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Our Heritage



By Jeanette Davis

Baking is one of my passions in life. My family is well aware of this fact, and presented me with a KitchenAid mixer last Christmas. With this gift came a free subscription to a publication that is full of delicious new recipes to try. One article caught my eye. The author was talking about the passion he had for "starter."

Centuries ago, someone discovered that yeast is alive and can be cultivated when mixed with flour, sugar, and water, stirred on a daily basis, to make what we now call sourdough bread. This "starter" can last for years if continuously fed, stirred, properly handled, and kept in an environment that is not too hot or too cold so as not to kill the yeast. In fact, the author had just received a gift of starter that was 125 years old. Imagine the nurturing

and care that "starter" had received for over a century!

While reading this article, the thoughts came across my mind of how this is parallel to passing down our heritage of the truth of God's word and the truth of who He is to the generations to follow. We must daily feed our children with the facts of who God is, how He has been our provider, our Savior, everything we need. We must stir up the gifts that God has put within us so that our children will see the working of the Spirit in motion in our lives so that they will desire the same thing for themselves. We must keep our children in an environment that is healthy to their Christian development, as they grow older.

So the next time you decide to mix up some ingredients to bake some wonderful treat for your family, take the time to talk with your children about the things God has done for them. Stir up some of the gifts God has placed in your children so they will be able to continue to preserve the "starter" that you have given them and watch what God will continue in the generations to come.

Note: Jeanette is married to Rev. Gordon Davis, they pastor in Hayden, Idaho. They have two children, a son, 23, and a daughter, 19, and a dog. She loves to bake, sew, and do crafts. She served as Ladies Ministries Secretary for two years before becoming President in April of this year.

Unto You and Your Children



By Tere de la Rosa

Acts 2:39

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

When God created women, He placed in our hearts an indescribable love that flourishes for our children. When He makes a commitment with us, He makes sure that our children are included in that commitment. We can claim the promise of the Holy Ghost and that is something that we instill in our children.

Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go:and when he is old, he will not

depart from it.

It is our fervent desire to enter the pearly gates with our children by our side, but sometimes the journey towards our goal gets a little rough. I am a mother of two prodigal children and words cannot describe the profound pain that pierces the heart when we see them taking the wrong path. Through so many uplifting messages and testimonies, I have found hope and peace. But the promise of our God found in Deuteronomy 28 has been the anchor to which my soul clings and the oasis I have found in that desert where I walked when all hope was gone.

Deuteronomy 28:1-4

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kind, and the flocks of thy sheep.

These verses inspire me to fulfill my part of the pact; I know that He will bless all that He says He will bless. This world is upside down, and there are hell poisoned arrows aiming towards the hearts of our children and sometimes they hit. But what a good thing to know that we have the antidote, the power of the Name of Jesus and His saving Blood that we apply in prayer over their lives. We have a promise from our Lord Jesus. I do not need to worry about His part, because it is written and it will come to pass. It is my part that I need to keep working on. I don't question what He requires, I just do my best to hearken diligently unto His voice; reading, loving, and applying His Word in my daily walk; living a Holy life, knowing that the fruit of my obedience will bring blessings to my children. It's a promise!

Note: Luis and Tere De Rosa pastor the Spanish Ministry of Life Covenant Sanctuary and serve as Assistant Pastor to Rev. Dale Eason. Sis. De la Rosa is the Ladies Coordinator for the Spanish Evangelism Ministries and national and international speaker for Spanish Ladies Conferences.

Praise Report

A single lady in our church slipped in her walk with The Lord and was too embarrassed to come back to church. I knew she loved prayer so I asked her to come to our next meeting. She came and began to pray, weep and then rejoice. The prayer ministry group received her with open arms and we are rejoicing with her! -a Pastors Wife

Prayer Meeting Idea

Secret Prayer Partner

We have secret prayer partners- the ladies who want to participate draw the name of a Sunday School student or youth member. We do a 6 month commitment, then draw

new names. The kids love getting a surprise each month, and the ladies love praying for "their" kids! Win-win. -Deedra Linder, Pastors wife.

Quote

"Character does count. It cannot be bought or sold -only acted upon."
-Cindy Miller, (from her book *Character Counts*)

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