



Zoe Life Inspired 2012 A DAILY DEVOTIONAL

ZLPI personally invites you to partner with us as we aim to *empower each other to inspire others* with a brand new project for daily reading and inspiration for the entire year of 2012 slated to be released October 2011! *Zoe Life Inspired* for 2012 will embody 65 contributing writers featured for a minimum of five days each for the 2012 calendar year. We believe your passion for people, your zest for life and positivity warrants your inclusion in this amazing project!

The following information details the guidelines for participation and after prayerful consideration; we hope you find this to be a project worthy of your time and contribution:

- 65 people will have at least five days (not consecutive) within the 2012 calendar year to share a lighthearted story, inspiring experience, or lesson that directly connects with an opening scripture of choice and short prayer. See enclosed samples.
- Five of the 65 can opt to cover one whole week (7 consecutive days) to cover special times of the year: New Year's, Resurrection Sunday, Christmas, Vacation and Family themes etc...
- Each day will be limited to one page, opening with a relative scripture of the co-author's choice that coincides with a maximum of 350 words following.
- A picture and brief bio of each co-author will be featured in the rear of the book.
- A picture will also be included on the back cover of the hardback 6X9.
- The investment fee is \$20 per day (**minimum five**) and in return each co-author will receive 10 hardcover books to distribute, sell or sow as desired!
- Co-Author sign-up space will remain open until Monday, March 28, 2011.
- The deadline to financially commit is Friday, April 15, 2011.
- Submissions are due no later than June 3, 2011. No extensions will be granted.
- Books will be available September/October 2011 for the coming 2012 year!

Will you consider becoming a part of the *Zoe Life Inspired* family?

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Feel free to share this opportunity with someone inspiring you know!

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SAMPLE 1 FOR *Zoe Life Inspired* 2012 A DAILY DEVOTIONAL

A time to get, and a time to lose.

- Ecclesiastes 3:6

When my husband Robert proposed to me, he gave me a gold necklace with two beautiful pearls, each one set on a gold strand, with the two strands intertwined as a symbol of our lasting love. It became my most precious possession.

One night six years later, I fell from a porch, badly twisting my back. At the hospital the radiologist asked me to remove my necklace for X-rays. I handed it to Robert, who put in his shirt pocket.

It wasn't until we were back from the hospital that we realized my precious necklace was gone. Robert called the hospital and looked everywhere without finding it. The loss seemed so great that I cried myself to sleep. I awoke with these words: *God has given you true love. You have the real thing! Let the symbol go!*

Is this letting-go what Koheleth meant when he wrote "a time to get and a time to lose"? As I wait in prayer, this answer comes:

In the far vaster order beyond time,

nothing is ever truly lost.

It's safe to let go

with tranquility and trust,

for your truest treasures

are forever preserved for you

in eternity.

I wouldn't be honest if I said I no longer have moments of sadness about the loss of my necklace and the many other worldly things that have slipped beyond my grasp. But whenever I have a loss, I sit in prayer and say, "With God's help, I can let go." And I find that most of the time I can.

Prayer: *Bountiful Creator, help me to see my losses as temporal and my treasures as eternal.*

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SAMPLE 2 FOR Zoe Life Inspired 2012 A DAILY DEVOTIONAL

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. –II Peter 1:3 (NIV)

Our grandson Little Reggie stays with us every weekend. When he was three, he said to Rosie, “Grandma, I don’t want to wear these clothes. I want to wear the kind of clothes Pops wears.” (Pops is Little Reggie’s pet name for me.)

Rosie looked at him and asked, “Why do you want to dress like Pops?”

“I want to be like Pops,” he said.

Little Reggie repeated his request over the next few weekends. Finally Rosie bought him a suit and tie. After he put on the suit, he said, “I want to dress like Pops because I want to be a preacher like pops.”

We’ve heard Little Reggie share that wish many, many times since, and Rosie and I like to think of him letting that seed of faith grow and allowing God to use him to be a blessing for many. Tomorrow or ten years from now, his mind may change and he may have another goal for his life, but whatever Little Reggie grows up to be, we know that God will give him everything he needs to do whatever work He has in store for him.

Prayer: Lord, help me to encourage the children in my life to be the people God wants them to be.

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SAMPLE 3 FOR Zoe Life Inspired 2012 A DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Hear my prayer, O Lord; listen to my cry for mercy.

In the day of my trouble I will call to you, for you

will answer me. –Psalm 86:6-7 (NIV)

Dad, how does prayer work?

This morning I finished my breakfast and was on my way up the stairs for a shower when my daughter Christine came out of her bedroom and asked me this question. The look on her face told me it was serious and more than a theological question.

At first I wasn't sure how to respond. I stumbled along and then slowly began to say, "Sometimes we pray...and God gives us what we ask for. Other times the response takes longer or never seems to come. I'm not sure why..." While I was trying to say something that made sense, I could see that Christine was very upset.

She followed me into my room and said, "Dad, I keep praying for something, but nothing happens." Tears were streaming down her cheeks.

Once again I tried to find the right thing to say so that my daughter wouldn't lose her faith in prayer and, more importantly, in God. What I wanted to say but didn't was something I heard once from a prayer warrior: "I don't know how God is going to answer these prayers. But I do know that God answers them."

In spite of Christine's seemingly unanswered prayer, she hasn't stopped praying or believing – and neither have I.

Prayer: Lord, may Your love sustain me when my faith is weak.

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To search out a matter is the glory of kings.

-Proverbs 25:2 (NIV)

When our son John headed off to college, I knew there would be independence issues – mine. I've always depended on him for all things electric. Before John left, I lamented, "What am I going to do without you? I've always relied on you to help me when I don't know how to do something on my computer."

"Do what I do," John replied. "If you can't figure something out, look it up on the Internet."

I was stunned at this simple remedy, which I'd never thought to try. I'd always figured there was something in the younger generation's blood that made them computer whizzes.

John had been gone only a week when I couldn't figure out how to make my e-mail program send and automatic reply saying that I was out of the office. I clicked every bar and looked at menus with no luck. I was about to call John, but instead I tried what he suggested: I typed my question on the Internet search page. A few more clicks and I had printed out instructions. I followed the steps: Bingo! My auto-reply was all set up.

I guess it's never too late to learn more independence and resourcefulness. Even if you have to learn it from your own teenage son!

Prayer: Father, for too long I've relied on others to take care of parts of my life that I should be handling myself. Help me take practical steps toward healthy independence.

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SAMPLE 5 FOR Zoe Life Inspired 2012 A DAILY DEVOTIONAL

A time to weep, and a time to laugh ...

the heart is made better.

-Ecclesiastes 7:3

In my later forties I first noticed the losses of middle age: the loss of energy and looks; the empty nest; the loss of friends and dreams; problems with my feet and knees, my eyes and teeth.

I pretended these losses just didn't matter, but they did. One day I went to the dentist about a problem tooth. He worked on it awhile, then said, "I'm sorry, but I can't save this tooth."

"That's okay," I said nonchalantly, "teeth don't last forever." He extracted it; I paid the nurse and headed out the door. It was a beautiful day, and there is no greater feeling than that of leaving the dentist's office. I was whistling as I walked briskly to the car.

Suddenly, I felt moisture on my left cheek. I looked up to see if there were rainclouds, but there weren't. Then I realized that I was crying – crying over the loss of a tooth. It was the tipping point.

I managed to make it to the car before I broke down. I sat there in the front seat, like a little boy sitting on his father's lap, seeking comfort. Like getting the first olive out of the bottle, the loss of my tooth enabled me to extract all my other griefs and to present them to God.

When at last I regained my composure, I felt a hundred pounds lighter. That cry was probably worth a year's therapy.

Now when I experience a loss, I go to God first, instead of waiting until my load is so heavy that it interferes with my happiness.

Prayer: Thank you for not leaving me, God, when other things are going away.

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SAMPLE 6 FOR Zoe Life Inspired 2012 A DAILY DEVOTIONAL

He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough."

-Matthew 13:33 (NIV)

My neighbors Ruth and Fran were coming over for pizza. I was to make the crust and they were bringing the toppings. I could make the dough with my eyes closed; we had a bakery, the Bread of Life, in the mid-1970s, and I used to make up to one hundred loaves a day to sell to local stores. I decided to double the recipe and make some loaves of bread in addition to the pizza crust.

During the first rising I walked past the bowl. It looked a little funny, but I was multitasking, so I didn't give it a second thought. When it was time to roll out the dough for the pizza and it still had not risen, I figured it would be fine when I put in the oven. As Ruth and Fran put on the cheese and toppings, I formed five loaves of bread and put them in their pans. Time passed, but those loaves never rose.

The Julia Child committee met in my head: Do you remember putting in the yeast? Oh no! Actually, I was sure I hadn't added it. How could I have left out the most important ingredient?

I took the five loaves of bread, put them back in the mixer, and then dissolved some yeast with warm water, sugar and flour. I added it to the flat bread, mixed it up and baked some of the nicest loaves ever to come

Prayer: Lord, You truly are the yeast in my life. With You, I can rise to new heights and gain eternal life.

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SAMPLE 7 FOR *Zoe Life Inspired* 2012 A DAILY DEVOTIONAL

A time to weep, and a time to laugh.

-Ecclesiastes 3:4

When our son Paul was seventeen, he was in a tragic car accident. His girlfriend was killed, and Paul spent several days in a coma in the ICU.

When Paul came home from the hospital, we put him in the bedroom nearest to ours, so I could check on him during the night. Night after night, I heard him weeping. Sometimes I went to him several times a night to comfort him until he finally went back to sleep. Then an hour or so later, he'd be crying again. It wasn't the physical pain that caused his tears; it was the emotional pain.

So today I ask of the One Who knows, "Do injury and grief serve any good purpose in our lives?"

The answer is kind and gentle.

The heart that hurts cries out for comfort.

A door swings open and the Spirit enters,

speaking soothing words: "I heard your cry, my child, and I have come to comfort you."

The Spirit holds the broken one; the pain drains out

and the aching heart, grown hard to keep the grief away,

slowly softens and learns to love again.

Compassion, you see, is the gift of pain.

Though I'm sure Paul will always carry some of that deep sorrow, his heart eventually healed and he went on with life, fell in love again and married, becoming the father of eight children. And a most loving and compassionate father he is.

Prayer: *Gentle Spirit, I ask your comfort for all who weep this night. Soften their hearts and teach them compassion. In Your Holy Name I pray, amen.*

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SAMPLE 8 FOR Zoe Life Inspired 2012 A DAILY DEVOTIONAL

*And the Lord God formed man of the dust
of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the
breath of life; and man became a living soul.*

-Genesis 2:7

For our nine-year old Mary and the other children at her ballet school, late April means Spring Performance. Since the week after Christmas, they've been preparing, learning the choreography and rehearsing, in addition to their regular schedule of classes.

Mary thrives in the ballet world. The more she dances, the more her enthusiasm grows. If I'm a few minutes late picking her up after class, I find her sitting in a studio doorway, watching the older children go through their routines. When she catches sight of me, she puts her bag over her shoulder, exchanges a few giggles with her friends, and dances out the studio door and across West 68th Street, then down Broadway to the subway station, barely pausing long enough to pick up a snack along the way.

She's been taking ballet for more than half of her life, and she's worked hard, growing stronger and more flexible every year. More than anyone in our family, Mary is at home in her body.

This year, my body and I haven't been on quite such good terms. My doctor tells me that the weight I've been carrying around most of my life is taking its toll, and I've been seeing a nutritionist for some help in slimming down. For the past three months, I've bidden a reluctant farewell to muffins, doughnuts and cookies, and have struggled to give my affections to salad, yogurt and fresh fruit. So far, it's been working: My clothes are getting looser, and I'm about ready for a new and smaller belt.

I've got a ways to go, but by next year's Spring Performance, I want to be able to dance down the street with Mary without huffing and puffing, with a slimmer physique and a much lighter heart.

Prayer: *Lord, help me to be a good steward of the life and the body You've given me.*

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I trust these eight samples will serve as a guide to help co-authors decide on a daily topic. I want each writer to draw from the horizon of experiences that come from firsthand knowledge. The topic of choice can be from family, school, work or a personal lesson learned. No story or lesson should be considered too minute to share as long as it inspires the reader. Just as you, the writer were able to pull a nugget from it, I'm sure the reader will as well.

Blessings to you for your consideration and potential participation,

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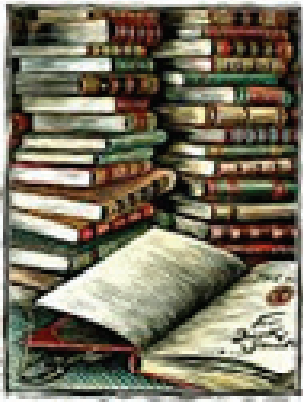
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FYI ...

Zoe: John 10:10b “...I have come that they may have **life**, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

Life translated from the Greek means Zoe, and Zoe means the God Kind of Life.

As a *Zoe Life Inspired* co-author, you will contribute to our mission of enhancing the lives of God's people, inspiring them to live their lives on purpose and with passion!



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