

The Sufficient Word

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GEORGE SCIPIONE PASSES ON THE BATON TO JIM NEWHEISER

A Testimony to God's Faithfulness

by George Scipione

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer; for he said "Till now the LORD has helped us". I Samuel 7:12

The steps of a man are established by the LORD when he delights in his way; though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the LORD upholds his hand. I have been young and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread. David - Psalm 37:23-25

Study the history of God redeeming His people in the Old Testament. When God delivered His people, renewed His covenant with them or provided a new leader, they often raised a testimony to His faithfulness. Samuel, as did others before him, built a physical memorial or "stone of help". David and others recorded written testimonies to His faithfulness. The New Testament is the renewed testimony of God's faithfulness in fulfilling His eternal covenantal promises in Jesus Christ. Communion is, among other things, a constant testimony to the incarnation and death of the Savior, 1 Cor. 11:25-26. Yes, GOD IS FAITHFUL!

IBCD wants to raise a testimony to God's faithfulness! Twenty-four years ago, I left the pastorate of Calvary Community Church in New Jersey and brought my family to San Diego in order to start a branch of the Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation (CCEF) and work with Westminster Theological Seminary in California. In the early 1990's, CCEF-West became the Institute for Biblical Counseling and Discipleship, a specialized ministry of Bayview Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Chula Vista, CA. When we became part of Bayview, we stopped charging for counseling, believing it is a ministry of God's Word by His people, the church. God has been faithful to keep us going. We have never been rich, but we have never been forsaken or without food. GOD IS FAITHFUL.

During these twenty-four years, thousands have been counseled and thousands trained in biblical discipleship. Counselees and students have been convicted and even converted, and have grown in grace. Our staff has preached, taught and/or counseled in many nations, on every continent except Antarctica. Our training materials are available in several languages and on the World Wide Web. People from all over the world have come to San Diego for training. You have helped this effort by prayer and financial support. GOD IS FAITHFUL.

Over the years, God added several other counselors to our staff, some of whom are still counseling for us. Especially significant is Dr. James Newheiser, pastor of Grace Bible Church in Escondido, CA, who has ably overseen our North County counseling and training. His help has enabled me to travel and teach with greater flexibility, freedom and frequency. His church has gladly allowed him to do so. GOD IS FAITHFUL.

Now, a significant change for IBCD is on the horizon. I will be leaving the associate pastorate at Bayview and resigning as director of IBCD. Lord willing, I'll be going to Greenville, S.C., to become the pastor of a new church plant - Community Orthodox Presbyterian Church. An extra benefit is that I'll be near my mentor and friend, Dr. Jay Adams. GOD IS FAITHFUL.

As of July 1, 2006, Dr. Newheiser will be the director of IBCD and the ministry will be handed over to Grace Bible Church. The advisory board of IBCD and the elders of Bayview agree that this is a wise course of action. I also rejoice that this is true biblical brotherhood - two different churches cooperating for the cause of the kingdom in an age of sectarian bickering. GOD IS FAITHFUL.

I believe that this will result in the continued increase of IBCD's effectiveness. You have been loving and faithful partners with us in this small but important ministry. You have been a gift from God to us. Please continue your generous support of IBCD. May HE who ALONE IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL bless you and enable you to remain faithful to IBCD. And to Him alone be the glory. Amen.



IBCD Board Members at the April 2006 meeting.



MORE THAN CONQUERORS

VICTORS VS. SURVIVORS

June 22 – 24, 2006

at New Life Church in La Mesa, CA

PRE-CONFERENCE CLASS

Introduction to Biblical Counseling

Wednesday, June 21 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 22 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 22

5:00 p.m. Registration begins.

6:00 p.m. General Session:

What in the World is God Doing to My Family? - Paul Tripp

7:15 p.m. Break

7:45 - 9:00 p.m. Workshop #1 (*Choose one.*)

- Elyse Fitzpatrick - The Far End of Fear: OCD (*for women only*)
- Robert Needham - Abuse: Recognizing It
- Jim Newheiser - Exercising Discernment re. Alternative Medicine
- George Scipione - Biblical Body Language

Friday, June 23

8:30 a.m. Singing Praises

9:00 a.m. General Session:

Counseling from Ephesians, Part 1 George Scipione

10:15 a.m. Coffee Break

10:45 a.m. Workshop #2 (*Choose one.*)

- Elyse Fitzpatrick - Miserable Counselors: the Mistakes of Job's Friends (*for women only*)
- Laura Hendrickson - People with Brain Diseases and Those Who Care for Them
- Robert Needham - Abuse: Addressing It
- Paul Tripp - Age of Opportunity: Parenting Teens, Pt. 1

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:30 p.m. General Session:

Counseling from Ephesians, Part 2

George Scipione

2:45 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. Workshop #3 (*Choose one.*)

- Deborah Dewart - End-of-Life Legal Matters: Wills, Power-of-Attorney, Health Care Directives
- Robert Needham - Drug & Alcohol Abuse
- Eileen Scipione - Sex Matters for the Married Woman (*for women only*)
- Paul Tripp - Age of Opportunity, Part 2

4:15 p.m. Dinner Break

6:00 p.m. General Session:

How in the World Should I Respond?

Paul Tripp

7:15 p.m. Break

7:45 - 9:00 p.m. Workshop #4 (*Choose one.*)

- Laura Hendrickson - Will Medicine Stop the Pain?
- Jim Newheiser - When Husbands Won't Lead
- Mark Schroeder - The Riches of God's Wisdom in Counseling
- George Scipione - Biblical Listening

Saturday, June 24

8:30 a.m. Singing Praises

9:00 a.m. General Session:

War of Words: Getting to the Heart of Your Communication Struggles, Part 1

Paul Tripp

10:15 a.m. Coffee Break

10:45 a.m. General Session:

War of Words, Part 2

Paul Tripp

Conference ends at 12:00 noon.

SPEAKERS



Deborah Dewart, M.A.R., C.P.A. Attorney at Law (in NC and CA). Graduate of Westminster Seminary in California. Author of books and articles examining the unbiblical teachings of various psychology books.



Jim Newheiser, D.Min. Pastor of Grace Bible Church, Escondido, CA. Director of Counseling in North County for IBCD. NANC Fellow. IBCD Board member.



Elyse Fitzpatrick, M.A. Author of numerous books. Speaker at conferences and women's retreats. Former counselor at IBCD, presently counseling at her church. Member of the National Association of Nouthetic Counselors (NANC).



Mark Schroeder, M.A.R. Pastor of Harvest Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Vista, CA. IBCD Board member.



Laura Hendrickson, M.D., certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. Formerly, a psychiatrist in the U.S. Navy. Homeschooled her son after he was diagnosed with autism. Consultant for IBCD.



Eileen Scipione, B.S. IBCD counselor. Formerly, special education teacher, administrator of homeschool network, founder and director of a crisis pregnancy center. NANC member.



CDR Robert Needham, USN (Ret). Pastor of New Hope Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Hanford, CA. Former chaplain in the U.S. Navy. NANC member. IBCD Board member.



George Scipione, M.Th., Ph.D. Founder of IBCD and Director since 1982. Associate Pastor of Bayview Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Chula Vista, CA. Fellow and Board member of NANC.



Paul Tripp, M.Div., D.Min. Counselor and teacher at the Christian Counseling & Educational Foundation, Glenside, PA. Professor of Practical Theology at Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, since 1987. Author of *War of Words* and *Age of Opportunity: A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens*.

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Conference Registration — Postmarked BY MAY 23

____ Individual = \$70
 ____ Married Couple = \$120

Address _____

Conference Registration — Postmarked AFTER MAY 23

____ Individual = \$100
 ____ Married Couple = \$150

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Introduction to Biblical Counseling

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 ____ \$80 per person - class only

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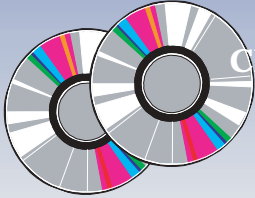
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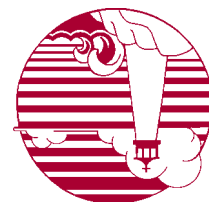
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