



“the King is enthralled by your beauty; honor him, for He is your Lord.”
Psalm 45:11

Hello again precious one,

Can you believe the end of the year is here already? There’s so much truth in the statement “time flies.” We hope that you are able to take time to look back over the past year and see how God has moved. As you do that, we are sure that you will see how alive He is and how He is wanting to grow you more into the woman He created you to be. We pray that you are encouraged in your walk with Jesus on a daily basis and that every morning you experience His grace and peace.

We are excited to bring you another edition of the REACH newsletter, so, with that said, here it is...

Name:
Wendy Chinn



Favorite Part of Christmas:
Celebrating Advent .

Who’s your hero?
Dave Pelzer (Read his books!)

Favorite genre of music:
I like it all, and when I find a song I like I listen to it over and over and over.

Something that encourages you when you are down:
My husband David.

Favorite book:
“An Arrow Pointing to Heaven” (autobiography of Rich Mullins.)

Hometown (where you grew up):
Mechanicsville, VA.

Biggest lesson you’ve learned in life:
Humble myself, or God will humble me. And to show grace always, no matter what. I have no right to judge anyone.

What do you do when you are bored:
I honestly can’t even remember the last time when I was bored...what does that even look like?

Favorite food:
Grilled Cheese

Favorite Scripture:
Isaiah 61:1-4; Matthew 6:25-34; Nehemiah 1:11

FACE-TO-FACE



Name:
Amy England

Favorite part of Christmas:
Definitely the music. I love it!

Who’s your hero?
Of course, Jesus. Without Him I am nothing. After that, my parents. They’ve blessed my life so much.

Favorite genre of music:
Anything with a good beat, usually trance or hip-hop.

Something that encourages you when you are down:
When a friend calls me and wants to hang out, or hearing a little kid laugh.

Favorite quote:
Ha Ha, this is gross, but I love it. “Those who go to bed with an itchy butt, wake up with a stinky finger.”

Hometown (where you grew up):
Colonial Beach, VA- small town I’m sure you’ve never heard of.

Biggest lesson you’ve learned in life:
That God will never abandon me no matter how much I turn my back on Him.

Favorite food:
Thai and Mexican

Favorite Scripture:
It depends on my season of life but right now it’s “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!...The Lord is near.”
Philippians 4:4,5

A PASSION FOR WOMEN (from Amy)

I guess out of anything that I could share with you right now, I would like to share the heart God's given me for women. It's hard to know what to say that will encourage your heart, but out of anything I could accomplish in my life, I want to build up the women around me. I want to see women who experience an intimate relationship with Jesus leading to contentness. I want to see and know women who do not need a relationship to feel better about themselves and they exercise because they want to be healthy, not because they hate the way that they look. I see broken women all around, myself included. And out of all my prayers, I pray that this one gets answered for all the beautiful women who surround me. I pray that you become a confident woman so sold on God's love for you that you love yourself and are at peace with who God has made you. I can't say that I am at that place yet. I have my own struggles and insecurities. But, I am so thankful for all the wonderful women who surround me and who point me to God on a daily basis. You are one of those women, so to you, I say thanks. Thanks for being my sister in Christ and for striving to grow as His daughter.

I hope that you are excited about being a part of REACH. I am excited for the chance to get to know each and every one of you on a deeper level. One of my favorite things in life is fellowship with women. There is nothing like having a soul connection with another woman. I hope that we are able to have many of those moments together as a group of women and as individuals.

May you be greatly blessed in your relationship with Jesus! I am so excited for your life!

GROWING FAITH (from Wendy)

Lately, God has been teaching me a lot about balance and trust. This semester has been the busiest of my life, and I have tried to live it the most in balance. There were times when I had to choose between equally important things, and I believe that God blessed those decisions. An example was the week Ravi came to speak. I had my comprehensive exam (for my master's program) that Friday, and I didn't have much time to study. I could have stayed home that week to review, but instead I chose to go hear Ravi and go to my Bible study. I then studied the night before, and I trusted that God would help me learn the material because I had put him first. And he did. And I think even if I had failed my exam (which I didn't), I would have still felt like I chose the right thing. And I don't want it to sound like I wasn't doing my school work, because I was. I'm a very studious worker. But there are times when other things are more important, such as time with my husband or time with God. And putting those things first, I feel like God has greatly rewarded me. And in the process, I've learned a lot about myself and a lot about faith.

*The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son,
and they will call him Immanuel--which means, "God
with us."*

Matthew 1:23

Throughout this special time of year, may we all remember the true reason for the season. We hope that you have a wonderful break. See you soon.

Merry Christmas,

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