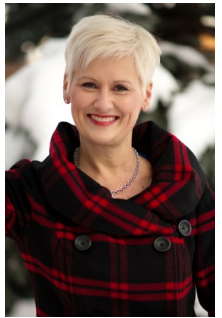




# STRAIGHT TALK

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## Party or I Will Have to Kill You!

In essence that is what God said to His people in the Old Testament. It was very important to God that His people take time to remember and celebrate what He had done in, through, and for them. That is why Passover and other sacred feasts are still celebrated by Jews today.

July 1, 2014 marked the 20th anniversary of Straight Talk Ministries. When I shared the dream of Straight Talk with the Alberta District Superintendent of the Alliance way back then, his response stopped me in my tracks. I will never forget him saying, "Oh Randy, I know a number of guys who have attempted what you are thinking of and all of them are back in a church in a year or two because they can't feed their families."

In those early days as Donna and I prayed about what we believed God was directing us to do, we hoped it might be a ten year experiment. Well, it has been 20 years, and it is definitely time to party! We want to remember and celebrate what God has done over the past 20 years and it won't be the same without YOU!

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## The Criminals Who Worked for God

Do you remember me sharing about the box of books that went missing in South Africa and then ended up on the black market? Several opportunities to reach out to African women have come out of that situation that was so distressing in the moment. Here is the most recent one:

An email from a Ugandan woman who read 10 SMART THINGS expressed her deep love for God, but also her confusion about why he didn't provide her with a husband. She desperately longed for a family of her own. She quoted part of a verse from the bible about God not withholding good things from us. To her, marriage and children were good things. Why was God withholding them? Here, in part is my response:



"I know that many women find themselves in the place you describe of growing older and wanting so desperately to find a husband and have a family. Our desire for intimate relationship is God-given. Psalm 84:11 is the verse from which you quoted. "The LORD will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right". The difficulty with this idea is that what we *believe* is the good thing is not always what God *knows* is the good thing. God is deeply interested in our well-being but even more, with the redemption of humanity. It is possible that God can best use you as a single woman to participate in this eternally important work.

*Leaving a Legacy*

## It's About Prayer

"What's your marketing strategy?" That was the first question that a highly respected pastor asked when he heard that Donna & I were planning to leave local church ministry to pursue the dream of Straight Talk. I remember thinking, *Marketing strategy? Shoot! We don't have a marketing strategy.* I said sheepishly, "We are just going to pray." Then he asked "Well, what's your fundraising strategy?" Oh no! We didn't have one of those either! "Ummm, we are just going to pray."



Since its inception, prayer has been at the heart of Straight Talk. We have always had an identifiable group of people with whom we regularly communicate prayer requests. They pray for us. We believe prayer is so important that the Straight Talk board of directors has

set a goal of growing our prayer base of 128 to 1000 people **this year**. If you are not a part of our prayer base and would like to join us in seeing God change hearts and lives, you can join our prayer base below.

I am convinced the reason God has blessed Straight Talk with changed hearts and lives is a result of faithful prayers of the individuals on our prayer base! If you are a part of our prayer team, one day you will get to see the fruit of your prayers. There are hundreds of people who will be in heaven because of them. And thousands of others had significant encounters with Jesus because you prayed.

Having said this, I am not suggesting that you have to live with an unrelenting ache in your heart. What I am recommending is that you seek God for his direction and purpose for your life. Surrender your desire for marriage completely to God's will. Once you know what that is, give yourself to it completely. That may be where you find your soul-mate or it may be where you find such fulfillment that the empty place in your heart becomes much easier to bear. I have several single friends who have learned how to do this. One decided to fill the desire in her heart for children by becoming a dorm parent in a school for missionary kids. Another works for Compassion International. She travels all over the world for her job which is possible since she doesn't have a family to look after. She loves her job so much, and she is actually caring for thousands of children.

I also have a friend who obsesses constantly about her desire for husband. She is miserable. Her focus on what she lacks sucks all the joy out of what is good in her life. Ultimately we are most fulfilled when we follow God's call on our lives. Pursue that, and God may bring a partner into your life. He may not — but he will not withhold what is good for you and his kingdom..."

Her response: "...I have decided to let the issue to God and do my best to be more useful in his kingdom..."

I never would have had the opportunity to speak into this woman's life if those books hadn't been stolen. My dad used to say, "Even Satan ultimately works for God." Here is a great example. God used criminals to get a needed message into this Ugandan sister's hands. I am reminded how God is involved in this ministry. Thank you so much for your part in praying and giving to make it possible.

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