

Thank you so much for your programming! Both my husband and I feel blessed to be able to glean understanding and knowledge of the Bible and the character of God.

-Eugene, OR

Better Life Staff -

Thank you for all you are doing for Jesus! I tell people I meet to watch Better Life every day. Jesus loves us!
-Sally B

We at Better Life are grateful for your support. Your generosity, both financially and through your prayers, is greatly appreciated. Especially when you share information about Better Life Television with others, you help us spread the message of Jesus. We eagerly anticipate our Savior's soon return.

Our Volunteer of the Month is Ruth Hamblin. Ruth is one of our volunteer camera operators. We asked Ruth what motivated her to volunteer; her answer was simple: she wanted to be involved. At one time, Ruth was volunteering her time in the office 4 days a week.

We asked Ruth if she would share a memorable moment or experience. That was a bit tougher, but her favorite behind-the-scenes moments are when a host or guest messes up and uncontrollable laughter erupts. Ruth loves laughter!

We asked Ruth in what ways did she hope to grow while volunteering with us? She said each time she volunteers to film 'Women in the Word', she learns something. In that way, each time she volunteers, she walks away with some new Bible knowledge.

We asked Ruth how she sees the intersection between her faith and her role as a volunteer camera operator? She replied that she wants more than anything to keep close to Christ; to grow. "I just want to learn, and you pick up things in the oddest places."

When asked what specific skills or knowledge she brought to the role of camera operator, the answer was "none. They taught me everything I needed to know. They took a chance on me, and I like that."

When Ruth is not volunteering at Better Life she volunteers at the Soup Kitchen, and she is one fantastic dog-sitter!

As our phone conversation came to a close, I asked Ruth what lasting impression she hoped to have left with people. She answered, "That I left them smiling."



Behind the Scenes

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Lesson from a Leaky Roof From the Desk of Charlie Oliver

“Now that was weird”, I thought, as I searched for another exposed staple in the roofing over the entryway to our home. I was up there looking for the source of a leak, and that is when the verse popped into my mind? So strange.

*“For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord.
“For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are My ways higher than your ways
and My thoughts than your thoughts.”*

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NASB)

How is that possibly relevant to a leaky roof? I’ve been reflecting on that since, and I have some ideas beyond just having a mind that wanders like mine tends to do! Finding the source of a small leak in a roof can be akin to finding a needle in a haystack. In my case, “fortunately”, I was able to quickly see that the roofing had been installed improperly, apparently many years ago, leaving staples exposed at nearly every seam in the asphalt material. It’s possible the roof had been leaking for years, but it took an absolute deluge to expose the flaw and bring water into the house. But now I could see the issue, I was able to run to the store, grab some sealer, and get busy finding and repairing all the spots where the roof was compromised.

We see what we see, and we know what we know. And like the roof example above, what we know is often insufficient and leaves us exposed.

Reading further, the Biblical context is beautiful. While on the roof only verses 8-9 were replaying in my mind, but just like in the roofing example, God had a much bigger picture. Verse 10 begins with “For as the rain and snow come down from heaven”! I couldn’t stop laughing when I read that! How appropriate! And



the rest of chapter 55 reads like a promise, talking about how God’s desire will be accomplished, and how we WILL BE joyful in HIS company! Is the focus the leaky roof? My leaky life? No, the focus is on Jesus, on God.

Friends, this life is rough. The unexpected happens. We begin another year while wondering why on earth there even IS another year! Why aren’t we HOME yet? What is that saying? Home is where the heart is. Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Give Him your heart. Let Him repair your leaky life and allow Him to shine through you today and every day!



*I will sing of the LORD's unfailing love forever!
Young and old will hear of your faithfulness.
Your unfailing love will last forever.
Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens.*

-Psalm 89:1-2 NLT

Inspirational Musings

by Jeanette Stark

This is the month of love, and when I think of Valentine's Day, I can't help but think of the year 2005. I was a member of Rogue Review, a group of singers and musicians that played 5 shows that year. We had a Christmas show; a Back to the 50's show; a Valentine's Day show etc.

For the Valentine's show, I knew what I wanted to wear. I had a gorgeous, deep-red blouse and I wanted a pair of black velvet pants to go with it.

Soon after Christmas, I began looking for black velvet pants. I could not find a pair. I looked in Medford and Grants Pass. I looked in every store I could think of but came up empty-handed. I was told, with Christmas over, it was not the season for black velvet pants, but I kept looking. If we went to Eugene, I looked at the mall. If we visited my mom on the coast, I searched the stores there. I spent over 5 weeks looking for black velvet pants.

The weekend before the show, I decided to try the mall in Medford one more time. We arrived too early. It was Sunday, and the stores were not open yet. We waited in the parking lot until they did. I looked at many stores inside the mall that morning but eventually found myself in Macy's. I looked and looked. Nothing. I was giving up hope when suddenly I felt impressed to pray about it. I also thought, "This is not important enough to pray about." Again, I felt the impression to pray about it. So, there in Macy's Department Store, in Medford, Oregon, I bowed my head and prayed something like: "Father, I know you have much more important things to worry about, wars, hurting children, pain and suffering, but could you please help me find a pair of black velvet pants. Thank you, Father, Amen."

AS SOON AS I SAID AMEN, I heard that still, small voice, "See that rack WAY over there? Go to it."

I must have looked like a crazy woman. A smile broke across my face as I began quickly zig-zagging my way through clothing racks to get to the other side of the store. I KNEW I would find a pair of black velvet pants. I knew it! And I was excited!

As I approached the rack, the first thing I saw was a sign that read: 75% off. The second thing I saw was black velvet material. My heart raced as I reached for the only pair of black velvet pants on that entire rack; they were my size!

My heart was filled to overflowing with joy and gratitude and I prayed, "Thank you, Father! Thank you! Thank you!" I felt so much love for and from Heaven. But, as soon as I thanked Him, I heard that still, small voice again, and this time I heard "I don't want you to wear them. I want you to wear the dress next to them."

It was not an option; it was a matter-of-fact statement. I immediately said "Okay Father" as I grabbed the dress, (and the black velvet pants) and I made my way to the check-out. Not only was the rack 75% off, but my two items had been marked down in addition to that and I bought them both for just a few dollars. Talk about love!

Valentine's night, we were at a sold-out crowd at the Rogue Theater. Charles Wright, on keyboard and vocals, and I, in my gorgeous new dress, sang Nat King Cole and Natalie Cole's Unforgettable, and it was magical.

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The next Monday, I was working the front desk at the radio station where I was employed at the time when an elderly man walked in the front door. I had never seen him before, and I never saw him after.

He walked straight up to the counter, looking me in the eyes the entire time, and said, "You sang at the Rogue Theater, didn't you?"

I smiled and said "Yes."

He then replied, with tears in his eyes, "That was the most beautiful dress I have ever seen" and with that, he turned and walked out without another word! I just sat there staring at him as he left, wondering, "What just happened?!?"

I don't know and probably will never know this side of heaven, but I'm fairly certain it had something to do with love for that elderly gentleman.

*For I am sure that neither death nor life,
nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 8:38-39 ESV



**See what great love the
Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called
children of God!
And that is what we are!**

1 John 3:1a (NIV)



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**ways to interact
with
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1. Over the Air

**This year, DirectTV
has been added to the
other service of Cable &
Dish**

2. Social Media

**Facebook:
BetterLifeNetwork
Youtube:
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Instagram:
betterlifetelevision
Pinterest:
BetterLifeTelevision
TikTok:
BetterLifeTelevision
Linkedin:
Better Life Television**

3. Streaming Devices

**Roku
Amazon Fire TV
Google Chromecast
Apple TV**

