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Leaving a Legacy

Tetris Straight Talk Style

It's the most wonderful time of the year! No not Christmas, summer! It is full of summer camps and great opportunities to see God move in students' hearts. In past years, summers have been booked up the previous fall and sometimes there would even be bookings in place for summer two years in advance. This spring I was asking God what was up with summer? I normally take 5 week-long summer camps. This spring I only had three booked. I began to wonder what this all might mean. In fact I became a little anxious about the fact that summer was going to be only 60% booked. By March everyone has their summer speakers booked. By mid-March I found myself in full worry mode. The morning of March 23rd I was really bothered and my time with Jesus was taken up with alternating between telling Him what was wrong and asking Him what this all meant. Wednesday March 25th I was worn out with anxiety and worry. That morning in my time with Jesus, I finally came to the place of saying, "God, I don't know what all this means, but I am willing to trust that you have it all figured out. I also want to re-surrender Straight Talk and my role in it to you. If this means I no longer am relevant or effective I am willing for you to move me out. I will do whatever you ask of me. Please just give me peace and the ability to trust in your goodness, provision, and direction." When I got up from the couch that morning I had peace.

Interestingly, that afternoon a camp contacted me. The director said he had been praying for some time about who he should approach for camp speaker and that morning my name came across

Sneak Peek at *Kick the Boring Out of Your Life*

My new book is in the delivery room of Harvest House hospital! It will hit book stores and Amazon



KICK the BORING Out of Your LIFE
DONNA CARTER

August 1. I am excited about sharing what God has taught me in the past few years about Leveraging Pain, Travelling Light, and many other things. I hope the following teaser gets you excited too...

In the fray of the frenetic pace we keep, it's difficult to even care about priorities—let alone keep them in the right order. Many

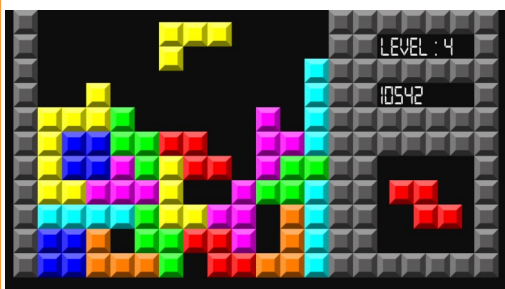
people are like the naïve bride who spends hundreds of hours planning the perfect wedding. She gives her attention to each sequin, napkin, and ribbon but fails to prepare for the marriage itself. Six months after the last of the confetti has fluttered to the ground, she gazes at her beautiful wedding album. Everything in the photos is literally perfect—except that she is standing next to Mr. Wrong. She got what she'd set her heart on—a perfect wedding. What she realizes too late is that her heart was set on the wrong thing.

I hate the thought that I could spend my life like a

Did you know?

Donna's first book *10 Smart Things Women Can Do to Build a Better Life* (2007 Harvest House) is still in print and has sold over 25,000 copies!

his desk. Even more amazingly, the week they were interested in fit perfectly into my schedule of other camps and our family holidays. I was ecstatic with gratitude. A couple of days later another camp called. A speaker they had booked had to cancel. They expected that I was busy but thought they would ask if I was available anyway. Amazingly, once again the dates they wanted fit perfectly into my schedule. In the space of two weeks my summer schedule filled completely. It was like God was playing Tetris with my calendar;



just waiting for the right pieces to come along.

I am convinced

that God has a very specific agenda for me. Summer has never happened like this before. Please pray that God will *move* like never before. Pray that more *students will accept Him* and more will have their *faith rebooted* than ever before. Pray also for strength and health for me: physically, emotionally and spiritually. Summer tests my limits. There's no chance I will thrive on my own meager resources, but together we can do this. I can hardly wait!

small child at Christmastime who unwraps a shiny new toy and then discards it to play with the wrapping paper. I don't want to become so distracted by the temporary that I disregard the treasure. I need clarity to know what demands on my time, money, and energy are worth saying yes to and which ones should receive a resounding no.

How can I find the heart of what I want to live for? Who am I, and what am I about? If I'm a Jesus follower, I need to figure out how to distinguish the cluttered, claustrophobic life I've become accustomed to from the panoramic one God calls me to. Could "zooming out" help me identify what is important? Could a broader perspective help me find a life I can get excited about?

If you are excited, as I am, about this book's potential to bring about heart and life change, I'd like to enlist your help. The early sales of this book will determine where it ends up. The publisher's plan is to get it onto the "rack market" which means it will make it into Walgreens and other places where people who don't know Jesus will see it. However, if early sales are slow, it will be confined primarily to Christian book stores. Will you help me get it out there where it can do the most good? There are 3 ways you can help:

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3. Send us a special gift to help finance the production of the book contents into video. We will make it available to download for those who prefer this medium or wish to use it for a group study.

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