

NORTHERN LADIES RETREAT

November 2018 Newsletter

Dear precious sister... Greetings to you in our Lord Jesus Christ

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! April 12 & 13, 2019

The **theme** for the 2019 Retreat will be “**Purpose in Life**”

We are excited to have **Tricia Gibb as our speaker** for all 3 sessions. She is highly recommended by Margaret Gibb (her mother), who spoke at our retreat several years ago.

Tricia currently resides in Sarnia, where for the past 13 years she has served in ministry at her church. She was recently promoted as the Director of Women's Connection for the Western Ontario District. Her passions are to equip leaders, to mentor younger women and to see women live for Jesus in their homes, neighborhoods and churches. In recent years Tricia has traveled to foreign nations, teaching and preaching in churches, camps, schools, orphanages and brothels.

Pre-paid registration fees

Once again \$50 for the entire weekend (3 sessions - prepaid).

Registration **at the door** will be \$60 for the entire weekend. If you register **prior to March 4th** your name will be entered into a draw. **PRIZE: *get your registration returned.*** Individual sessions will be \$20/session. For **pre-registered teens** it is \$12/session or \$30 for the full weekend (3 sessions).

TEEN registration **at the door** is \$40 for the full weekend.

WHAT'S NEW...

The Retreat will be held at a **NEW LOCATION: Social Venue - 27 Maple St. S. Timmins.** It is located up the hill from the Senator Hotel. It is a beautiful and comfortable private location.

Booking for hotel rooms are on your own.

SOCIAL MEDIA NETWORKING

Visit our website, www.northernladiesretreat.com Stay connected through our Facebook ('Northern Ladies Retreat') 'Like' our page. If you have any questions, contact us through our email northernladiesretreat@gmail.com or phone [705-360-5391](tel:705-360-5391) (evenings).

WATCH FOR...

Posters and brochures which will be sent to churches by the end of January. Brochures will be sent to everyone on our email list.

Please note that for your convenience you can now register and pay online on our website

LAST BUT NOT LEAST... DEVOTIONAL from the Coordinator

A Sovereign God

Is our faith and trust in God proven to be faithful during our times of suffering?

The book of Job is a divine manual on human suffering. It is the inspired record of a man who was taken to the depth of despair and, by the grace of God, came forth as gold. Job's character was proven to be faithful in the midst of great despair and loss. Here is an encouragement for all saints who are facing extreme suffering. In the Book of Job there is hope for all who trust God to patiently endure the storms of life.

Read along with me as we explore this magnificent book. In chapter 1 verse 6 we see the scene suddenly shift to Heaven. God is holding council with His heavenly court. (Job and his friends never knew about this.) The angelic host have come to the throne room of God to render their account of their ministry throughout the earth and heaven. In the midst of this gathering, Satan is also present.

Notice it was God who initiated the dialogue and pointed out to Satan Job's faithfulness. *"The Lord said to Satan, Have you considered my servant Job... " 1:8.*

Satan's response claimed that Job was faithful to God only because God had prospered him; but take away his prosperity and he will reject God. Satan asserted that believers are only faithful as long as they prosper. *"And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand,...So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord." 1:12*

Notice it was God, who gave Satan permission to move on Job. Secondly, when God does permit Satan to act, His permission comes with limitations.

All in one day Job's prosperity was reduced to poverty as he lost all his livestock, servants and even his sons and daughter in a rapid-fire succession.

Upon hearing the loss of all his possessions and children, Job in an outward expression of his deep, inner sorrow, grief and turmoil, Job fell to the ground and worshipped God. Instead of cursing God as Satan suggested, Job blessed the name of Jehovah just as God claimed he would do. 1:20-21.

"In all of this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong". 1:22

Throughout all of Job's suffering, he responded with a true faith and trust in God, believing in God's Sovereign rule over his life. In Job's most tragic moment of his life, he offered praise.

The pain we face is real, and we should be real about it. That is why Job wept and mourned even as he maintained his faith and trust in God during his sufferings.

God used Job's suffering to draw him close to Himself. Job did not draw close to God despite his pain; he drew close to God through his pain. The same is true for us. There is beauty alongside the pain in our suffering for this reason: It brings us closer to our Savior. In the midst of our severe pain, God is present, God is active and God is faithful. To the very end Job remained faithful in his trust in a sovereign God who in love is compassionate, merciful and faithful to His children.

THANK YOU...

for your attendance and input each year.

We look forward to seeing you in April!

**From our hearts to yours we wish you a
very Joyous Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**



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“We are strong together”

