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ave you ever thought about God's Angels?

Jesus has.

LLP's women's group has been studying the book Angels Are for Real by Judith MacNutt. The book outlines the roles and functions of Angels on earth and in heaven and cites numerous real-life encounters. These supernatural beings have tremendous strength, authority, and wisdom, and they *love* to carry out whatever God asks of them, because they know it is good. Angels exist in the invisible realm of the Spirit and can sometimes be seen by those of us willing to open the eyes of our hearts to the Spirit.

Seraphim, cherubim, and thrones have direct contact with God and are always in His presence. Dominions, powers, and authorities provide help in the physical universe, as when earthquakes and hurricanes come. And lastly, principalities, archangels, and angels have the primary focus of interacting with humans.

According to Judith's scripture and experience-based research, angels can take on the appearance of someone we know. LLP has heard stories about loved ones, who have passed, appearing at a healing service, or heard whispering a name. Were these angels, sent at God's request to provide comfort and reassurance?

A participant in the book study thoughtfully shared, "The 'Life of God' is that thin veil where one's relationship is so close to God that we see things through His eyes." Perhaps seeing or hearing angels can occur when we work to live in the life of God.

Here are some real-life stories from the Women's Bible Study group:

When Nancy was with her mother in the final days of her life, a lady suddenly appeared at the foot of her mother's bed. Nancy had a conversation with this lady, who told her that her mother was going to be okay. When asked where she worked, the lady replied, "I work in another unit." Just as quickly as she appeared, she seemed to

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### Testimony

#### A Fruit of the Spirit is **JOY**

At an LLP healing service, I came in late and dropped into my pew. The day's activities were swirling in my head and I had a quick thought, "Lord, please still my mind."

The music started and I began to feel **Uncontainable Joy**. Behind me, I heard the voice of an old friend and in front of me, the powerful message of the song "It Is Well with My Soul." I could not contain my **JOY**.

The music ended and our pastor led us in communion, and I still could not contain my Joy; I was unable to stop smiling. As the Pastor returned to his seat, he knelt by my side and asked quietly if I was laughing at him as he was trying to open the new-fangled communion cups.

The time of soaking prayer began, and the Spirit led me to the pastor's side where I could confess, I was not laughing at the communion cups but was giddy with the Joy of the Lord. I shared with him my joy and gratitude for the many years his life had blessed mine.

A small group formed, and we prayed with uncontainable smiles and tears. We prayed with gratitude to Jesus for His life and our humble roles we aspire to fill. Still my Joy was uncontainable and tears were streaming as Holy Spirit ministered to us all.

-Carolyn



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vanish as rapidly. Was this an angel, in human form, sent to comfort Nancy?

Driving to work one day, Lucinda passed a lady in a vacant lot leaning against a car. She heard in her spirit, "Stop." Ignoring it, she drove on. Twice more Lucinda heard, "Go back to that lady." She turned around, went back, and as she approached the woman, Lucinda said, "I know this will sound strange, but I think God told me to say something to you." With tears in her eyes, the woman said, "I was just standing here wondering if God even knew I existed." Did an invisible angel divinely coordinate this encounter?

Feeling called to a Catonsville UMC prayer session, Carolyn was put in a small group with 3 other ladies. After sharing prayer concerns, no one knew quite how to begin. Carolyn prayed for all of them, so powerfully in fact, that the Pastor was told about her. He said that the group felt Carolyn was "an angel" – a messenger from God. Did Carolyn act like an angel?

These stories are powerful and bring up the real supernatural realm of God. What do you think?

In the last story, other believers referred to a human (Carolyn) as an angel. Now, Carolyn is human; Judith would refer to her as a saint, a human who is dedicated to the work of God, like angels are. The term "angel" is often used indiscriminately to describe a powerful and unusually wonderful spiritual connection in a person. While the sentiment is lovely when someone says, "you are an angel," it is important to recognize that angels are a created order of beings distinct from humans – "they are messengers who convey God's love in real and tangible ways – stepping-stones to the larger reality of God's Kingdom, and ultimately point us to God Himself," according to Judith. Angels existed before humans and they offer their 'hands and feet' to do God's work as we humans do.

LLP is reminded that we are never alone and have multitudes of heavenly angels being sent by Jesus on our behalf to help us in all the work God gives us to do for His kingdom. You truly are never alone.





## Just One Thing One-day Retreat for Women

Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> • 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Bluebird Manor in Adamstown, MD https://www.bluebirdmanor.com

ONE DAY to celebrate being a woman and to focus on just **ONE THING** to discover love, joy, healing, wellness, and your passion

Register now for this unique event at <a href="https://listenlovepray.org/#cd531601-9376-4983-b051-0bc03622a3b3">https://listenlovepray.org/#cd531601-9376-4983-b051-0bc03622a3b3</a>

Judy and Lucinda meet with Carol (owner of Bluebird Manor) to plan July 9<sup>th</sup> women's retreat

## Graduation Night for the Changed Life Recovery Program at the Frederick Rescue Mission

Special Night.

Great Program.

Courageous Men.

LLP's Ted and Judy Winfield, and Lucinda Nelson were honored to be part of a large crowd at Graduation Night for 6 men in The Changed Life Recovery Program at Frederick Rescue Mission. The evening brought joy, celebration, fellowship, gratitude and encouragement.

LLP works with these men 4 to 5 days every month bringing education, Celebrate Recovery, and healing prayer. LLP is very grateful to be able to serve these courageous men.

Community support is essential to longterm sobriety and a return to the abundant life Jesus offers. Director Carlton Hill talked about the need to stay alert and connected to God as they walk into the future, saying, "for every higher level, there's a new devil."

Join the dedicated LLP volunteers serving the Changed Life Recovery Program as we all continue to pray for these courageous men.

Lord, we ask You to send your mighty angels to help in their battle. And thank you Jesus for the truth that we are never alone.













(Top row, left to right) Grateful tears from a new resident in the Changed Life Recovery Program

**Don** is on his way toward a new life and will graduate later this year

**Patrick** (with Ted) graduated a year ago and still comes to support the current residents

Congrats to **Austin** – one of the 6-month graduates. (Bottom row, left to right) **Cliff** graduated years ago but stays at the mission to serve in the program

Congrats to **Earl** on 6 months of hard work toward a changed life.





Ted and Judy Winfield with the evening's program



#### A Changed Life

James Robinson's T-shirt says, 'Endless Second Chances.' This theme is included in his short and powerful speech at his 1-year Graduation from the Changed Life Recovery Program at the Frederick Rescue Mission. We have included just a part of his talk below; we encourage you to spend 4 minutes to hear his heart-felt testimony on LLP's YouTube channel link below.

#### James says:

"The first time I came through this program I thought I had it. 'I've got this.' Now I hate those words – they taste nasty. I broke my neck when I relapsed. I broke every rib except the two around my heart. I came back here because I knew they would have open arms and love. For the 6-month graduates who are going to the next phase, don't play peek-a-boo. The devil don't stop. Step out there with the Lord and take it on. Because he's [Satan is] gonna be waiting [but] You've got the Lord on your side. Don't forget that. Ask for help when you have questions. Keeping your mouth shut will get you into trouble. Don't be afraid. I am not afraid anymore. Thank you [rescue mission staff and teachers] for giving me another shot at life."

Check out LLP's YouTube Channel to hear James' powerful witness.

https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=pcEGtvbWRQw

## ListenLovePray Events

May **Ladies Recovery Bible Study** May 2/9/16/23/30 Mondays • 7:00 pm May 3 Healing Prayer Service (in person) Tuesday • 7:00 pm at Marvin Chapel UMC May 4/18 Rainbow of Love Recovery **Bible Study** 1st & 3rd Wednesdays • 5:30 pm May 5/19 Celebrate Recovery at Beacon House 1st & 3rd Thursdays • 7:00 pm May 10 Healing Prayer Service and **Angels Book Study (on Zoom)** Tuesday • 7:00 pm May 12 Angels Book Study (on Zoom) Thursday • 7:00 pm May 14 Prayer Blitz at Beacon House Saturday May 17 Healing Prayer Service and **Angels Book Study** (in person) Tuesday • 7:00 pm at Marvin Chapel UMC May 19 Angels Book Study (on Zoom) Thursday • 7:00 pm May 22/29 FRM-Beacon House Healing Program Every 4th & 5th Sunday • 6:00 pm May 24/31 Healing Prayer Service (on Zoom) Tuesdays • 7:00 pm May 30 Practicum

#### June

Monday • 7:00 pm

Jun 4 Cherry Hill UMC
Healing Prayer Workshop
Saturday • 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Jun 6/13/20/27 Ladies Recovery Bible Study

Mondays • 7:00 pm

Jun 7/21 Healing Prayer Service (in person)

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays • 7:00 pm at Marvin Chapel UMC

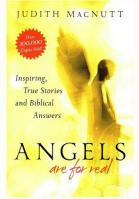
## June Newsletter - Father's Day Edition

We plan to honor all of the LLP fathers in our June newsletter. We hope you will join us by emailing a picture of your Dad, or you with your dad to <u>newsletterLLP@gmail.com</u>

Please include 1. Your name, 2. Your father's name, and 3. Three adjectives describing your dad.

You can also include a sentence about your dad, or a prayer, or a Fathers day blessing. We look forward to a beautiful Father's day edition sponsored by you and your earthly father.

## May Book Study: Angels Are for Real by Judith MacNutt



On Zoom at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 10 Thursdays, May 12 / 19

<u>In-person</u> at Marvin Chapel UMC at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 17

This Angel book study will be part of the two Tuesday-night healing prayer services and on two Thursdays. A \$15 suggested donation includes the class and book (while supplies last).

#### Register at <u>listenlovepray.org</u>. Everyone is welcome!

"I found the book to be very intriguing. All the testimonies got me thinking about the possibility of Angels in my own life and for my continued need for a lifelong, deep prayer relationship with God, and to be able to honor God, recognize angels in my life and access the invisible realm of the Spirit."

-Karen

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LLP works in recovery centers, churches, and the community. Jesus still heals and delivers people today!