



The Messenger

LIFE CHALLENGE OF WNC QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

When You Feel Like Giving Up

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” (Gal 6:9). Can I make a confession? Sometimes I quit too soon. I’ve quit when what I really needed was to press on and press through. Sometimes I have grown tired of the struggle. And I’ve missed many blessings because I threw up my hands in the battle and said, “Just forget it.”

The battle plan for Joshua to take the Promise Land was as simple as it was strange, complete with marching for seven days around the City of Jericho, a whole army shouting and priests blowing trumpets. Now, that was a strange plan. But sometimes you have to be willing to look ridiculous and be radical to live a remarkable life.

In Joshua 6:2, God said, *“See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands”*. Notice the verb tense. God did not say, *“I will deliver Jericho into your hands.”* He said, *“I **have** delivered Jericho into your hands”*. He had already done it, but the Israelites had to obey and put their foot down and receive it. I love how God speaks in past tense to our present problems.

But here’s the conundrum: *What do you do when what God says doesn’t match up with what you see? When all you see is a big wall standing between your promise and your present situation?*

There will be times when you’re doing everything you know how to do, and you still don’t see any movement. The Israelites walked around Jericho for six days, and as far as they could tell, nothing happened. This is where many give up –me included–when they don’t see any progress. *“God, show me a little something! Let me see just a hint of progress! Can I see one brick fall,”* I cry! And God says, *“Keep walking...by faith.”* Just because you don’t see God working does not mean He isn’t. Jesus said, *“My Father is always working”* (John 5:17).

Today you might be on lap number seven around your “Jericho” and not even know it. Suppose they had stopped on day six, saying, *“This is ridiculous. I’m not feelin’ it. Not one stone has fallen to the ground. I don’t see any progress. Those folks are probably in there laughing their heads off. So, I’m going home.”*

They would have missed the blessing.

I wonder how many times I’ve missed the blessing because I stopped too soon. Perhaps you are wondering, *“How much longer?”* I don’t know the answer to the question of how much longer, but I do know this: Tomorrow could be the final lap. Don’t give up too soon. (Proverbs 31 Ministries)



*"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good:
His love endures forever." -Psalm107:1*



Giving

Amazon Smile

Shop at www.smile.amazon.com and choose Life Challenge as your organization and we will receive a percentage of all qualifying orders. This is a great way to help out while finishing up your holiday shopping.

Household Needs

Life Challenge is in need of various household items. To make it easier we have created a registry for the items we need on Walmart.com. Just go to their website or App and search “Life Challenge Needs” under registries. I have added the link to this email for your convenience.

Thrift Store

The Blessing Closet is still accepting donations of gently used clothing and household items. Donations can be dropped off during our regular business hours of Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and are tax deductible.

Monetary Donations

Financial contributions enable Life Challenge to keep going and to offer our services for free. Please prayerfully consider contributing to our ministry.

Donations can be mailed to Life Challenge at
PO Box 2553
Cullowhee, NC 28723
or

Pay Pal at www.lifechallengewnc.org/donate



Brittany's Story

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come."
-2 Corinthians 5:17*

I graduated Life Challenge in July of 2015. Life Challenge laid the foundation for me to become who I am today. Throughout that year, I was provided a safe and loving environment to solely focus on myself. The structure and unwavering support allowed me to grow as a person. The staff and volunteers gave me the tools and resources that completely change my life. I developed a personal relationship with Jesus that affected me to my core. I had hope and I could finally see my self-worth. Through our quiet time, prayer, and classes Jesus taught me forgiveness, grace, and unconditional love. These things have shaped how I live, think, and raise my family. As the years have passed and I look back, I wouldn't change my time at Life Challenge. The fun we had and the memories we made will always be close to my heart. I have made lifelong friendships and decided to raise my family in Sylva. Lastly, I know a year seems like a long commitment- but what's a year when freedom could last a lifetime?

A Bittersweet Goodbye

Life Challenge has been my life for the past four years and in those four years I have watched many women find freedom, and I myself found freedom. I came to the mountains broken and lost. But I am leaving the mountains whole, renewed, and filled with the love of Jesus. During my time here, my family has been restored to me, and my son is now fully back in my life. I learned to love myself, love others, and above all else, love God. I never imagined in my life I would want to help others, because I had lived such a selfish life for so long. But God has renewed my soul and my spirit and gave me a fire to fight for others when they cannot fight for themselves. He gave me the passion to pursue a counseling degree so I can continue to help others and show them the freedom they can have when they choose Jesus. I have learned so many lessons here in the mountains.

As I am stepping into this new chapter, I am so grateful. I'm grateful for the cross. I'm grateful Jesus found me worthy to die for. I am so thankful for everybody who has poured into Life Challenge, because of you I have a new life and freedom. I will forever carry Life Challenge in my heart, and all those who continue to help this ministry. I cannot thank you all enough for what you have helped Jesus give me. God makes everything good for His glory. He turned my dark past, into a bright future so I can bring glory to the kingdom. Thank you for allowing me to play such a small part, in a big ministry for Jesus. I will miss Life Challenge dearly!

"For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son," (Col. 1:13 NLT)



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 2nd at 6:00 PM

46 Presbyterian Drive
Sylva, NC 28779

RSVP to Samantha at
(828) 631-0055

Thank you

Life Challenge staff, Board of Directors, and residents want to extend a huge thank you to all of our donors and volunteers. Without each of you this program would not be able to continue to operate and would not be as effective. You play such a crucial role in this ministry and you are changing these ladies and their families lives forever.

It is our constant prayer that the Lord will bless you for the sacrifice of your time and/or financial contributions to see His kingdom flourish. On behalf of everyone at LCWNC we pray you have a very Merry Christmas!