



Praise With Robin

Dearest friends,

After 24 years and 3 months, a new journey, a new ministry now begins for me. How can I begin to describe the myriad emotions and memories coursing through me as I sit down to write you? For all these years, Sharon has always written the first draft of our newsletters, and it was my job to add the human interest side and the humor to each letter. And now there is but me.

Let me first say - that God is good. His plans, all of them, all of them all the time, are good. Because God is good. Thus this enormous change for Jeff and Sharon, Andrew and Elizabeth and for me is good. Hard - but good. They are friends and companions with whom I have been through more than with nearly anyone else in the world. And though we are not together in the ministry any longer, they are knit in me....they are somehow grafted into my heart, indeed, into my very bones, and will forever be part of who I am. I could no more forget them than I could forget my beloved Mother. Let me assure you that we did not "break up" as one might think of a group stopping a joint ministry. What happened to us is that we believe we filled up, we completed, if you will, all the days of shared ministry God had appointed for us. So - - - with not a little gulping and praying for courage, we have laid down Sharon and Robin into our precious Fa-

ther's lap. And now Sharon and Jeff have begun their new ministry as a family - and I begin this new season which Father has prepared for me.

Along with the challenges of turning away from yesterday's blessings, I am daily growing in peace, in joy, in expectation as I see the Lord confirm this new calling upon my life. This process reminds me of the sort of determination I had to exercise when Jeff and Sharon first got married 19 1/2 years ago. After spending so much time with Sharon during "afterglows" in the first few years we were together, I had to learn to just get out of the ministry van, get in my car and leave Sharon and Jeff to each other as I went home - alone. At that time, the Lord taught me a little bit about what it meant to "set my face like flint" and do His will for me - and not look at His will for anyone else. I had to really work at that at the time - - but eventually it became such a blessing, and I grew greatly in spiritual maturity as a result. Now I have that reserve of experience to call upon as I once again am doing the same thing.

I need to tell you that over the past six years I have experienced a personal renewal and revival in my own relationship with the Lord. Some of you have heard me speak on this. The fruit of this has been life-changing for me. I needed, desperately, a new touch from Him; He knew that and I did, too. He called me for several weeks in a row to come to Him anew, to

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ROBIN'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January	11	Kokomo Aglow Lighthouse,	Kokomo, IN	(765)963-3307
	17-18	Covenant Christian Church	Belle Vernon, PA	(724) 929-5503
	19	Covenant Christian Church	Belle Vernon, PA	
	24-25	West Greentree Ch Brethren	Quarrysville, PA	(717) 367-6970
	26 AM	West Greentree Ch Brethren	Elizabethtown, PA	(717) 653-5367
	26 PM	New Life Assembly of God	Mifflintown, PA	(717)-436-6161
February	9 PM	Buttonwood Bay	Sebring, FL	(863)655-5359
	16 PM	Braden Castle	Bradenton, FL	(941)748-1710
	27 AM	Lady's Bible Study	Lady Lake, FL	(352)787-5739
	28	Arise With Praise Seminar	Leesburg, FL	(352) 787-6392
March	1	Arise With Praise Seminar	Leesburg, FL	(352) 787-6392
	2 AM	Leesburg Christian Center	Leesburg, FL	(352)787-6392
	2 PM	First Baptist Church	Astor, FL	(386)749-4820
	9 AM	Trinity Lutheran Church	Dekalb, IL	(815)756-2967
	15	Jamestown UMC	Jamestown, IN	(574)848-7953
	22	Centennial Bible Church	Westfield, IN	(317)257-2828
	23 AM	Salvation Army	Munster, IN	(219)838-0380
	28-30	First Ch of Nazarene	Kalkaska, MI	

stop my mad busyness and come to Him and stay with Him in prayer. I finally did so on New Year's Eve, 1997. The resultant intimacy I have come to experience with Him has forever changed me. I knew He would use this in some new way. Now I stand before this new door.

In this new ministry, there will be a few changes from the previous one:

1) Most notable will be that in place of doing concerts, I will be offering what I am calling "Celebrations of Worship and Praise". These are simply times of corporate praise and worship that I will lead, serving only as a facilitator as all of us in a given meeting make the Lord the guest of honor. I will combine great hymns of the church as well as excellent newer choruses for this purpose. I will have all the words available on PowerPoint.

2) I will continue speaking on renewal and revival.

3) I am offering a weekend seminar to church music programs for the purpose of strengthening and enhancing their ministry to a particular body. Sharon and I had done this on a 1-hour workshop basis; I have enhanced it so as to be more interactive and conclude with a great celebration of worship and praise which the musicians will hold for the whole church....

All three of these offerings of ministry are my response to what I believe the call of the Lord upon my life is for these days: namely, I believe He is calling me, as it were, to kiss His bride, (the church), and awaken her from her sleep. I believe He is nearly at the door, and if you listen, you too will hear His footsteps. He is coming to ravish His Bride. He is coming to claim us. He is coming for a pure, spotless, radiant, ready, alive, vibrant, holy, singing, worshipping, delighted in Him Bride. He is coming for you; he is coming for me.

So - - - I come. I am humbled. I am deeply, deeply touched by His grace and His mercy to and upon me. I come before you, asking prayer for me, for His church, for unbelievers. I come, asking you to pray about whether your church, your ladies group, your retreat participants would be encouraged or built up by having me minister to them.

The schedule is filling up wonderfully. I didn't begin scheduling until the first of October and already have close to 45 ministry dates confirmed and several more "in process". I have been greatly privileged to have been invited by Carol Kent to join her Speakers Bureau and have accepted her invitation. So I can be scheduled for ministry either directly or through Speak-Up at www.SpeakupSpeakerServices.com

The Lord is providing some tremendous helpers to share this ministry.

Pastor Frank DePolo from Covenant Christian in Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, offered to be my "covering" for this new ministry. Besides hosting my first full weekend of ministry, Pastor Frank is going to do a Dedication ceremony on the Sunday I'm there with him and his church family.

Sharon is continuing to help me with some of the practical necessities of transitioning from Ft Wayne to my house, and from all of us sharing the load towhatever.

My webmaster and his wife are not only doing the e-mail newsletter and maintaining my website, but are also doing all the work assembling and mailing the snail-mail letters! What an incredible gift to me! They live in Anderson, Indiana.

Another dear friend from Wisconsin is going to store all my CD's, both speaking CDs and music. She will also fill all orders for

these materials! Wow! This saves me from having to rent a heated storage area!!!

Yet another friend from near Vincennes, Indiana, underwrote the cost of the new projector I'll be using for PowerPoint.

Another from Indianapolis underwrote the cost of a new smaller sound system for me to travel with.

A group of about 10 people helped me finance my new recording which is now available for purchase. I'm really excited about this, as it is only the second album I have made alone, and the first one done alone that is all worship and praise. The name of it is "Arise With Praise", it is available in CD format only, and you can order it either on the website or using the order blank with this newsletter.

When I made this album, I thought about the progression towards the Presence of God in the wilderness tabernacle. The Outer Court was available to anyone, including women and gentiles, neither one of which could go any closer to the inner chambers of God's Presence. Then there was the Inner Court which was open only to Jewish men.....and then there was the Holy of Holies which was open only to the High Priest once a year. So in thinking about that, I tried to choose music which kind of represented a growing closer and closer and closer to the Lord. What a privilege to live when we do, to enjoy to ripped-open curtain Jesus availed for us through

His death on the cross for us. Thus the album has this progression from joyous, raucous praise, to more focused worship to downright worship..... I hope you'll order it and enjoy it. Let me know what you think, OK?

Now, about the schedule; I still have room for about 3 or 4 ministry dates in Florida in February. Let me know if you'd like for me to visit your church. After that, the next open dates begin in May.

Looking forward to this quarter's ministry commitments, pray for the Lord's presence in each situation. You'll note that I'm doing two seminars, three women's retreats, and the rest celebrations of worship and praise. I am also doing a bible study and hope to add some prison ministry.

In future newsletters, I'm going to try to do a little devotional as well as the newsletter and the future schedule. And you can count on some laughs, too. I know I'm being a bit serious in this letter, but you know the joy of the Lord is my strength.. And yours.. and we will again rejoice.. even in the morning!!

My love to you. My prayers for you. And my thanks to our Abba for you.

Your
Robin Lee

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