## Words of Life

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"I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that you <u>present your bodies</u> a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, <u>which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world</u>, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Romans 12:1–2

Whoa! — Old Paul (by the Holy Spirit) really knew how to pound the nail through our old way of thinking and living. First off, he tells us that if we are to be "the perfect and acceptable will of God" on earth, some very drastic things had to happen to us. We must give our bodies as a living sacrifice unto God. Not unto a husband or wife or boyfriend or girlfriend or mother or dad or drugs or a church or any other person or thing, but give it to God as a living sacrifice. That means that God is here — now — not after our body is dead — but a living body.

We better make our life one with Him while we live or it will never be done, contrary to the "churches" teaching on heaven and hell. "You mean I can't have my martini anymore? Or that I can't go where I want to go or think what I want to think or say what I want to say or have sex with my mate whenever I get 'horny'?" Yes, the Holy Spirit means just that! I'm tired of people doing their own thing with not a clue of who God is. They know nothing about giving up their corrupted lives and yet they say, "God is with me." It's one thing to meet the Son, but quite another to be reconciled to the One, True God, Wonderful Counselor, our mighty Father.

Recently, the Lord spoke to me and said, "I am going to send a plague of AIDS on married people practicing sodomy (oral copulation). You will be amazed at the preachers who are guilty of this perversion and using the scripture "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled..." (Hebrews 13:4) to justify their sin. When AIDS hits them, rather than face the truth, these victims will come up with all sorts of excuses for why they have the plague.

Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed because of perversion in the marriage bed. Our country makes Sodom and Gomorrah look saintly.

Are you still conformed to the world and its way of living and thinking or are you one of those people the Bible calls "peculiar", who have allowed the Holy Spirit to lead you out of your church and out of the world by a metamorphosis called the transformation of your mind? Wherever there is reformation, there is chaos. Has your life change caused great chaos in your family and circle of friends? If not, I doubt if you know who Christ is and why He came on earth. Russia, China and most countries in the world are going through earth—shattering changes. I wonder if it's because they are closer to God than heathen America which professes to know God. Or has He saved our judgment until the last of the countries? How will you stand when the "jig is up" and He visits this country?

Will you be frozen in time trying to hold onto your old life and trying to keep the status quo, or are you right now allowing God to transform you into His image by giving your whole being to Him? Let us hope that as the River of Life flows through America, we are prepared to flow with the change of time — from a decadent "church age" unto the glorious age called "The Kingdom of God", where the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is ruler over us, and we can indeed call Him Father — through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Marie Kolasinski

## July — September 1989 Letter

## DEAREST FRIENDS,

I hope you enjoy reading this letter as much as I enjoy chatting with you by pen and ink.

Has your life been on a roller coaster that has just picked up its pace instead of getting better? Well, be of good cheer. You have a lot of company. God is teaching us how to walk in LIFE, where no minute is the same. Only in the grave of our old life is there that false peace — the status quo — ritual and death. We will (through much disruption) attain to that great PEACE in the midst of the thundering and lightening. As our relationship with Him becomes perfected, so will our relationships with one another.

Well, enough of that. Now to the business news. There is much to share and look forward to. July is the month of family picnics and summer frolicking. Our Fourth of July should be the best yet! We will have the comfortable oldies — hot dogs, hamburgers, the Upstairs String Band, and the Piecemakers Singers. And with the oldies, we have a "cake walk" for old and young, and a talent show for the young folks. Be sure and call Katie at the store and get your child signed up. Or perhaps you want to be in the show. This could be your opportunity to start your way to stardom! The Calico Singles Square Dancers will be with us again. And oh, yes, we are having a salsa and chili "cook-off". Bring in your recipe that makes your family "lick their chops". There will be prizes for the best recipes.

Do you like garage sales? One booth on the Fourth will be filled with rummage. Besides all that, we are having a storewide sale, so come and celebrate the Fourth of July — the day we got our independence. Help us make this a "bang-up" celebration.

July 28, 29 and 30, we will have a huge wreath sale. Buy your wreaths for fall and Christmas gift decorating. All wreaths will be wholesale or less. One \$6.00 wreath will be \$1.00. Also on the 29th and 30th, there will be a big DEMO BUSTER upstairs.

Mark October 14th and 15th and November 18th and 19th on your calendar. These are the dates of our next Country Craft Fairs. These should be the biggest events of the year.

Oh, yes, take special notice of the kids' classes of all kinds scheduled throughout the summer. Don't let your child get bored with having nothing to do. This "summer school" at Piecemakers makes learning fun.

Have you visited "The Fig Leaf", our boutique of women's unique handmade clothes designed by Piecemakers? We also carry a complete line for that wholesome Americana figure. These clothes will be modeled at a Fashion Show on Saturday, July 15 from 11:30-1:30. Luncheon will be served. \$5.50 includes the Fashion Show for the fuller figure as well as luncheon and drinks.

Our extended family upstairs, "The Village Crafters", with their unique and ever changing crafts are all doing very well and send their best wishes to all of you. Do visit them when at the store. Mary Cardin's originals are making their way into homes across America. Bless your home with one of her prints or machine appliques.

Please check the CALENDAR OF EVENTS on the back page for more "happenings at Piecemakers".

We all at Piecemakers want to thank all of you for you support. We get many letters encouraging us in our business and our walk with God. We pray for all of you going through these most trying times, knowing that "our Father chastens those that He dearly loves".

Until next time, we all are

Sincerely yours,

Maril & all the Piecemakers

P.S. If you haven't done so, don't forget to send in the coupon on the back page of this schedule if you want to remain on our mailing list.