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A Note from Nicki:

Where is Your Treasure?

I so enjoyed exploring the Lord's command to Fear Not in 2019. We can have confidence. We do not need to fear or be dismayed because the Lord has offered his presence and His strength to us, in the every day moments, in joyful moments and in painful moments. Praise be to God for His Faithfulness!

In modern Christianity, I often hear how the Lord pursues us, sees us, hears us and loves

us – how HE treasures US. These are all beautiful truths and I am so very grateful. Less often I hear Christians talking about how they love and treasure Christ.

Do you treasure Christ? Do you pursue Christ, See Christ, Hear Christ, Love Christ?

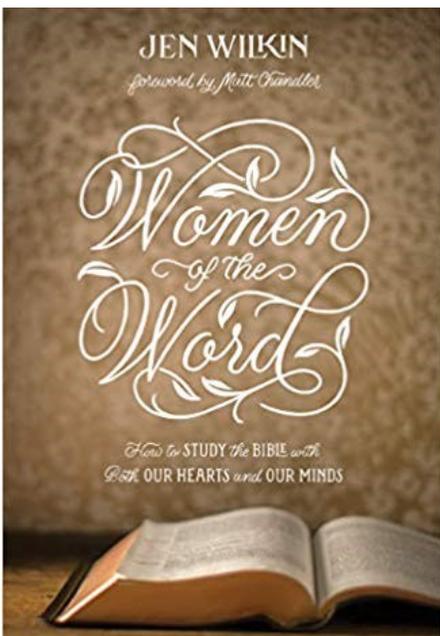
This year in our Abiding Grace Women's Ministry events, we'll be talking about what it looks like to Treasure Christ in 4 ways: Treasuring Christ through

Studying His Word, Treasuring Christ through Worship, Treasuring Christ through Prayer, and Treasuring Christ through Rest.

Treasuring Christ through Studying His Word.

Treasuring begins with knowing but becomes something so much deeper. Friendship begins by getting to know the other person. As you spend time and get

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Abiding Grace Women's Ministries Book Club Starts in February

Each quarter we will read a book that goes along with our Abiding Grace Women's Ministry theme! Joining is easy – find the Abiding Grace Women's Ministries page on Facebook and join the Book Club group! Read the book at your own pace, post things that you find encouraging or questions that come up during your reading. Our hope in creating this group is to encourage you to dig deeper into the topics we

discuss and provide another place for women to connect and encourage each other. We can also discuss the book together during our Dine Together events!

Our first book is **Women of the Word** by Jen Wilkin! We'll start reading the week of Feb. 17, so you have plenty of time jump on Amazon or Kindle or pick it up at your favorite book store!

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to know your friend, do the HARD WORK of loving the person through hurts and hang-ups (theirs and your own!), that friendship that started out as just fun becomes life-giving... Something that you TREASURE in your life. This takes effort and pursuit.

The same is true of our relationship with the Lord. Studying God's Word is the primary way we can KNOW God. We can know all about Him – what He likes, what He dislikes, what hurts Him deeply, what brings Him great joy.

Growing up in church and in AWANA, I have taken for granted the knowledge that I have caught and the access that I have to God's Word. As I have become a wife and mom, I am more and more convinced that God's Word is living and active, and I need it so. But, I am also

more and more convicted that there are times that God gets my leftovers, that I haven't studied His Word to get to know who He is.

I pray that as each of you move into 2020, with new goals and renewed desires, that your hearts would turn towards Christ – that you would know Christ, pursue Christ and Treasure Christ.

– Nicki Melara



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2020 Scheduled Events

- 2/7/20 PJ & Game Night @ 6:30pm
- 3/19/20 Dine Together @ 6:30pm
Souplantation Lakewood
- 5/2/20 Fiesta & Craft @ 3:30pm
BBC: Wetzel Hall
- 6/25/20 Dine Together @ 7:00pm
Yogurtland Buena Park
- 8/1/20 Hawaiian Swim Night
Location TBD
- 9/24/20 Dine Together @ 6:30pm
Downey Promenade
- 11/13/20 -11/15/20
So Cal/Arizona Women's Retreat
- 11/28/20 Christmas Tea
BBC: Wetzel Hall

Do you have questions or want to volunteer
to help and/or plan events?
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