Iron Rose Sister Ministries Newsletter

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## Good News to Share!

- You are a part of touching many lives for God!
- 2nd book to be released this fall: *In God's Right Hand*
- Annual Report available

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## We trust in the name of the Lord our God!

Psalm 20 ends with "Lord, give victory to the king. Answer us when we call." Therefore, the last class at the **Eastside Church of Christ Ladies' Retreat** at the **Glen Eyrie castle** in **Colorado Springs, CO**, focused on the difference between personal victory and a victory for the King of Kings – in other words, we don't always get what we want, but we are on the winning team!

As part of that winning team, we can call and cry out in celebration (Psalm 20:5, 9), not just in distress (Psalm 20:1).

To close the retreat, we read **Psalm 20** to one another, **spoken as a prayer** over each of our Christian sisters present. We looked into each other's eyes as we read verses like, "May the Lord grant all your requests." And "Now this I



Photo by Julie Rhea

know: The Lord gives victory to his anointed."

But **the most powerful moment for me** was when we got to verse 7. "Some trust in chariots and some in horses..." The volume rose and the certainty swelled as each lady finished the verse as one voice **"BUT WE TRUST IN**

**THE NAME OF THE LORD OUR GOD."** They owned it. They believe it. And they were strengthened to remember it as we carried on beyond the weekend events. I had chills and my eyes filled with tears, humbled by the simple and heartfelt proclamation by these women.

## Hispanic women encouraged in Nashville, TN

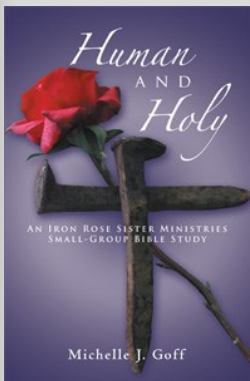
One of the ladies came up to me after the event ended on Saturday, looking around to make sure no one was within earshot as she began to **express her thanks**. "The topic for the classes you taught was perfect for me. No one really knows this, but I suffer from depression and some of the things you shared really helped me. I remembered that I am not alone. **I have my Christian sisters surrounding me and God is fighting for me.** Thank you."

The men and women of the **Rural Hill Church of Christ** in Nashville, TN, excelled in their first-ever Ladies' Day for Hispanic women.

What an honor to **co-labor with these humble servants** in the Lord's service. Over seventy women were blessed by their participation in this event.



**A few servant hearts among the many at Rural Hill Church of Christ, Nashville, TN**



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

"Michelle, your fun spirit and stories of life have been a shot of adrenaline to my tired spirit."  
~Sarah,  
Eastside Church of Christ



Jocelynn Goff,  
Michelle's mother  
assisted in the Rural  
Hill Church of Christ  
event, Nashville, TN

## In God's Right Hand: Whom Shall I Fear?

**Sixty-four times** in the Old and New Testament (in the NIV), there is a **reference to God's right hand**. Over two years ago, one of those passages came to life for me and, since that time, the references have jumped off the pages of my Bible. **God's right hand has comforted me, strengthened me, and guided me**. God's right hand has upheld me and IRSM in ways through which he gets all the glory.

When I don't know where to turn or feel worries that threaten to overwhelm me, I remind myself that God's

got this—and I place myself back in his right hand.

Thankfully, these promises are not for me alone. I pray that others will come to own them through a six-week interactive Bible study that I have written for women. This new book: ***In God's Right Hand: Whom Shall I Fear?*** will be available this fall!

*Securely upheld in God's right hand, whom shall I fear? As a vivid description of our Heavenly Father that transcends the Old and New Testament, God's right hand*

*is a special place of honor from which he demonstrates power and authority, promises protection and salvation, and provides a source of strength. God's righteous right hand is also where Jesus sits to intercede for us. Through this six-week interactive Bible study, we will explore these characteristics of God's living and active right hand in our lives. Let's join hands with him and walk together on the journey!*

**Thank you for your prayers** as we work toward the release of this book.

## In the Hands of the Divine Gardener—Destination Retreat

Friday through Sunday,  
**October 2-4**, women from all



across the U.S. will gather at the Ponderosa Retreat Center in Larkspur, CO, for the **1st ever Destination Retreat** hosted by IRSM.

The theme: *In the Hands of the Divine Gardener* from Jeremiah 31:11-14.

There will be classes, small groups, worship, crafts, and prayer time. You can also come in Thursday for hiking and shopping in the area.

**Reserve your spot today** by registering and paying a \$25 deposit. You won't want to miss this inspiring weekend in fellowship with other women!

**Total cost** for two nights and five meals is only \$150.

**For more information** email: [IRSMretreat2015@gmail.com](mailto:IRSMretreat2015@gmail.com)  
Please contact us if you are willing to volunteer as well.

## Our first ePetal Study ~ Monthly blog themes

**Iron Rose Sisters: An in-depth look at Ruth and Naomi** is the first ePetal study. This stand-alone interactive Bible study for women is available free for download when you sign up to receive our **daily blog posts** to your email. Visit [www.IronRoseSister.com](http://www.IronRoseSister.com) and subscribe to the blog. In your confirmation email, you

will click to confirm your subscription and there will also be a link to download the ePetal study.

The **format of the ePetal study** is similar to *Human AND Holy* and serves as a great introduction to IRSM's style of interactive women's small group Bible studies. Share it with a friend today!





## Honoring all mothers!

At Iron Rose Sister Ministries, **we value our mothers.** Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10, and we want to give you a few ideas about how you can honor your mother and bless IRSM at the same time.

Whether your mother by birth, an adoptive mom, foster mom, or a spiritual mother that you want to recognize, here are a few ideas:

- **Make a donation in mom's honor to IRSM.** We will send your mother an email and/or traditional

postcard in recognition of your donation. (Suggested donation of \$20 provides four subsidized books to Latin America – a great start for a women's small group.)

- **Choose Iron Rose Sister Ministries as your charity of choice on Amazon Smile.** (This blesses the ministry for purchases beyond Mother's Day.) Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), select IRSM and a portion of your purchases will go to IRSM at no additional cost to you!

- **Purchase a Human AND Holy book and/or an IRSM mug as a gift.**

Be sure to register details regarding the mom we can honor via our website: [www.IronRoseSister.com/Mothers-Day/](http://www.IronRoseSister.com/Mothers-Day/) or call 303-482-1966.

Thank you for your prayerful support of Iron Rose Sister Ministries and for giving us the opportunity to honor a special mom in your life as well.



Ideas for Mother's Day: May 10th

**"Michelle's passion about sharing the Bible with us is so evident – and contagious!"**  
~Norma,  
Eastside Church of Christ

## 2015 Calendar

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

**May 5-8**—Pepperdine Bible Lectures (booth)

**May 11-14**—Baxter Lectureships, Tegucigalpa, Honduras

**May 16**—Ladies' Day, Cole Mill Rd Church of Christ, (Span.), Raleigh-Durham, NC

**June 26**—Ladies' Day, Parkway Church of Christ (Spanish), Sacramento, CA

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

**August 20-22**—Women's Conference, Health Talents Int'l, (Spanish) Guatemala

**October 2-4**—Destination

Retreat in Larkspur, CO

**Late October**—Buenos Aires, Argentina & Cochabamba, Bolivia

**November 7**—National Women's Conference, Santiago, Chile

**Book your event now for 2016!**

## Thank you to our supporters! ~ Annual Report Available

All you see in this newsletter is possible because of YOU.

### Thank you!

Thank you for your **prayers**, for your **financial support**, and for those who are prayerfully considering a way in which they can **volunteer** to help equip women to connect to God and one

another more deeply through IRSM.



The **Annual Report** from our first full year is now available. You can download it from our website or request a copy be emailed to you.

The Annual Report is a **summary of all God has done** through IRSM in 2014, including a financial report and budget for 2015.



**Michelle J. Goff teaching at Glen Eyrie Castle for Eastside Church of Christ, Colorado Springs, CO**



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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
- Create a network of Christian women and women's ministries across the Americas
- Conduct seminars, ladies' days, women's retreats, etc. teaching, empowering and inspiring women on their journey as Iron Rose Sisters

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**Why is *Victorious and Joyful in Battle* so popular a theme?**



Hispanic sisters in Nashville, TN, from seven area congregations, including ladies from Alabama.

Whether age 22 or 82, English-speaking or Spanish-speaking, **all women are facing a myriad of battles** in their lives—spiritual battles, physical battles, and mental/emotional battles.

*Victorious and Joyful in Battle*, based on Psalm 20, **begins with a biblical discussion of depression and discouragement**, then

transitions, as David's Psalm does, to a quest for **joy in the midst of the battle**, victory in the face of defeat.

Women long to discuss relevant issues that we face on a daily basis with **an authentic spirit from a biblical perspective**. These lessons and small group guided discussions provide that opportunity.

We would love to conduct a conference in your area on this topic or another relevant theme.

Please contact us if you would like to **host a seminar** that facilitates women connecting with God and one another more deeply.



Eastside Church of Christ sisters in Colorado Springs, CO