EDITOR’S NOTE

Well, fall is here. Soon we will be celebrating Christmas and ushering in the New Year. This year has been a challenging one for some of us. We have lost loved ones, had financial problems and other difficulties. Let us not stay down but get back up and keep on keeping on in faith.

DEVOTION

Seek the Lord while He may be found, call you upon Him while He is near - Isaiah 55:6

The Lord is just a prayer away. He longs for you to reach out to Him. He promised that when you seek Him, you will find Him. Seek Him today.

TAKE ACTION

Today, about 1,000 young women will be infected with HIV. Tomorrow, it will be another 1,000. One week from now, nearly 7,000 young women will have contracted HIV.

The grim news: AIDS isn’t a disease of the past, it’s a crisis now. The great news: we have the means to end it.

SIGN THE PETITION

HEALTH WATCH

In Biblical times, Olive Oil was a precious and sacred commodity for the Jews. It was used for healing, cooking, lighting lamps, soaps and cosmetics. It was used to anoint kings and priests. Research has shown that regular consumption of Olives and Olive Oil contributes to heart, brain, skin and joint health and linked to cancer and diabetes prevention.

Source: Dr. Axe
**SPEND TIME TOGETHER**

Spend time doing little things together such as reading a book, playing cards, hiking or apple picking. How about cooking a meal? Wouldn’t it be fun creating a new dish together? And afterwards, wash and dry the dishes instead of putting them in the dishwasher. While doing that you can talk about things. Afterwards you could relax and listen to music or watch a program. What about studying the Bible together? I learn so much when I study with my husband. There are so many things you can do together. Make plans every week and then follow through. You will be blessed.

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**LEARN A NEW WORD**

Do you like learning new words? If you do, here are some tips:

- Open a dictionary and learn a word on the page
- Get “Word of the Day” e-mailed to you
- Write the Word or type it in a journal
- Add on to it every day and go over it so you don’t forget it
- Try using it in a sentence when talking to friends
- Look for it in books to see how it is used

*Source: Wikihow*

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**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

Francine Rivers is the daughter of a police officer and nurse. Since childhood, she wanted to be a published writer. Before she realized her dream, she was a newspaper reporter, writing obituaries and human interest stories. After reading romance novels which her mother-in-law lent her, Francine decided to write in that genre. Her first manuscript was sold and published in 1976. For the next several years she wrote historical romance novels.

About ten years later, Francine became a born again Christian and for three years she had difficulty finding plots for new novels. She spent time studying the Bible and decided that her writing would be more Christian themed. Her Christian novel was, *Redeeming Love*, which was released in 1991. Rivers considers it to be her statement of faith. *Redeeming Love* updates the Old Testament book of Hosea to the American West of the 1850s and tells the story of a prostitute named Angel, who is eventually reformed and converted to Christianity by the stoic patience and love of a frontier farmer named Michael Hosea.

Through her writings, Francine wants to "illustrate Christ and the Christian walk, to address difficult problems and write realistic stories." For her efforts, she has been honored with many rewards.

*Source: Wikipedia*