# Side by Side

A quarterly newsletter for leaders



### 5 Reasons Why This Issue Is for You

- Leaders fall into bondage too. We've got a 5-day challenge to help set you free.
- Stop ministry drift before it starts.
- Find fresh fervor to fight lies after reading the story of a leader who listened to the enemy's deception.
- Hear from Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth on what it means to walk in truth.
- Try out delicious summer recipes and more!

# Overcoming Lies Leaders Believe Online Training Event



Join host Leslie Bennett along with guests Karen Allen, Dannah Gresh, Kesha Griffin, Karen Hodge, and Bob Lepine for Overcoming Lies Leaders Believe, an online training event for leaders and pastors' wives, on Tuesday, August 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. (EDT).

#### **Break Free from Lies Leaders Believe**

TAKE THE 5-DAY CHALLENGE



Here's a secret we wish every woman in ministry knew: freedom is not just for those encountering Christ for the first time. It's for you, too, especially if your answer to any of the following questions is yes.

- Do you feel the pressure to meet everyone's needs and expectations?
- Do you struggle with believing you must have everything together all the time?

• Do you carry the burdens of the women you serve and wrestle with your own inadequacy to relieve their pain?

If so, don't waste another day living in bondage to lies. It's time for you to experience freedom in Christ. Take the **Set Free to Serve Challenge: 5 Days of Walking in Truth**, featuring devotionals by trusted leaders like Susan Hunt, Melissa Kruger, and more. Each day exposes a lie that leaders believe followed by truth from God's Word. Reflection questions and ways to "Go Deeper" will help you dig into Scripture and apply what it says to your own life and ministry setting.

You can begin the challenge at any time, but we'd love for you to join us in the Revive Our Hearts Women's Ministry Leader Group to take the challenge with like-minded leaders from all over the world July 22–26.

## Fight Ministry Drift with a Foundation of Truth



Has a woman in your ministry ever come up to you and said, "Wow, why didn't anyone tell me this before?!" Leslie Bennett knows how that feels. It wasn't until she attended a Revive Our Hearts conference that God began to teach her the truths that eventually became the core of her ministry. In this article, she invites you to build your leadership on a foundation of truth.

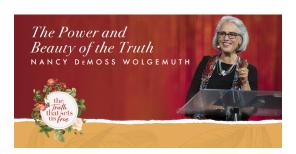
#### Profile of a Leader on Mission



A few short years ago, Maria Morgan served alongside her husband in their local church and was actively involved within AWANA, choir and music ministries, one-on-one discipleship, and as a speaker at women's meetings and conferences. No one could have anticipated she was about to enter a devastating two-and-a-half year battle with anxiety and depression, a season of severe psychosis, and attempts to take her own life.

In this interview, Maria shares the lies that led her into a deep pit of despair, the truths and resources the Lord used to heal her, and the advice she wants other leaders to know.

# Learn to Walk in Truth WITH NANCY DEMOSS WOLGEMUTH



Lies are more powerful, evil, and destructive than you think. But they don't have the final word. In this classic True Woman message, Nancy shares how you can set your mind on truth and walk in it. Watch "The Power and Beauty of the Truth."

# Three Resources to Check Your Spiritual Health



Do you see rest as weakness, stress as normal, and your body as inconsequential? This summer, dive deep into lies you believe about your identity, your ministry, and your body with these resources from *Revive Our Hearts*.

• As you get together with friends from other churches and update them on events, do you fall into the comparison trap?

Do you hear about what has been happening in their ministries and think, *Lord*, *why can't You move here the way You're moving there*? If so, learn how to counter lies of comparison with truth in this article by Monica Hall.

- When you have a God-dependent mindset, it makes a huge difference in your leadership effectiveness. Learn how to rely more on God's grace in the article "Four Lies Leaders Believe" by Leslie Bennett.
- Lies don't only impact your spiritual health—they can affect your physical body as well. Discover what the Bible says about your body and learn how to steward it well for the sake of the gospel in this series of The Deep Well with Erin Davis.

# **Angela and Leslie's Summer Recipes**



As the summer winds down, this is the perfect time to invite your ministry team or small group over for a fun backyard get-together to celebrate all that God has done over the past few months. Whether you sit out by the pool or choose to meet where there's air-conditioning, whip up one of these fun summer recipes recommended by Angela Temples and Leslie Bennett.

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