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His *Willing* Vessel

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Hello, Friends!

Spring is in full bloom, renewing my joy in God's promises to make all things new. God has been doing the same thing here at His Vessel Ministries! Every week we see God transforming hearts, homes, and communities for His glory. This is our daily mission! And our work has become all the more pertinent since the shelter-in-place regulations shifted everyone's focus back to the home. We're still hosting groups and prayer through digital meetings, launching new tools, and finding creative ways to invest in God's transformation work. This newsletter brings you just a few stories of the life-changing impact made possible by your partnership with His Vessel Ministries. Please know how grateful we are to have you laboring with us to see more people transformed into God's holy vessels—people who are formed by His Word, filled with His power, and poured out for His world. Thanks for being on mission through His Vessel Ministries!

His Vessel Ministries | Jo Hancock

DID YOU HEAR? We Launched a Podcast!



To further advance our mission, Jo Hancock has launched a podcast! In each episode of *Becoming His Vessel*, Jo shares truths she has learned from the Word and applied to her life to encourage others to love God completely and to become the vessel God created them to be. Listeners will hear how God intends His people to be fully transformed to reflect the Word and live fully satisfied. We cannot wait to see how God will reach people across the nation and around the world to change lives through this new outreach tool!

To listen, search for the show on Spotify or Apple iTunes or find new episodes on our website. Subscribe, review, and share to spread the news to more listeners!

SAVE THE DATE

Now Stand!

Learn what to do to **STAND** against the attacks of the enemy to live victoriously in this teaching by Jo Hancock. Hosted at His Vessel Ministries; online attendance will also be available.

Saturdays,
July 18 & August 15
9:00–11:30 a.m.

YOUR 2020 IMPACT ON HEARTS, HOMES, & COMMUNITIES

Because of your partnership through prayer, time, and gifts, many lives have been transformed! Thank you for joining us in this mission.

135 hearts transformed so far in 2020 discipleship groups

143 participants in all-new online discipleship—launched in January, just in time for sheltering in place!

10,091 hours of prayer for God's transforming work in hearts, homes, & communities

280 hearts seeking God via podcast downloads

83 sought deeper discipleship at the winter retreat



DRIVEWAY PRAYER VIGIL DRAWS NEIGHBORS TO GOD

Much fear and frustration is circling our communities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are all feeling pinched as we're pressed to stay home and adopt new routines. But as God's vessels, we are called to pour out His love to a world desperate for stability and hope. That's what our Transforming Community Program is all about! We were so excited to hear how God has prompted Debbie to transform her community this past month:



“God gave me the idea to text eight neighbors and ask if they'd be interested in having a prayer vigil at the end of our driveways with a candle or flashlight. They all responded YES, they were in! We chose to meet on Wednesday and Sunday evenings at 8 p.m. We had 37 the first night. This information then spread through the Hillwood Association to 600 emails. Please join me in praying that God will bring LIFE to our neighborhoods and for His will to be done in each heart.

—Debbie, Discipleship Participant

What an encouraging example of God's vessels at work for His glory in the world! We are so excited to have Debbie leading her neighbors to God, the only One able to change and heal every heart.

WIDOW COVERS HER CITY WITH PRAYER & ENCOURAGEMENT

Christie lost her husband three years ago, after 40 wonderful years of marriage. The loneliness and grief have been terribly difficult. As one of our Watchmen Leaders, Christie knew she needed some encouragement so she could more effectively pray for her community, city, and state. She shares:

“I know we are all going through difficult times right now during this Covid-19 crisis. I have started something to encourage myself: As I read my Bible each morning, I ask the Lord to give me something to be especially thankful for from the Word. As He gives it to me, I write it down along with the Scripture I read. It has been a great source of encouragement for me.

—Christie, Watchmen Leader

We love Christie's leadership example and love for God's Word! Our Watchmen team continues to cover everyone—including our city, state, and nation—in prayer during these difficult days.

WHEN ONE DISCIPLE OBEYS

Jesus commanded His disciples to go and make disciples—to call people to love the Lord with all their heart, all their soul, all their mind, and all their strength. In short, we are to love God with our whole being! Every disciple needs training to that end—which is the aim of our Transforming Hearts Program.

Every one of our participants receives steady guidance and training to become God's pure vessel. As they grow, God awakens in them the desire to obey that “simple” command to make disciples. One of our participants shares how God has grown this desire in her through His Vessel Ministries:

“I have been in discipleship training for the past five years, and it has been life changing for me. I want others to experience this journey, so I accepted the challenge to teach a wonderful group of women who have a hunger for the things of God and who desire to go deeper in their relationship with Him. Together with fellow disciple Julie, we are learning to experience the depths of an intimate relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ and the fullness of life He has to give us. It is my desire to be obedient to the words commanded by Jesus in Matthew 28 when He said, “Go and make disciples.”

—Judi, Discipleship Leader

What a beautiful testimony of God's work in Judi and in her group! Pray with us for her and Julie as well as the women they are training.

FAMILY TIME WILL IMPACT THESE TEENS FOR ETERNITY!

Our homes are at the forefront these days with the coronavirus outbreak closures. The change of pace helps all of us reassess its importance not only for our individual families but as the cornerstone of society. We're helping God's people embrace His vision for the home through our Transforming Homes Program. It's so exciting to hear testimonies of God's faithfulness from our group participants, like this report from Tamila:

“In the *God of Order: The Blueprint to Bringing Peace to the Home* we have been focusing on our dining room table being our altar, a place where we as a family meet with Father God. I am a single parent with two teenagers. I am making family time more of a priority, and I am working on making our altar a special time with my boys. It isn't easy, but I understand the value and now is the time to implement what I have learned. This has really changed my life.

—Tamila, Discipleship Participant

Your support through His Vessel Ministries is having a direct impact upon Tamila and her two teens. Thank you for partnering with us to change their home, which will send eternal ripples through them in years to come!

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