



Why

The God who created the universe and each one of us as a uniquely designed and deeply loved daughter, desires to breathe new life into our hearts through the power of His Word & Spirit. He longs for us to know Him intimately as a loving Father, hear His voice and guidance in a very personal way, and realize our full inherent identity as His most prized daughter. He has also made us a part of His family (Gal. 3:26-29 & 1 John 3:1). He's intentionally given us sisters to "do life" with in community: celebrating, growing, serving, and entering authentic relationship with each other. While the world attempts to steal our identity at every turn, His very Word has the power to restore this valuable identity, as well as unite our hearts with His, our sisters, and the world around us because it is alive, active, and everlasting (Heb. 4:12 & 1 Peter 1:25). Any other shared interest or activity, as healthy as it may be in equipping and uniting us—a retreat, conference, course, study, talk, hobby, book, podcast series—eventually ends. His living Word, however, outlasts and transcends.

In addition, there is no question that a spirit of division, greatly exacerbated by fear and lack of not walking in our full identity, attempts to grip our hearts daily, creating regional strongholds permeating our current time and culture. What unites us as His daughters, however, is more significant than anything that divides. And our only offensive weapon, mentioned in Eph. 6:17, to combat fear and division is the sword of the Spirit—His living, breathing, active Word that speaks truth to us individually in a very personal way, while simultaneously uniting us in His Spirit.

"God has divine connections lined up for your life. There is power in connection...The devil fears connection. His ultimate aim is to cut you off from God. He tries to split marriages & friendships, to divide churches & denominations, and to isolate people. Although our culture is more connected than ever before through the internet, phones, and social media, people are more isolated and lonely than ever."

- Nicky Gumbel

- How would our thoughts, families, homes, communities, and regions transform around us as we unify together across neighborhoods—counties—states—nations, all in the same passage of His living word?
- How would atmospheres shift when His Word collectively activates our individual hearts, powerfully bringing His presence and unity across locations, denominations, different walks and seasons of life?
- How would the Father's heart be affected as He sees His daughters consistently seek Him on a weekly basis, united, all together in His Spirit & Truth?
- What would the long-lasting Kingdom impact look like in a divided culture if:
 - Several women received from Him at a one-time conference/retreat/camp/talk/etc., versus
 - Women ALL over, were collectively mining the treasure God has for each one, expectantly listening & responding to Him speak through His word?

Let's find out!

Join ALL of His daughters throughout your region—across generations and denominations, in all different seasons of life and places of their journey with Him—by reading the same passage (one each week!) throughout 2022.





Momentum

- Simple & attainable
- Personal & powerful
- Unifying & inviting
- Nourishes & shapes core discipline
- Natural & easy discipling

Simplicity

1. Takes 2-5 minutes per week.
2. All that is required:
 - A Bible (electronic or paper—He doesn't care!)
 - An open heart to hear and receive what God has for you

"The unity of the church is so important. We need visible signs of this unity, divine connections between different parts of the church and within each local church. This is what Jesus prayed for in John 17."

- Nicky Gumbel

It's quite apparent that the majority of women today, if not all(!), lead extremely busy lives due to various roles, both given and assumed. The rapid pace in which life, interruptions, information, and demands that require seemingly constant, immediate attention fall onto our plates can appear dauntingly unending. It's easy to become overwhelmed. And get distracted from our very Source of life. Yet, leaning hard into our true identity as God's prized daughter, taking a moment (even if a brief one!) to hear what He wants to share in each unique circumstance presented, positions us to receive—and receive well—*everything* we need. He is our source. And we receive simply by coming to Him.

Whether it's more time, energy, love, protection, peace, security, provision, or better rest & health, our Heavenly Daddy has it. He eagerly longs to give it to us. And in enormous surplus. So much so, that we can generously share, out of abundant overflow, with others He's intentionally placed in our direct spheres of influence!

Why then, do we often place this Ultimate source at the bottom of our list "to do". No left-over time? Nor energy? Not knowing where/how to start? Beginning with the best of intentions, but unable to sustain? Yes, yes, & yes.

Daughters Uniting in Spirit & Truth (DUST) recognizes:

- how we often stretch ourselves to our limits, and the need to return to simplicity.
- individual complexities in schedules, circumstances, backgrounds, and life in general. There's no on-size-fits-all. That is how God likes/designed/created us, and why we each receive differently from Him from any given passage, or when we return to the same passage on another day.
- another commitment is not what's needed. Rather, practical tools to begin, and most importantly realistically sustain a consistent, yet non-legalistic, direct connection into the heart of our Heavenly Source, His limitless resources, and then connection with others.





"Vision is a 'holy discontent' - a deep dissatisfaction with what is, combined with a clear grasp of what could be. It is a picture - 'a mental sight' - of the future that inspires hope."

- Nicky Gumbel

"Hope & vision for the future gives power & purpose to the present."

- Steve Backlund

"Vision without action is merely a dream. Vision combined with action can change the world."

- Nicky Gumbel

You will do greater things.

- Jesus

All things are possible with God.

- Jesus

"If God wanted us to think small, He did a bad job telling us....God didn't create us to be realistic, He created us to be supernatural."

- Steve Backlund

"We are more connected than we realize because of His Spirit within us"

- Van Cochrane

(Message at VNW November, 2021)

"There is a rattling sound as bones come together. The sound of divine connections forming once again. The sound of God breathing new life into his church by his Spirit. The church is a rising giant, a vast army of Spirit-filled people, full of power, unified in purpose... The unity of the church will also lead to the restoration of the city [Ezekiel 36:33-38]. This vision of restored unity gives me such hope for the church in our city, in our nation, and across the world."

- Nicky Gumbel

(Bible in One Year 2021, Day 323, YouVersion Bible Plan)

"As God's daughters, His Spirit uniting us is infinitely more significant than our unique differences. When we connect to His heart, receiving all He speaks over us, we're equipped to celebrate & encourage each other from His overflow, within authentic community. While the enemy attempts to destroy & divide through comparison & seasonal or generational disparities, God uses those differences to powerfully mobilize & advance His Kingdom, ultimately transforming our homes, communities, cities, and the world."

- Heidi Clippard

(Intro to SPLASH, VNW Women's Retreat 2021)

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