



# GIRL TALK...

## She Is... Significant

Hey Girlfriend,  
You are significant!  
You may not realize just how amazing the impact you have on those you spend time with each day is....

As children of the Almighty God we are the light of the world and the salt of the earth. But did you know that...

Our Heavenly Father created His daughters with the ability to significantly impact our world without the need to "loudly prove ourselves" or "flaunt ourselves" as the world likes to portray us.

You probably know the saying "behind every good man there is a good woman" and that is so true.

As women we have the God-given gift of being able to build up our families in ways men can't. The Bible says that it is a wise woman who builds her house. [Proverbs 14:1]

Physics tells us that for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction or you may know it as 'cause and effect'. The Bible puts it another way and says that we reap what we sow. [Gal 6:7]

Take words as an example -

Harsh words wound and destroy. They bring darkness and burden.

Encouraging words lift and build. They bring light and hope.

In darkness light brightens the way, it shows us where to walk, brings comfort and hope.

If fact, light has such a significant effect upon darkness that the longer someone has been in the dark the brighter a light will appear to them!

Proverbs 4:18 says 'The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter

till the full light of day."

God has chosen you to impact your world as significantly as the sun does to the darkness of night!

**Wow!!!**

**that's significant!**

Girls, you are so significant that you can make a difference in the lives of everyone you meet. You can be a guiding light for the husband/child who has still not found the Lord and for the teenager who is rebelling!

God has planted within you the ability to impact your world not by nagging or preaching but by the standards you choose to live by for yourself!

Rise up and live the life that impacts with significance as you have been created to do!

Love & blessings...

*Jenny*



Coming Soon...



GIRL TALK & COFFEE NIGHT

"She is... significant"

At The Centre, Jernal!

7 pm on 5 June 2008

Speaker : Jenny

Like to know more about how significant you really are? Then join us for coffee cost by donation

## Girl to Girl—getting to know one another....

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### This week we are interviewing ....

#### Angeline Burden

Angeline leads our Monday evening ladies home group and is a member of the Pastoral Care Team. She is married to Dave and they have two children.

### How & when did you become a Christian?

A friend took me along to an outreach, called The Rock, which was held in Cronulla, when I was 18. It was here that someone told me how I could know God personally and I accepted the offer. Nothing much happened until I went to orientation week at uni and a student from a Christian group encouraged me in my faith. Something changed deep inside me that day and I experienced deep joy and an assurance of my salvation.

### What is your favourite Bible Verse & why?

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15: 13 When things are tough and I can't find my way, this verse encourages me that if only I'd trust God, He will help me. Having God by my side gives me peace and increases my hope, resulting in joy. God is working on my behalf, helping me through His Spirit. How wonderful!

### Is there a hymn or worship song that really touches you and draws you into our Heavenly Fathers loving arms?

One of my favourites: "When I look into your holiness, when I gaze into your

loveliness, when all things that surround become shadows in the light of You. I worship You, I worship You. The reason I live is to worship You."

### What is your favourite colour?

Purple

### As a Leader of a Ladies Home Fellowship Group what inspires you the most?

God's truth and His wisdom inspire me. It's such a thrill to see His truth make an impact in our lives. It's an encouragement to observe God working in and through us.

### What is your passion for ministry?

To witness God's truth change hearts and give people the ability to live victoriously.

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## —a word from our Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, Doris...

Are you afraid to be yourself?

Are you concerned people won't like you the way you are?

Well God made you unique and He loves you just the way you are.

There may be something you don't like about yourself, pray to the Lord about it, He can change us if we allow Him to.

Don't be some carbon copy of someone else, unless of course you want to emulate Jesus, in fact Paul says in **Philippians 2 verses 1-5** *If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any*

*tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.*

There is a lovely Praise and Worship song called "Come Home Running" the words are really great. I will mention only the chorus. "So come home running, His arms are

open wide, His name is Jesus and He understands. He is the answer, you are looking for. So come home running. Just as you are....."

Remember you are Precious.

God Bless,

*Doris*

## Prayer Chain with Hilda

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What is a Prayer Chain?

Imagine the chain you wear around your neck, it is made up of many links joined together and held together by a clasp.

We are a chain of prayers who are linked and joined together by the Lord. Our personal

guide is the Holy Spirit.

The Prayer Chain is made up of mighty warriors [*Judges 6:12*], who go into spiritual warfare on your behalf.

We respect your privacy and, all prayer requests are held in strict confidence.

Should you, or a member of your family, need prayer, please make your request known and, we would count it a privilege to stand with you.

Blessings

*Hilda*

## Into His Word with Angeline....

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With Mothers Day celebrated in May, it's good to think about the most blessed of mothers, Mary the mother of Jesus. As a young woman, pledged to be married, she was visited by an angel. The choice she made at that encounter would change the course of her life. The angel detailed a plan that God Himself had chosen her to bear His Son, the long-awaited for messiah. Her first reaction was shock and confusion but once the angel explained a few details, those feelings were replaced with a peace and acceptance of what God was asking of her. With more contemplation, she becomes overwhelmed with joy and praise for her God, so much so, that she bursts into song, which is recorded in Luke 1.

Mary's response is interesting. She doesn't go through a whole list of arguments against the proposal, she doesn't bring in the fact that she's not married yet and that there would be strong cultural rejection of a pregnant unmarried woman; she didn't argue that she was young and that she had other plans or that she wanted to see more of the world; or that she wanted to help Joseph with his career. She says, very simply, "I am the Lord's servant, may it be to me as you have said."

She had a quiet trust and belief that God was good. Through her song, we see that she had knowledge of Israel's history and God's dealings with them. She

had a firm foundation. Her positive and enthusiastic reaction to God's call was her natural response to His goodness. To the people around about her, she would have seemed like any ordinary woman, but God used her in the most extraordinary way, to bring salvation to all peoples everywhere.

Let us take encouragement from women like Mary, the mother of Jesus, so that we too can respond enthusiastically when God calls. By cultivating a vibrant relationship with God, we too can enjoy His favour and the privilege of being used by Him for His purposes.

*Angeline*

## Images with Trish...

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Whilst watching a TV show called Dancesport, I began to think about Christians in the 'Divine Dance' being yoked, in partnership, carried along, guided while in the embrace of their partner, following His lead, etc etc.

I was surprised when I heard my spiritual thoughts being beautifully expressed by the commentators!

Some of the remarks made were:

The woman must not take over or overshadow the man but be an extension of him.

She must be extremely aware of his signals and be careful not to

get out of his lead.

Staying in a close embrace gives a smooth performance.

You must not be stiff or tight in the body, but be relaxed.

Keep your eyes on your partner, don't look down.

She is the reaction of everything he does.

The key is to be as one—absorb the lead of his body.

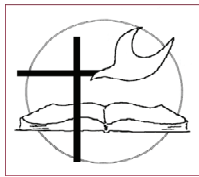
Made me think of these words from a worship song :

'Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart. Teach me to move in

the power of Your Spirit. Teach me to walk in the light of Your Presence. Teach me to dance to the beat of Your Heart. You wrote the rhythm of life, so like a child in your sight, I dance to see your delight, for I was made for Your Pleasure. Let all my movements express a heart that loves to say "yes", a will that leaps to obey you. Let all my energy blaze to see the joy in Your Face. Let my whole being praise You.'

Acts 17:28 For in Him we live and move and have our being.

*Trish*



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### GIRL TALK...

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### NEED PRAYER?

Call Hilda's Prayer Chain  
Phone 9520 0921

### NEED PASTORAL CARE?

Phone the Pastoral Care Team  
Co-ordinator, Doris on 9528 9028

**COME & JOIN US!**

### SUNDAY

### AT O.B.C.C.

#### PRAYER TIME

9 AM

#### WORSHIP & TEACHING

#### SERVICE

9:30 AM

#### EVENING FELLOWSHIP

6:30 PM

### EMAIL US

Join the email list to get this newsletter or encourage us with how this newsletter has blessed you, or why not send a prayer request.

Email us at

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**EXALT THE SAVIOUR  
EQUIP THE SAINTS  
EVANGELISE THE SOCIETY**

### THINGS TO DO

#### MONDAY

Nights

**Ladies Home Group with Angeline**

For more details phone—9589 0846

#### TUESDAY

10am—12noon

**Playtime with Lisa— 9525 1811**

7:15pm

**Bible Study Home Group with Ed**

For more details phone—9589 0403

#### WEDNESDAY

1st Wed of Month

**Garden Club with Marj**

Phone 9528 9119

2nd & 4th Wed of the Month -

**Over 21s with Marj**

Phone 9528 9119

#### FRIDAY

**Porcelain Art Class with Annette**

For more details phone—9528 8157

#### VARIOUS OUTINGS

*Call the church office for more information*

**OBCC Crazy Campers**

**OBCC Bikers**

**GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN!**

*It is a great honour & privilege to serve  
the Lord and His Cause.*

*May you be blessed by this newsletter!*