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# Bethany Bugle

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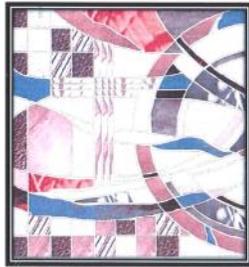
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**Broken by crisis. (written by a member of Bethany)**

For many of us, it has been the crises in our lives that has left a lasting mark on us. It can be something that deeply wounds us in loss and grief. This becomes part of our life story and it can keep grey clouds so to speak hanging around for a long time. It can be a dire time of uncertainty and need, not knowing what will happen next. This can defeat our energy and hopefulness to the point of dejection and despair. But a crisis can also become a powerful vehicle for the Lord to bring change into our lives.

When faced with a crisis, it has our full attention. We can be gripped by worry and fear or we can take that very human brokenness of worry and fear and come to the Lord Jesus in prayer alone and then with other disciples of Jesus. It is not that worry and fear will completely disappear, but their power to overwhelm us or control us is broken by the power of Him who arose from death itself. And having others praying this for and over you will bring the Lord's power to light in your weakness.

To take hold of the strength the Lord so readily offers us, we will need to build some capacity to experience this. It is not that different from being faced with having suddenly run down the road for a KM to catch a runaway small child for example. It is a crisis for sure, but your ability to draw on strength to make the run depends largely on how fit you are. If you are called upon to exert yourself physically in some great way in a crisis, your ability to do so depends on how much you have practiced such exertion even in lower amounts. You aerobic capacity depends on regular use. So it is with engaging the trusting and resting in the Lord that the Spirit brings us in crisis. If we have practiced that at non-crisis times, we know and trust more readily the way to rest in the Lord and know and trust His faithfulness to us in all things. If we have largely neglected to practice this trust in normal life, then a crisis more easily approaches overwhelming proportions.

So ... read your bible and pray every day ... as the old children's song goes ... and you will grow ... grow ... grow ... and be able to stand in the midst of crisis, not in your own strength, but in the strength and comfort of the Lord in the midst of His people.

*If you are in need of support or want to talk to someone, contact Pastor Colin 905-931-5841 or Caregiver Joyce De Roo at 905-386-6719.*



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Mental Health Network

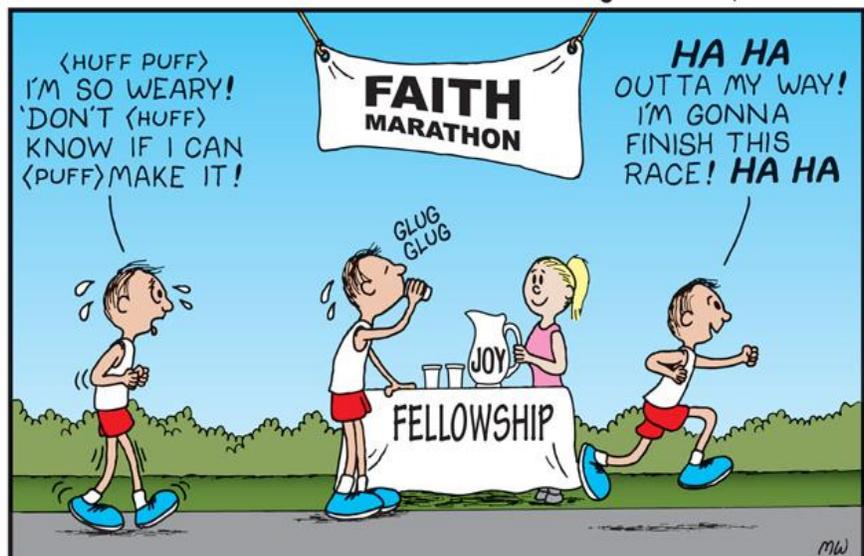
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## Address changes

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### REFRESHMENT STATION

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so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and together with you be refreshed.  
- ROMANS 15:32 NIV

## Other

### ROSE CITY KIDS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

WHEN: SATURDAY AUGUST 08

WHERE: SPARROW LAKES (WELLAND)

TIME: 1:00 PM

COST:\$125

LUNCH-18 HOLES-DINNER-PRIZES

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DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Ancaster, Ontario  
October 17, 2015

Save the  
Date!

This year's Day of Encouragement is on Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 2015 in Hamilton, plan to attend. The theme for this year's Day of Encouragement is "GO" based on Matthew 28:19. There will be workshops to interest everyone, based on 5 themes; Becoming Disciples, Church Life, Grace in Action, Making Connections, and Youth Tracks.

Visit the website at [dayofencouragement.ca](http://dayofencouragement.ca) to see a list of workshops, service sites and chat rooms available.

The Deacons will cover the cost of registration.

## School News

### REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Carolyn Arends is the keynote speaker at Redeemer University College's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Refresh and Renew Worship Conference on September 26. . For details and registration, visit [www.redeemer.ca/worship](http://www.redeemer.ca/worship)

## CRC Announcements

### From Back to God Ministries International

**I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT:** - Let's think about the Holy Spirit and what it means, each time we recite the Apostles' Creed, to say, "I believe in the Holy Spirit," by discussing verses from John 14 and 16. Join the conversation each week: subscribe for free weekly email notifications at Listen-ToGroundwork.com or visit GroundworkOnline.com to find a local radio station or listen at any time.

**From Calvin College**  
Biblical Study Tour to Italy - (March 31 - April 12, 2016): Walk in the footsteps of the apostles Peter, Paul, and Mark during the day, and study their NT writings and

lives at night! Highlights include the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral; the monuments of ancient Rome; Hadrian's Villa; Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius; Paestum; and St. Mark's Basilica in Venice; Assisi (home of St. Francis); Florence; and Ravenna with its stunning 5th-6th century mosaics. Join host Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu) or 616-328-3110.

**From ServiceLink**  
**ARE YOU A HANDS-ON PERSON?** - Join a team and discover Haiti while working alongside local Haitians in building a community ministry center. More information available at [www.worldrenew.net](http://www.worldrenew.net) or volun-

[teer@crcna.org](mailto:teer@crcna.org).

**From World Renew**  
Planning a Fall Missions Trip? - Consider rebuilding homes for disaster survivors across the US. World Renew has opportunities for groups of all sizes and skill levels, and many locations to choose from to find the perfect fit for your group. See Group Mission Trips at [worldrenew.net/drs](http://worldrenew.net/drs) for details on each location -- or call 800-848-5818.

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