

# SEASONS

The Discipleship Journal for Coaches' Wives

The coach is the  
*heart of the game.*  
His wife is the  
*heartbeat.*  
- Coaches' Wives Ministry -



# Welcome!

**This magazine is in your hands for a reason! Even if you are not a coach's wife, we hope and pray that you will be blessed. Seasons was created to meet several different needs: a resource for personal growth, a tool to help develop local communities of coaches' wives, and a guide for our membership group and on-line studies. Our desire is to journey through the seasons of life together, growing in the Lord and embracing His call on our lives to be coaches' wives. So, whatever your season of life may be, we hope you will be inspired and encouraged through this discipleship journal designed for you!**

**“For everything there is a season,  
and a time for every matter under heaven.”**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1**

# Editor's Note

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that this fall will be 3 years since we officially launched Coaches' Wives Ministry! It's even harder to believe that this summer will be our 25th wedding anniversary!

When my husband and I first got married, neither of us knew he would eventually be called into coaching. We spent the first ten years of marriage working with college students in Brazil, and then the Lord led us back to Georgia to the mission field of sports (a.k.a. High School football and strength training!) Yet in the 25 years of ministry, on two different fields in two different countries with two different languages, there has been one central theme throughout the journey, and that is growing in our understanding of the gospel of grace.

In the words of the late Tim Keller, "The more you see your own flaws and sins, the more precious, electrifying, and amazing God's grace appears to you."

There is nothing like being on a mission field to reveal sin, selfishness and all manner of insecurities, and I would venture to say that marriage does the same. So as we have walked through brokenness, challenges and struggles serving on both the foreign mission field, the football field and the home front, God's grace has become the most precious treasure in our lives.

My prayer is that this summer journal will encourage you to rest from striving, because His grace is enough, and the gospel truly changes EVERYTHING.

Much love to you all,

*Candace*



Candace Lane  
**Editor-in-Chief & Founder,**  
Coaches' Wives Ministry

*"But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us..."*

*2 Corinthians 4:7*

**To all the amazing individuals who've helped  
create this special summer edition...**



**Thank you for sharing your stories!**



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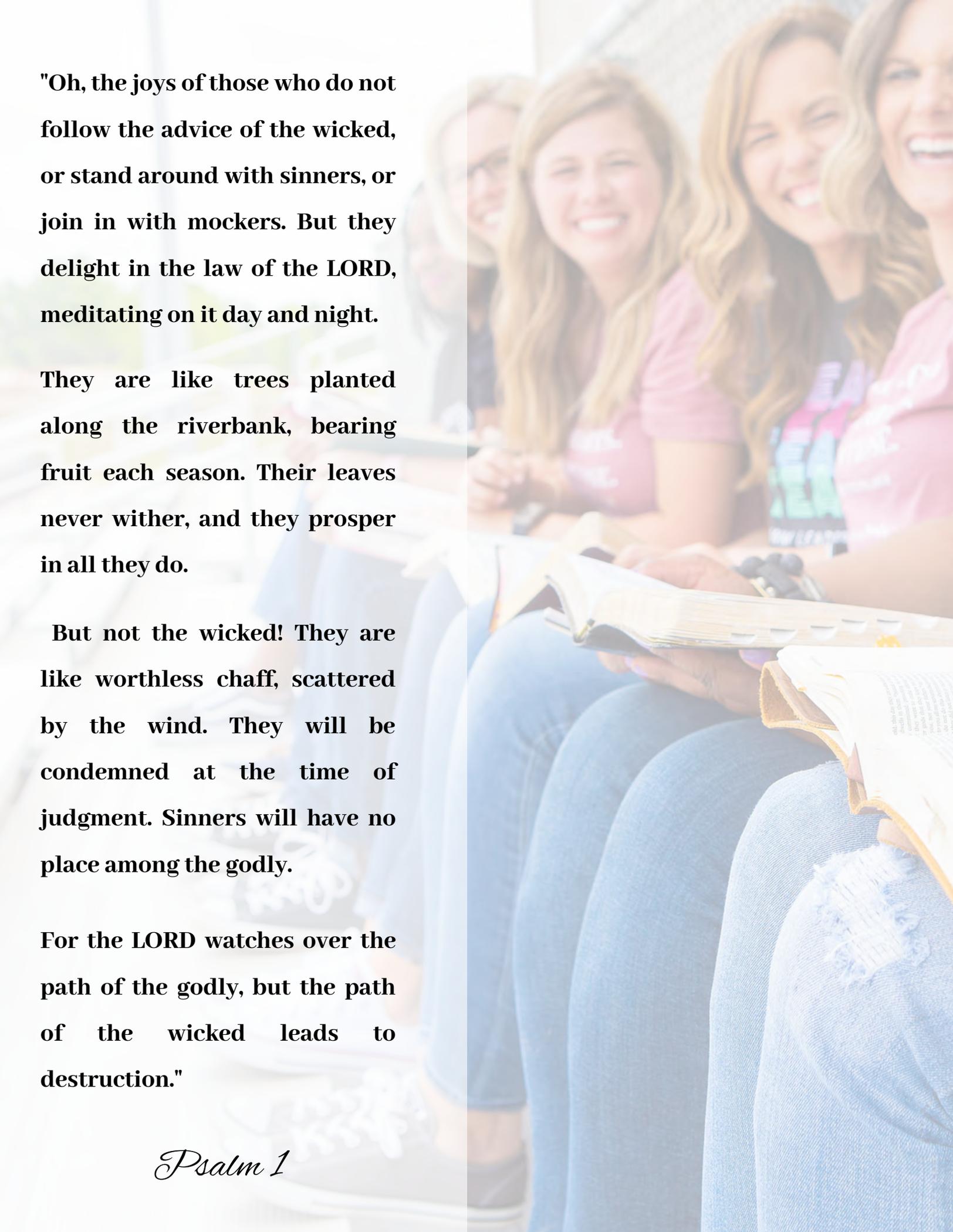
**"Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night.**

**They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.**

**But not the wicked! They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind. They will be condemned at the time of judgment. Sinners will have no place among the godly.**

**For the LORD watches over the path of the godly, but the path of the wicked leads to destruction."**

*Psalm 1*





June

# The CoverGirl Project

**One of our core ministry values is God's Word, and for this reason we created The CoverGirl Project. With no reading plan or group requirement, whether you've been in the Word for years or just getting started, the goal is ultimately to cover every word of God's Word from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21! Everyone goes at their own pace, starting from their own place in the Word. In this summer issue, we are excited to include a testimony from Aprille Waldrop, who just completed the project this spring!**

*"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet..."*

I had been floundering in my walk with the Lord. I was not consistent in my Bible reading, and I excused my devotional time away. "I have three small children, a stepson with a demanding timeshare schedule, I work full time, and I need to support my coach." I had no real reading plan and could not understand why I was feeling anxious, angry, defeated, and overloaded all the time. I went to church every Sunday, but something was missing.

When my husband became a head coach in 2021, I knew that if I did not get support I would crack and would not be able to handle his blessing and new responsibilities. Thankfully, my deep need was answered. I searched and found the Coaches Wives Ministry, signed up right way, and started the Zoom Bible Study. I listened most of the time, processing that there were other women going through the same coaching struggles, wanting to know the Lord and supporting their husband's mission. Well, I got my first magazine and read about the Cover Girl Project- reading the Bible cover to cover. I was barely reading my Bible daily, yet here was the plan to read every day. How?

I sat on it, I listened to the ladies on zoom talk about it, and my head knew that I should really start trying to read. New Year's Day 2022 came along, and I decided to make it my resolution to read the Bible intentionally. I got a Bible in One Year plan and started reading it every day, thinking that I might not finish all of it, but at least I was reading. That decision has transformed my life.

*and a light unto my path.” - Psalms 119:105*

**I just finished the Bible in May of 2023, in a little more than one year. I can honestly say that I would not have made it through the challenges of the last year without the presence of God and His Word. The Word of God has convicted me of my own sins, and has shown me the continued restoration that Jesus provides.**

**I can relate to the Israelites, understand the longing of the Minor Prophets, and I can see how everything points towards Jesus. I can give thanks for the life of David and find so much peace in the Psalms. I am so looking forward to reading His Word again and again. Hebrews 4:12 says "For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. His Word exposes our innermost thoughts and desires."**

**I am so grateful for the push that Coaches' Wives Ministry has given me to seek the Lord, know His word and serve Him.**

**-Aprille Waldrop**

Aprille lives in Merritt Island, FL with her husband and 4 children, ages 3, 5, 8, and 15. Her husband, Ben is currently the head football coach at Cocoa Beach High School. Aprille is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and serves as the Manager for Social Services for Hospice of Health First.



# *Dedications...*

This next section includes some very special submissions that have come to us from across the country. These dedications are for both fathers and father figures. As we celebrate Father's Day this month, let us also be grateful for the opportunities coaches have to be in such an impactful role, and most importantly, let's celebrate the perfect love of our Heavenly Father.

A young girl with blonde hair, wearing a white sleeveless dress, a bright pink visor, and black sneakers with pink accents, stands on a red running track. She is holding the hand of an adult whose arm and leg are visible on the left side of the frame. The girl is looking up at the adult with a joyful expression. The background shows a blurred outdoor setting with a fence and trees.

*"And I will be a  
father to you, and you  
shall be sons and  
daughters to me, says  
the Lord Almighty."*

*Psalm 103:13*



*"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."*

*-Billy Graham*

# *"You call him coach... I call him Daddy"*

Unlike many players who choose the game of sports, I was born into this coaching life. Film watching happens at my house at least 9 months out of the year, lol. As a coach my dad is really busy and oftentimes comes home late after dinner, but he always makes sure to ask about my day and to help me with any unfinished math homework. (He is the best math teacher!)

But honestly, I love being a coach's daughter and supporting my dad on Friday nights at his football games. I even get upset when the team doesn't have a great game. ("Throw the ball- don't make my dad look bad!" is what I say).

I recently found a love for basketball and also discovered that my dad could never be my coach - he's too pushy! But I appreciate how my dad always makes time for me as his daughter. A leader, a mentor, a comedian, a coach, My Daddy!

*By Holli Holland, age 10*



*Hansoni Holland and his wife Whitney live in Baton Rouge, LA where Coach Holland serves as the offensive coordinator at Plaquemine High School. They have two children, Holli (age 10) and Honor (age 3.) Whitney has been part of CWM since the beginning and is an active member and leader in the Coaches' Wives Ministry community.*



**He's direct, but compassionate.**

**Dependable, and loyal.**

**He fights for good, and wants the best for all.**

**He loves fiercely, and doesn't say no to much.**

**He thrives on order, discipline, and accountability.**

**He doesn't care much for praise,  
and assumes all thanks be given elsewhere.**

**He knows his stuff, and is always eager to teach others.**

**He loves deeply and wants nothing more  
than to help others be successful.**

**Sometimes he's misunderstood, but his heart is in the right place.**

**Not everyone sees what coaches carry off that field.**

**A controversial call at home is essentially what keeps him up at night.**

**Constantly reliving how he could have done something to change the outcome.**

**It's a Labor of Love.**

**He believes in the mission and he works tirelessly to honor God in all he does.**

**He's a good man, and he leads me and our boys well.**

**We want to forever be harvesting the fields that God has laid before our family.**

**Believing the platform He's given our family will be one that brings Him glory.**



**-Hilary Ginn**

**Wes and Hillary have been married for 18 years and have (5) boys. Torrance Williams, McCoy, Murphy, Milo Jack, and Monty. Wes teaches and coaches at Saks High School in Anniston, Alabama. He is the Defensive Coordinator for football and the Head baseball coach, and has been teaching/coaching for 22 years. Hillary serves as the Kids Ministry Director and leads worship for her church. Their family is so grateful for the opportunity coaching provides to minister to students, athletes, and the community.**

## *Coach Rodionoff*



As soon as I met Nick Rodionoff, I knew I wanted to swim for him at Pepperdine. Anyone that had the pleasure of meeting him can say that he truly was one of one. Not only was he a brilliant coach, he was a mentor, a leader, and a friend. The joy he brought to the pool was unlike anything I had ever experienced before. Although I had a rough start to my collegiate swimming career with sickness and injuries, Coach Nick did everything in his power to make sure I could get back in the pool, and more importantly, have fun while doing it.

During spring break of my freshman year, I received an email from coach telling me that I'd be joining the divers for two weeks when I returned to Malibu. This was a bit shocking to me, considering the fact that I hadn't dove since I was about nine years old, could really only do a back dive straight, and never in a million years thought about doing it at a collegiate level. Coach Nick made me absolutely fall in love with the sport of diving, and for that I'm forever grateful. I was burnt out and felt defeated in the pool before that trial run, but knew the pool was where I belonged. Diving brought me a whole new purpose in water and even made me enjoy swimming again. That trial run and coach's encouragement pushed me to compete as a swimmer and diver for my four years at Pepperdine.

Coach Nick not only built a program of strong, determined swimmers and divers, he built a diva family with a bond that can never be broken. He was an amazing listener and was always there as a shoulder to lean on or cry on when needed. He always gave the best advice - whether it was swimming related or not. He was loving, funny, and quick-witted. Most of all, he was the biggest teddy bear.

Thank you, coach for so many amazing memories in and out of the pool. Thank you for inspiring me to be the best version of myself, to push myself beyond the limit, and to have fun in everything I do. Thank you for inspiring me to continue my photography as a career. The times we shared will forever be in my heart. May you rest in paradise. Your legacy will live on forever. Sending you and your family so much love



**Lexie Waniger**

# COACH SHAW

Coach Shaw recruited Zach to play football at Stanford University in 2012. Zach was blessed to also play baseball at Stanford. After three years, Zach was drafted and played baseball for one year. During that time, he missed football and wanted to finish his final eligibility year. When Zach called Coach Shaw and asked if could return for his senior year at Stanford, Coach quickly welcomed him back along with his football scholarship. Shaw did not give Zach his starting position back, but he made him earn it. This was an example of how Coach wanted to be fair and to teach the value of hard work to not only Zach, but the entire team.

Zach earned his starting position back at safety early into the season. Unfortunately, he had a series of concussions towards the end of the season. Coach Shaw advised him to not play in the bowl game but left the final decision up to Zach. This was another example of how Coach cared more about Zach as a person than just a football player. Coach Shaw gained Zach's respect and trust during that time, and they continued to have a close relationship after graduation.

The night before Zach passed away, he spent two hours on the phone talking to Coach Shaw asking for advice on his new coaching career at Northern Colorado University. Through that conversation, Zach's takeaway was to care more about the relationship and hearts of players than just the X's and O's. Zach learned how the influence a coach could have lasts much longer than a college career- it can last a lifetime.

Zach's death knocked the breath out of all of us. Coach Shaw reached out and even spoke at Zach's memorial service. Coach Shaw cared for his players like his own family. I will be forever grateful for the kind, compassionate father-figure role that Coach played in Zach's life. His influence truly made a lasting impression.

"Life is not just about what you accomplish. I believe life is about how you influence others. Every day Zach Hoffpauir gave his love and passion to his family, his teammates, and the players he coached. Our prayers are with the Hoffpauir family, though Zach, you are always with us." ~Coach David Shaw (May 15, 2020)

*\*\*This article was lovingly submitted by Zach's father, Doug Hoffpauir. For the full documentary, go to:*

<https://sports360az.com/2021/08/zach-hoffpauir-the-real-story-documentary/>



**ZACH HOFFPAUIR**  
1993-2020



# Financially Healthy Home

# July

**As we grow in the Word, we continue to see that Jesus cares about every part of our lives, stewarding resources of time, talents and treasures, and putting Him first in all things.**

**Summer is often a great time to rest, reflect and refocus. We hope the following article and activities will prompt your thinking, start conversations within your marriage and give you hope if you are struggling in any of these areas. As always, read the Word for yourself to discover what the Lord says about finances. There are over 2,000 verses on this topic!**

*The excerpts below are taken from an article by Ivan Mesa, published by the Gospel Coalition on July 31, 2020. The complete article can be found on the website. As you read through the thoughts and suggestions from these authors and leaders, remember to go to God's Word for your ultimate source of truth and wisdom.*

# "What's Your Theology of Money (in 200 words or less)?"

*by Benjamin Shah*

*"At the beginning of 2020, I asked several regular contributors to TGC who've written on the topic of money to answer one question (in two parts) and in less than 200 words: (1) What's your theology of money, and (2) what practical advice would you give about money stewardship?.....Below you'll see similar theologies of money with different emphases and practical tips. When it comes to this area of Christian discipleship—especially in this time of financial uncertainty—let's keep reminding ourselves that Jesus Christ is Lord, even of our wallets.*

**"Grasping God's ownership of everything is the foundation of a biblical theology of money. Faithful money-managing stewards act in the owner's interests, regularly consulting him to understand and implement his investment priorities. Search the Scriptures, seek God's wisdom, then give, save, and spend his money well, and thereby love him, your family, neighbors, and a needy world.**

**Jesus asked, "If you are untrustworthy with worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?" ([Luke 16:11](#)). He taught more about how we should handle money and possessions than anything else because our spiritual condition and service qualifications are inseparable from our attitude and actions concerning material wealth. Jesus gave the best investment advice: "Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven" ([Matt. 6:20](#)). We can't take our treasures with us, but we can send them on ahead!**

**Happiness, not mere duty, permeates a God-honoring theology of money. Jesus said, "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving" ([Acts 20:35, GNT](#)). When grace-saturated, kingdom-minded, eternity-oriented disciples lovingly utilize God's money and possessions, we fulfill the first and second greatest commandments. We thereby store up treasures in heaven and cheerfully "take hold of what is truly life" ([1 Tim. 6:19, CSB](#)).**

*Randy Alcorn, founder and director of Eternal Perspective Ministries and author of [Managing God's Money: A Biblical Guide and Money, Possessions, and Eternity](#)*

*Every treasure on this earth says, "Give your life to purchase me." Jesus is the one treasure who died to purchase you. - Timothy Keller*

"My money theology follows the storyline of God's kingdom: It's created, fallen, and can be redeemed. Though not part of creation's primal elements like the birds, beasts, and creeping things, money was anticipated in the cultural mandate. When man works and keeps his garden, he increases the value of his dirt until it becomes tradable, storable, and monetizable. After the fall, he's prone to putting his security, comfort, and hope in money not God ([Luke 12:19–21](#); [1 Tim 6:17](#)). After the resurrection of Jesus, he can use it to store up treasure in the kingdom to come—a kingdom that will include valuable stuff that the nations have made. [Isaiah 60](#); [Matthew 6:20](#); [1 Tim. 6:18–19](#).

My practical advice is to keep your heart and have a plan. Your heart should have a healthy fear of the love of money. But it should also have a noble vision for how creating capital can lift up others and advance the kingdom. That means we all need a plan. It'll include things like budgets, investments, wills, and giving. I usually recommend that we start our plans with giving and keep stretching ourselves in generosity. This seems to keep the heart and plan leaning in heaven's direction."

*Hunter Beaumont, lead pastor of Fellowship Denver Church and board member for the Denver Institute for Faith and Work*

"When I'm tempted to think money is "mine," Paul's question in [1 Corinthians 4:7](#) reorients me: "What do you have that you did not receive?" Finances are a gift from God, and they're subsequently for him. The most natural question for me to ask is, "How can I save and keep what God has given me?" But a better, biblical question is, "How can I best steward what was never mine in the first place?" When we operate from this perspective, our money decisions tend to result in generosity, peace, and joy. When my husband and I got married, we had a financial review "meeting" with a money-wise, godly couple at our church. This set us on a good path with clear objectives for giving to church, clearing debt, investing for the future, and monthly budgeting. Our goal is always to live within our means, and we use [an app](#) to help us do this. We also communicate each month and year about how we're doing, about new spending and savings goals, and about ways we might want to stretch ourselves in generosity.

Bottom line: God has faithfully provided for us in his Son, so we can trust him to provide for every other need. Since we can trust his heart, we can trust his hand."

*Kristen Wetherell, author of "[Fighting Your Fears](#)"*

*What is your theology of money?*

*Do you have a key verse that is helpful to you in your perspective on finances?*

Here are some practical steps to building a financially healthy home. The coaching journey is not always a steady, secure career choice, but we can pray and plan ahead. We can be faithful as far as it depends on us, and put our ultimate faith in our Provider. Use the breakdown below as a checklist for the items that need attention in each category. Check them off upon completion, then plan to reassess regularly! And remember that as we reassess and refocus, we can simultaneously REJOICE AND REST, because the Lord owns all things, and He wants to give us wisdom to be stewards who honor and glorify Him.

**ROOF (Protection)**

Will

Living Will

Power of Attorney

**FRAME**

Spending Plan (budget)

Floor 3: Invest

Floor 2: Eliminate Debt

Floor 1: Emergency Fund

**FOUNDATION**

Income/Cash Flow

Life Insurance to protect income and family



If you have any question or concerns about your financial house, we want to connect you with some experts! Whether you need a blueprint for your home, to make some home improvements, to review your home with a professional assessment or get more information on this "healthy financial house" framework,

*email Kelly Harms at [powerteam100@gmail.com](mailto:powerteam100@gmail.com)*

Kelly and her husband Dave have been Coaches' Wives Ministry board members for the past few years, and have 25+ years in financial coaching experience.

# Wellness Checklist

As we continue to serve our families, we are praying for the Lord to help us have healthy homes in all areas of life- not just financial.

We've included another area for you to consider as you reassess and refocus this summer: physical health.

In 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, the apostle Paul reminds us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, dwelling places of God's presence within us. This understanding shifts our perspective and compels us to steward our physical health to the best of our ability.

Take a moment and quickly think through areas that might need your attention. On a scale of 1-10, (10 being the best) how would you rate these areas of healthy habits in your family? You can make notes on each family member, but don't forget to consider your OWN physical health!

*Sleep*\_\_

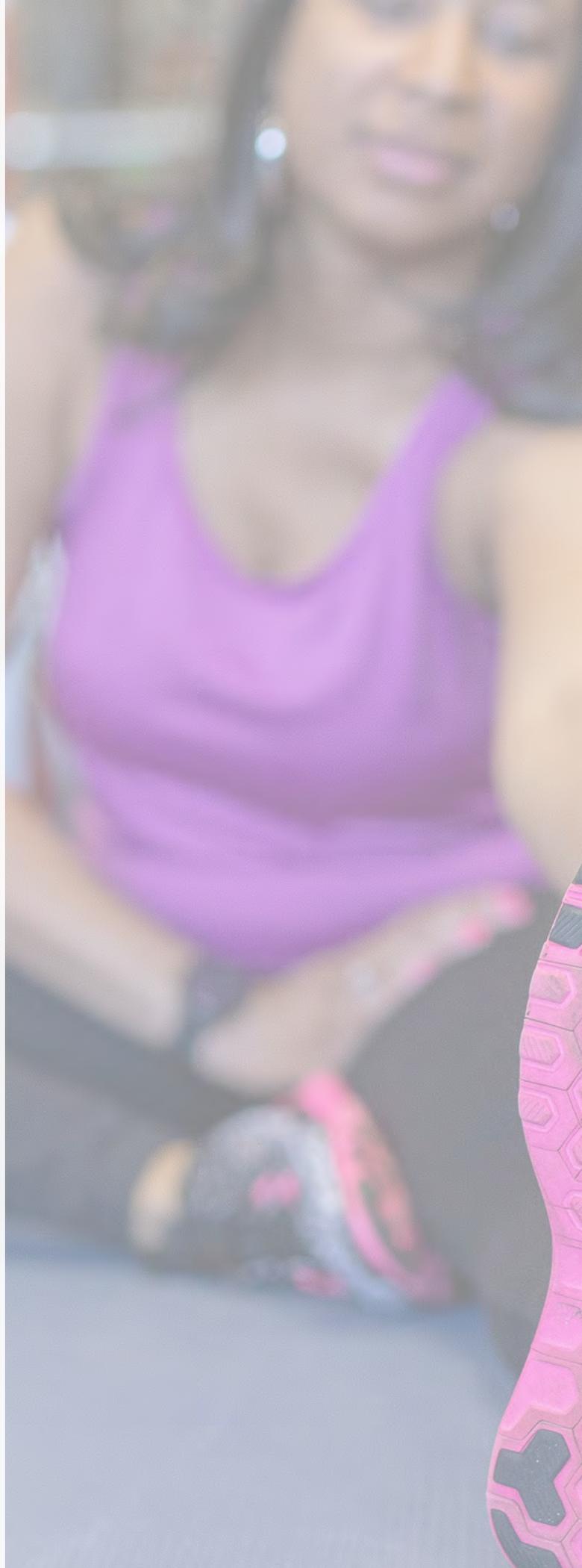
(Think about both the hours and the quality of sleep)

*Nutrition*\_\_

(Think about water intake, vitamin needs and overall diet)

*Exercise*\_\_

(Think about daily activities and exercise regime. Brainstorm ideas for improvement)



**Time is precious for a coaching family, and even as we care for our families by scheduling health appointments, we might find that certain things have fallen through the cracks. Summer might be the season for catching up- especially if you have just moved to a new place and are in the process of finding healthcare providers. We hope this basic list will help with organization and efficiency, and we left room for you to make notes and record important information!**

## ANNUAL PHYSICAL EXAMS:

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May involve blood tests, vaccinations, and screenings for various conditions

*Notes:*

## PEDIATRIC WELL-CHILD VISITS:

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This is great time to bring a list of questions and concerns! In addition, make sure you have a system to keep up with records and information that will be needed to attend school. Sometimes there is a digital option through the doctor's office.

## WOMEN'S HEALTH EXAMS:

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Gynecologist and/or mammogram

## DENTAL

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Six month cleanings, examinations, and preventive care check-ups, orthodontic appointments and any procedures such as wisdom teeth removal, root canals, etc,

## EYE EXAMS:

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Recommended every one to two years, or as advised by an eye care professional, especially important for those wearing contacts and/or glasses

*Notes:*

## SPECIALIST APPOINTMENTS:

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Depending on each family member's individual health needs: (allergists, dermatologists, endocrinologists, or cardiologists) \*Remember to schedule your husband for the dermatologist- hours in the sun can be dangerous for a coach!

## MENTAL HEALTH:

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If this is an area of concern for you or a family member, consider scheduling an appointment(s) with professionals such as psychologists, psychiatrists and/or therapists. Summer is a great time to think and pray through this area of life. There are many factors that affect our mental health and it can be hereditary in nature, situational stress, a spiritual struggle or even related to diet. However, we do know that the Lord created our minds and He knows, cares and understands anything we go through in this life.

## OTHER

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**One final note....those who know the Lord as their Savior are looking forward to life eternal with Him, where we will have new bodies, a new heaven and new earth. Revelation 21:4 says, "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." It might be challenging to care for our physical health while on earth, but as in everything, the Lord is with us. Press on in this important area of stewardship!**

# August



*"Real spiritual friendship is eagerly helping one another know, serve, love, and resemble God in deeper and deeper ways."*

*-Timothy Keller*

**We hope you enjoy these next two blogs. Both Dee and Heidi are some of the amazing women in our ministry who would love to meet you for coffee if you end up moving to either Dallas, TX or Atlanta, GA!**

**Loneliness is a real struggle for many coaches' wives, and as we gear up for the Fall season, you may find yourself in a new city, school or community. Before life gets even crazier we encourage you to pray for godly friendships and for wisdom as to how to be a good friend in your new area.**

**Please don't hesitate to message us if you need help.**

**There might be another CWM member next door, and we'd love to help connect you!**

# "Turn"

May I "turn" to You Father  
in every situation,  
every circumstance.

Whether a glad "turning"  
of thankfulness and joy  
or a "turning" to look up,  
to reach up for help  
in a moment of weakness  
or discouragement.

May I have the strength  
to turn from my flesh,  
my "self",  
from the mind of  
the world around me,  
to choose  
Your wisdom,  
Your discernment,  
Your Truth,  
Your leading and guidance  
in the daily battle  
that is life on earth.

How wonderful it is  
that I don't need words to explain  
and express my gratefulness,  
or my longings and needs,  
or my hurt and grief  
if I can't find them,  
for You already know them.

You are familiar with all my ways.  
You perceive my thoughts.  
You discern my desires.  
Before a word is on my tongue  
You know it completely!  
You molded and created me!

You designed me with gifts!  
You planted passion and purpose  
within me.

You love me!  
You understand me  
and the desires of heart  
for You placed them there.

How relieved I am  
that I don't need to bring gifts  
or successful service  
to Your feet for Your attention  
or approval.

I am worthy in Your sight  
because of Jesus.

All You ask  
is my time and heart invested  
for an intimate sweet relationship  
with You.

All I need do  
is turn,  
is draw near,  
is lift my heart and eyes to You.

And there You are.  
There You are with a nearness  
that guides me with Your love;  
that encourages me with Your grace;  
that comforts me with Your mercy;  
that strengthens me in Your power;  
that lifts me with hope for tomorrow.

There You are with compassion  
and understanding  
and a sweetness that stays with me  
as You strengthen my inmost being  
with the power

for Jesus to dwell in my heart.  
So that I may sacrifice,  
so that I may love,  
as He sacrificed for me,  
as He loves me.  
I can rest.

There I will hope.  
There I will pray  
that I might be  
the fragrance of Christ  
to those I love  
and to the hurting world around me.  
The deepest desire of my heart.



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*"Come near to God and He will come near to you."*

*James 4:8*

# God's Plan

God's Plan. We hear this a lot and some of us even say it often. But do we understand what it means?

His perfect plan is for all of us to get closer to Him: "Draw near" (James 4:8), "call upon" (Psalm 17:6), "Come to me" (Matthew 11:28). These are His desires for us, to get close and to have an intimate relationship with Him so that we will have life everlasting. It's only when we study the Word for ourselves that we will begin to understand that He wants us to draw near to Him, to call out to Him, and to go to him because in this life we will labor, get weary, and go through difficulties. Can you see it? God's plan involves trials, big and small, in the hope that those who are going through and those around them will turn to Him in faith, trust in Him, and shout out to Him, "Amen", when He gives the victory.

Why? So that others may hear and ask us, how is it that you can rejoice in such a time as this? This may lead to an opportunity to share your testimony and maybe help someone else to draw near to Him. That is God's perfect plan.

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

## *For Reflection...*

**Do you find yourself turning to the Father with your dreams and disappointments, or seeking comfort elsewhere?**

**Are you in the habit of drawing near to God daily through His Word?**

**Is there someone God has laid on your heart to share with? That your testimony might help someone else draw near to the Lord?**



*Heidi Paul was recently asked to study and articulate who she is for God's kingdom. This was her response: "Vessel of capability and resourcefulness with a genuine concern for others familiar and unfamiliar. Here to provide help and restoration in Jesus name." This is a great description of Heidi, and we are blessed to have her as a long-time CWM member and ministry leader. She is also the founder of the Markus Paul Foundation that is committed to granting youth scholarships, in honor of her late husband Coach Markus Paul. She is mom to Dwayne and Mathias, Gramma to Miles and Camden and resides in Dallas, TX. [www.markuspaulfoundation.com](http://www.markuspaulfoundation.com)*

**Our logo image is a simple design that represents the cross. However, there is also intentional significance in how the lines of the cross connect. From the beginning, we wanted a visual reminder to keep the gospel as the core center of the ministry, knowing that as we do that, all areas of our lives will experience transformation. Every magazine written, every Facebook Live and Bible Study is meant to proclaim the beauty of the gospel and to provide opportunities for coaches' wives to grow as disciples of Christ by the power of God's Word, for the glory of His name.**

**This is why the ministry exists.**

**This is why we created a membership community to provide gospel-centered resources, community and opportunities like the CoverGirl project.**

**This is why we want you to be a part.**



*"The gospel is not only the way to enter the kingdom; it is the way to live in the kingdom."*

*-Timothy Keller*



*Ministry Announcement...*

**We are relaunching CWM on October 15th, 2023!**

**THERE WILL BE NEW MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS**

**AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES!**

**Look for more announcements coming soon, and plan to attend the**

**CWM RELAUNCH ZOOM**

(Informational Meeting)

**Sunday Night, JULY 30th at 8:00 pm EST.**

**(details to follow)**

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