



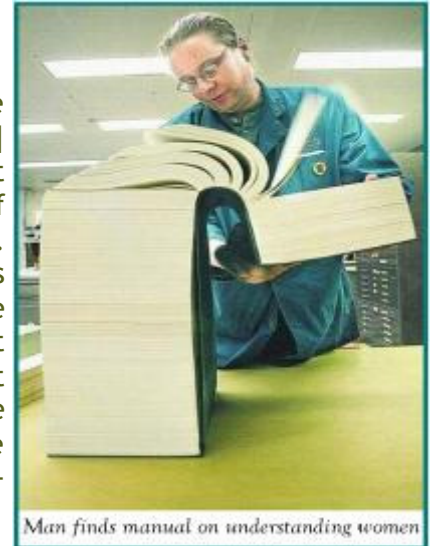
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Prayer for Today

Dear Lord,
Give me a willing heart
to accept the things
that need changing
within me.
I offer who I am to You,
and ask that You
continue to mould and
shape me.
Make me a blessing to
those around me as
they see more of You in
me.
Amen

BORN TO CHANGE

A male friend of my husband, sent him this picture during the week. I heard Mark laughing [loudly!] and he called me in to view his laptop. I must admit I had a chuckle with him, but it was out of sense of 'knowing' it wasn't far from the truth. Just when the men in our lives think they have us worked out, we go and change the rules. How we react one day, is not necessarily how we will react next week with the same set of circumstances. Is it because we like to keep them guessing...or we are just constantly evolving? Either way, the challenge of understanding each other in relationships is definitely complicated!



Man finds manual on understanding women

I love that we are created to grow and change! Life is mostly a journey of discovering who we are becoming. Scripture tells us, "...we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ." Ephesians 4:15a (NLT) As we walk through life, we should be constantly growing and changing...to become more like Christ. Our rough edges are being chipped off and God's grace is constantly helping us 'become' someone who looks a little more like Him, than the rest of the world.

To change direction, an object needs a little resistance applied. We are the same. In our most trying circumstances, we feel ourselves faced with the opportunity for change. We have had workers at our place for 6 weeks as we are in the middle of renovations. If ever there was an opportunity to be tested on 'godliness' I have decided that this is it! Constant hammering and banging and adapting when things don't go right...it's a challenge. It has certainly highlighted a few areas of growth that may still be needed :).

What is your challenging environment where you are tested and where you may find resistance? At home? With the kids? Sitting in peak hour traffic on the way to work? At church? Why not spend a moment today praying God will bring about good change in you...to grow more and more like Him...and you face the truth and give yourself into His hands.

With love on the journey with you,

Karen Wilson
Baptist Women's President WA





Feedback from last year:

"I wanted to say a really big thanks to you and the team for the 'Fresh' day. It blew me away on a number of levels and I was wrapped to be blown away. It was great to be part of something big that was also incredibly genuine and real. My confession is that I did not expect what I experienced, and from the moment I walked in, God humbled me with what I got to be a part of.

The day held personal victories as well as the corporate ones we all experienced. So ... Thanks. I know so much goes into those days, but it was so very worth it from my perspective."

"To you and your team, once again a big thank you for a great day. It is the highlight of my year and I always come away feeling refreshed, refocussed and remain in awe of how great our God is. The praise and worship team always cause an adrenalin rush - they were and have always been great. Well done!!!"

"I wanted to say a huge thank you to you and the team for an amazing day on Saturday. What a blessing to have so many women from the West together in one spirit. I had that sense of the 'women of the west rising up' and I believe that you and your team have created a place for that to happen. It was amazing to see how everyone came together in the offering for Freeset, as you said, individually we can do so much but collectively well that's a whole new level!!!

I have a sense that God has great plans for the women of the West and I want to thank you and the team for creating a forum for us to gather together and stand united.

I'm looking forward to Fresh 2011 already!!!"

SO...

It's time to start gathering your groups together and send in your registrations.

Early Bird closes in just 7 weeks time!

It will be an incredible couple of days.

Why not join us with some friends and be part of what God is doing in WA.

With love,

Have you registered for Fresh 2011? Our special early bird rate is a great saving so be sure to register soon.

To register, either email us for a registration form or you can download one directly from:

<http://www.baptistwa.asn.au/view/baptist-women/>