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Some people think the idea of receiving a miracle is CRAZY... but others may say, "It's amazing what God can do!"

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Happy Fall Y'all

Fall is here!! It may have been 100 degrees outside here in Oklahoma, but nothing can stop me from ushering in the hope of

colorful leaves, harvest decor, and a cozy cup of coffee. Despite the excessive heat, it's now time to "cool your heels" and enjoy this magazine—I pray it is a breath of fresh air! So, grab your cup, and settle in!

With the coming of fall, we experience the many emotions that accompany sending our children back to school or off to college. With our nest a little emptier, the feelings can be overwhelming, both good and bad!



Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us that everything has a season, and regardless of the season you are going through, either in the weather or in your heart, I pray this magazine brings you joy, laughter, insight, and information from a biblical perspective.

I am so excited to share the article on *Impressive Parenting* from Candace Lee Carlson (featured on the cover of this magazine)! You will also find an article on bringing *Peace in*

the Midst of Chaos through the word of God by Jillian Lee Gosselin. In case you haven't guessed it, Candace and Jillian are the daughters of my cohost Melissa Lee. You will find an article by Melissa called Changing the Atmosphere with Your Words, and an article from me called ACE–Acknowledge, Change, and Empower. And, of course, don't forget to check out the seasonal recipes

LIndsay with Candace, circa 1990's. of course, don't forget to check out the seasonal recipes from our MYDC kitchen! We pray you and your family will love them!

I believe the words in these articles are for this time and place. They are powerful reminders of God's work in our families. In Proverbs 22:6 it says that we are to train up our children in the way they should go, and when they are old, they will not depart from it. I pray these articles remind you of the importance of speaking the Word over our family, friends, and ourselves.

While things around us may seem chaotic, I believe we can call on the name of the Lord to be our strong tower (Proverbs 18:10). I encourage you to read and reread the articles within these pages. I pray that every word is uplifting to your spirit and soul in every way possible.

Again, I can't wait to say it one more time... Happy fall y'all.

Be blessed, finding

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-Teresa in Oklahoma



RECENTLY, I HAD AN UNUSUAL EXPERIENCE AS THE LORD GAVE ME A THOUGHT ON THE WORD "ACE".

Acknowledge Change Empower

BY LINDSAY ROBERTS

aving been a tennis player for many years, my first thought was a successful serve to start the point. However, I quickly realized that ACE was an acronym for three, most unusual words put together to create a successful turnaround in situations I was facing. I saw this as a simple three-step process and I believe we all can apply it to our daily lives and expect a miracle from God as we do.

Number one, "A - Acknowledge." Acknowledge not just where you are, although that's fine, but begin to acknowledge where you want to be. Habakkuk 2:2 says, "Write the vision down, make it plain." And Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." I want you to have a vision for your future. In Jeremiah 29:11, God said, "I know the plans I have for you. They are for your good and not for evil." And in Proverbs 19:21 it says, "Many are the plans of a man's heart, but it's the purpose of God that shall prevail."

It's OK to see where you're at. But I also want you to know where you're going. When you put an address in your car's navigation or GPS, and you see a map, it tells you where to go. You find out the steps along the way to help you arrive. When you put in the wrong address, chances are good you will arrive at the wrong place. But when you put in the proper address based on where you are, you have a plan for where you want to go.

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Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks...

Assess what you are hiding in your heart. God's plan for your life...in essence it's like God's GPS system.

Now, the second thing I want you to see is C - for Change.

First, acknowledge where you are and where you want to go. See through the eyes of God. By seeing through the eyes of God, it's like changing the lens of what's going into your heart. Then, when your focus lines up with God's focus for your life, I believe miracles start happening.

The Bible is very clear. It says in Psalm 119:11, to hide God's Word in our hearts. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks (Luke 6:45)." So if you hide evil in your heart, out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth begins to speak what's in there. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue. They that love it eat the fruit thereof" (Proverbs 18:21).

Assess what you are hiding in your heart. Is it fear, worry, anxiety, turmoil? Or is it peace, love, joy and the fruit of the spirit? As you hide God's Word in your heart, then out of the abundance of your heart your mouth speaks that word. As you're speaking God's Word and you're speaking life, the Bible says you get to eat the fruit of it.

When you go to the eye doctor and get your eyes examined for glasses, they use a machine with viewing options and ask which is in the best focus by asking, "One or two?" Click, click. "One or two?" Click, click. Well, what I realize is that they're trying to fine tune my vision. And I believe God desires to do the same thing. When we're looking through the wrong lens, we're going to get the wrong outcome.But if we change the lens of our heart and examine ourselves, the Bible says, we have a right for God to come into the situation.

If we hide God's Word in our heart, then we can walk out God's promises... "Yay and amen, for I know the plans that I have for you. They are for your good and not for evil."

And number three of A-C-E is E - Empower.

Acts 1:8 says, You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, to be witnesses. Witness for what? Well, if you call on God to be a witness for fear, worry and doubt and turmoil and expecting a disaster, I'm not sure God's going to answer that. But He said we could call on Him in faith and He would answer us and tell us of the great and mighty things of God.

We can receive power when we believe God and expect it to be at work in our lives. You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.

Romans 8:11 says, *The same spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in us*, to quicken us or make alive what we are going through. So with that in mind, I can declare Philippians 4:13 that says, *I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength*. And add to that, Philipians 4:19 that tells me I can believe God to supply all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

So, I want to encourage you today to operate by A-C-E.

A – **Acknowledge** where you are and where you want to go.

C - **Change** the lens of your heart. Be careful, be aware, be wise, and do all you can to hide God's Word in your heart.

E - Begin to **Empower** yourself with the power of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God. When you do that, I believe you can begin to see miracles, signs and wonders according to God's Word, according to God's will, and your faith as you expect a miracle.

I pray for you now to be healed from the crown of your head to the soles of your feet. I pray for miracles, signs and wonders to be your portion in every area of your life. I pray for fear to go and faith to come in. I pray for worry, doubt, and unbelief to go and the peace of God to come into every situation that you face. In Jesus' name, amen, and amen.

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Lindsay Roberts

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HUGE shout out to my friend and co-host Lindsay, for going viral with over 5 MILLION views on social media, sharing a graceful reminder of God's gentleness in the face of adversity. Her heart-wrenching story of loss, followed by God's kindness, has impacted the hearts of millions! Thank you Lindsay for continuously pointing us back to our Savior and healer, Jesus Christ. -Melissa Lee ARENTING THESE DAYS COMES WITH LOADS OF EXPEC-TATIONS (AKA LAUNDRY) AND VERY LITTLE APPLAUSE. BUT, THANKFULLY, WE DON'T PARENT TO IMPRESS OTHERS. WE PARENT TO IMPRESS UPON OUR KIDS THE TIME-LESS TRUTHS OF GOD'S WORD.

Still, raising little humans is hard work! Whether you have teenagers keeping you on your toes or toddlers keeping you glued to your google search (*Hey Siri, how much mud can a two-year-old eat?*), parenthood feels like an endless quest to answer tough questions. But Siri can only take us so far, especially when it comes to questions of faith.

Recent statistics reveal that a staggering 59% of Christian kids abandon their faith before high school, highlighting the fact that pat answers and Sunday School platitudes aren't cutting it for most kids today.

The numbers may seem daunting, but they underscore the importance of equipping our kids with a faith that can withstand the challenges our culture presents. Our tendency is to stay in the comfortable waters of shallow Christianity, but cultural currents are stronger than ever before. If kids are drifting from faith earlier, then we need

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PARENTING

BY CANDACE LEE CARLSON





These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. *Impress them on your children.* Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7

to help them go deeper sooner. They don't need floaties, they need to learn how to swim! Our job as parents is to show them how.

Teaching children to defend their faith is essential, but the goal isn't to raise great debaters. We're preparing them to navigate their own doubts and questions. It's about nurturing a faith that is deeply rooted and resilient.

Even at a young age, we can share with our children not only what we believe, but also *why* we believe it. God's Word is hearty, and it can withstand the tough questions kids ask today. But it's important to ask ourselves: are we prepared to answer them?

Impressive parenting, in this context, is not about showcasing perfect family moments on social media. (But please keep posting those cute pics! The internet needs more happy.) Instead, it's about modeling a genuine, faithfilled life and creating homes where open, honest conversations are welcome. It's about sharpening our own discernment and digging deep into the scriptures for ourselves.

In 1 Peter 3:15-16 NLT, we're offered these instructions, "You must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way... "What if we modeled this first to our own children? What if we showed them how to thoughtfully, gently, and respectfully engage with the truth of God's Word? What if we were really and truly ready to give an answer to whatever questions they have about our faith?

As parents, we need not be daunted, but we do need to be prepared. Our task is to guide our children in understanding and applying the Word of God. Just as we train our children, we need to train ourselves, so we can confidently engage with the tough topics that will inevitably come our way.

Ultimately, impressive parenting is not measured by the applause of others but by the lasting impact we have on our children's hearts. Moms and dads, we have the opportunity of a lifetime to partner with God in raising the next generation. This is our moment! Our kids will grow up and make their mark on the world.

My prayer is that they will first be marked by God's wisdom, truth, and above all, love. Now that sounds like impressive parenting!



Candace Lee Carlson is a wife, mom, producer, and New York Times bestselling author.

MYDC RECIPES

ZUCCHINI SUPREME CASSEROLE



INGREDIENTS

2 cups zucchini, sliced 3 medium tomatoes, sliced 1 medium onion, halved and sliced 1/2 cup green pepper, chopped 1 (14-oz.) pkg. mild cheddar cheese, sliced Salt and pepper (to taste) 3 cups seasoned croutons 1/4 cup butter, melted

DIRECTIONS

In a 9x13-inch dish, alternate layers of zucchini, tomatoes, onion, green pepper, and cheese. Salt and pepper to taste. Top with croutons.

Pour butter over croutons and cover with aluminum foil. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes; then take off foil and bake for 10 to 15 minutes more, until croutons are browned.

(Use caution handling hot food and baking dishes.)

PRIMAVERA ORZO PASTA

INGREDIENTS:

2 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
2 cloves garlic, chopped
2 shallots, chopped
1 small zucchini, chopped
1 cup shredded carrots
1 tsp. curry powder
3 cups chicken stock
1 cup orzo pasta
1/2 cup Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
3 Tbsp. flat leaf parsley, chopped
1 cup frozen peas
Salt and pepper (to taste)

DIRECTIONS

In a medium-sized skillet, heat olive oil over medium-high heat; add garlic, shallots, zucchini, and carrots; sauté 5 minutes.

Add curry, chicken broth, and orzo pasta; bring to a boil; cover and reduce heat to medium. Simmer, stirring occasionally until pasta absorbs liquid and is al dente' in texture, about 10 minutes.

Uncover and stir in cheese, parsley, and peas.

Add salt and pepper to taste.





Changing the Atmosphere with the Power of Your Words

BY MELISSA LEE

ave you ever had one of those days where it's just starting, and you wish it

was already over? Maybe you're experiencing a messy Monday, a tumultuous Tuesday, or a wonky Wednesday? You're thinking to yourself, "All I did was get out of bed!" I can relate. I think we have all had at least one (okay, maybe a dozen!) of those days.

Here's the good news – you have the ability to reset your day. In fact, you hold within you the means to achieve a profound "course correction." It all starts with the words you choose to utter– yes, your words hold that incredible power. In James 3, we see a parallel between the ship's rudder and our tongue and we're reminded that though our words may seem small, they carry the ability to steer the course of our lives, even in the face of strong winds.

The Word says you have the power to change the trajectory of your day with your words. *What you utter acts as your rudder!*

I remember several years ago, when my five, now adult children were very young, my sweet mother, fondly known as "Gigi," and I, were driving home from Texas with all of the kiddos. We were on hour 8 of our 12-hour trip, when the May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. PSALM 19:14

fussing and the knit-picking in the backseat had escalated. We stopped at a convenience store for probably the seventh potty break of the day, grabbed snacks, buckled up, and were about to hit the road when the bickering started up again. It was getting out of hand.

In the middle of the chaos, I took the opportunity to impart my motherly wisdom. I turned around and very calmly, in my "I'm the boss of you" voice (you know, the mom tone) said, "If it does not encourage, exhort or lift up one another —you may NOT say it!"

All five stared back at me, wide-eyed, and to my amazement, they complied! I turned around slowly, and my sweet little mother, looking straight ahead, said quietly, "That's scriptural, and I believe it worked!"

And you know what? Gigi was right! It was scripture, and it

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...whatever

you fill up on, *pours out*.

worked. It made an impact, but not only for that moment,

it shaped how I parented moving forward! 1 Thessalonians 5:11, says "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up." For the first time that day, silence permeated our minivan, and we were shocked! Of course, mother and I tried not to laugh! The remainder of the ride home was peaceful. It was not a mute ride-that's not what I was after. But, instead of chaos, the car was filled with laughter and lighthearted chatter. In the midst of chaos, God's Word brought peace.

That day, I learned a lesson... Whatever you fill up on, pours out. I wasn't in a moment of holy reverence when my children were fussing in the backseat. However, when I was pressed, what was inside came out. Thankfully, I had been filling up on God's Word!! My time in the Word (some days more than others) changed the atmosphere when I spoke it out loud over my family. When I aligned my mouth with God's Word, change occurred. I know that this small example may not seem as serious to some, but that day it was a much-needed and welcome change. It was a "lesson learned" moment for me.

Our words are powerful! Proverbs 18:21 says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it and indulge it, will eat its fruit and bear the consequences of their words." So let's speak life! When we choose to declare the life-giving truths from God's Word over our families, relationships, health, careers, and finances, we invite the presence of Jesus into our circumstances! John 1 tells us that Jesus is the Word made flesh. In His presence, chaos has to cease, and confusion cannot stay.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace. It isn't just something that He brings into your circumstance it is part of His very nature. As believers, He has equipped us to invite Him into our space, to bring peace that surpasses all understanding. As our words function as a rudder to a ship, we have the power to navigate stormy seas until we find calm waters. We get to change the atmosphere of our surroundings. However, it's not always instant. By consistently holding firm against the storms of life, you can navigate your way to peaceful waters.

My prayer for you, dear one, is that as you face your Mondays, your Tuesdays, and just your plain old hard days, you will experience the atmospheric change of God's transforming power in your heart, home, and wherever you go!

Allow me to speak these Words of God over your life today, "May the Lord bless you and protect you, May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May He show you His favor and give you His peace," (Numbers 6:22-26).



Melissa Lee is a wife, mother and "Honey" to six grandchildren. She has a passion for teaching the Bible and sharing insights on how to live a fulfilling life through the Word. She is the cohost of *Make Your Day Count*.



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Have you ever been overwhelmed by the chaos that is swarming around you?

STAYING Calm IN THE CHAOS

BY JILLIAN LEE GOSSELIN

aybe it's a physical mess, a loud noise, or the kids in the other room bickering. Maybe it's the pressure that no one else can see—the finances, the medical report, or the lack of answers and the unknown.

A few weeks ago, I found myself overwhelmed in the midst of chaos. It was a weekday morning, trying to get out the door for school and work. My sweet 4-year-old daughter, Eloise, was just having a tough morning from the moment she woke up. Everything brought her to absolute tears and full-blown meltdowns, like saying "Let's go brush our teeth" brought her to cry out on her knees! On top of the meltdowns she was moving so slowly that it felt like she was moving in reverse. The strong emotions, the resistance and the glacial pace led to the whole house being in disarray and it was actually palpable.

I will never forget the moment it hit me that *it doesn't have to be this way!*

The Bible tell us in Proverbs 18:21 "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." As we got to the garage, I just stopped, turned around, got on eye level and put my hand on Eloise's chest. I began to pray over her—I spoke peace and joy, I rebuked a spirit of chaos and confusion, I spoke life over her. We also took a couple of minutes to put on our Armor of God.

Immediately the entire atmosphere shifted. It wasn't magic and she didn't just go silent or stop crying on command. However, she did start to be calm. I had taken authority of our environment and we both recognized the shift in our spirit as a tangible peace came over us both. I was no longer responding from the flesh but from the Holy Spirit in me!

Shortly after this scenario I remembered that I had been on the **richardroberts.org** site and saw a ***free pdf download** of *"Covering Your Family with God's Word"*. I had never been more excited to print off a physical copy of something. As a family we have been speaking these scriptures over ourselves and our home. Believe me, we still have our days that can feel like the sky is falling, but they are so much easier to encounter when we remember that we have

Jillian reading to her children from the PDF of Lindsay's booklet, "Covering Your Family with God's Word." You can download this free PDF at <u>RichardRoberts.org/bookstore</u> or see offer on page 17. the Word of God to speak over ourselves and our home.

So be encouraged that as you face the things that seem to breed chaos-*you too, have life in your tongue.* If you aren't sure what to say or to speak over your family, head to richardroberts. org and grab yourself a resource to download and equip yourself for whatever your situation needs. And most of all, remember you are already equipped with the most powerful weapon, the Word of God!

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This recipe is a crowd favorite at our house! We have a son that has a gluten allergy so we make this with gluten-free ingredients but the regular is just as delicious and there is no need to modify unless you want to! -Jillian



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Recipe

Slow Cooker Hamburger Potato Casserole

INGREDIENTS:

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- 1 lb. ground beef
- 6 small russet potatoes
- 1 yellow onion sliced
- 1 oz. package of Onion Soup Mix
- 2 10.5 oz cans cream of mushroom soup
- 2 cups of beef broth (bone broth can be used too)
- Shredded cheese for topping

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Brown the ground beef in a skillet on the stovetop. Drain off any fat and set aside. (Use caution when handling hot grease)
- Peel the potatoes (we leave the skins on, just scrub really good!). Cut them in half lengthwise then cut them into half inch slices. They will look like steak fries.
- 3. Add potatoes to the slow cooker.
- 4. Add the sliced onion.
- 5. Sprinkle over the onion soup mix.
- 6. Add the ground beef on top of the potatoes and onion.
- 7. Pour in the cream of mushroom soup.
- 8. Cover and cook on LOW for 4 hours. Check your potatoes to see if done at the
 4-hour mark. You can stir the casserole at this point. If your potatoes are not done, cook for one more hour on low.

9. Serve in bowls and top with shredded cheese as desired. It's a favorite addition at our house. I often make a green vegetable to serve alongside this meal. Hope you enjoy!

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We had our 10th Lindsay Roberts Sewing Center Graduation!

Twenty-nine women successfully graduated from this Lindsay Roberts Sewing Center. We received 20 testimonials out of twenty-nine. Every testimony was unique and heart touching.

We have sensed a different emotional atmosphere which I have never felt such a feeling anywhere, in any place, so far. Lots of tears and lots of fun stories shared by the students, and they prepared wonderful food for us!

As one of our pastors said, "Sir, these precious women not only received a good training from here but also, all of them were *emotionally healed and released from the bitterness stored in their hearts*. Every woman poured out their hearts and felt release from mental and psychological wounds."

I told the students, "God has many plans and purposes for your life... I thank God that He has given us an extended family."

They were so joyfully glad for this graduation.

- From Pastor Paul, our Greater Works Associate in India



Your Gifts Changed the Life of This Indian Mother

Srilatha lost her husband and was left with two daughters to support.

She began working by ironing clothes for the village people through which she was able to earn some money.

In India, some works are caste based and are confined to certain tasks like haircuts, shoe polishing, washing clothes, and so on. Srilatha had to stand on the roadsides and do the work the whole day in the heat of the sun, in the rains, and in the cold, as well.

And then...she said, "Out of the blue, I heard about this sewing center that was starting in this village, and that it offered training for free —no cost! I had no idea how to start or how to learn stitching, but since my need was very great, I made myself venture into this work to feed my girls and support their studies. The teacher there and the other students really helped me to learn stitching."

Srilatha never stops crying as she tells her story. She joyfully received her certificate from the Lindsay Roberts' Sewing Center and she thanks Dr. Richard and Lindsay Roberts for their support.

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-Pastor Paul

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