

# Your Insight

City Church Women



## DUST

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*The sun beaming in, casting its majestic rays, showing off the spectacular, highlighting the beautiful hidden. The fine flecks scattered upon the surface, the flecks that seem to have been building, accumulating since time and life were transformed here. Gently recording the seconds, minutes, days of beautiful new life, day by day.*

*A transformation. A house in the day that stood empty and silent. No dust gently settling, no fine flecks to record the passing of time. Then love truly began.*

*Your squealing, kicking changing the air we lived in, us moving, at times frantically to meet the unconditional love you so innocently demand, and we freely give. No second thought, an endless supply. We changed by you existing. The air changed by you existing; the swirling, dancing of those fine flecks in the light, finally settling on the surface, it's graceful movements made luminous.*

Recently I came across this poem flicking through a book that had been long sat on our bookcase,

*"Not easy to state the change you made.  
If I'm alive now, then I was dead,  
Though, like a stone, unbothered by it,  
Staying put according to habit."*

These are the first four lines of a poem written by a woman to her six month old daughter, titled Love Letter (1960). The first line grabbed me instantly. A transformation of a woman by her new baby, a realisation that she is now alive where before she was unaware of not being alive; a stone staying put, according to habit. Even though this poem at the time of discovery held parallels with my own life, a new baby, a new transformation of daily life.

The encounter I had with these words uprooted something buried inside, a moment of a strange turn on the words I had read: will my son always feel alive, knowing the One who gave him life? Or will he stay put according to habit, in a home where only one parent is a believer? Never knowing the promises that are gloriously awaiting him. Can I be a good enough witness in my home to bring Christ to those who need Him? But as the dust settles in a newly transformed household, God's word reassuringly settles on the spirit:

***"All the glory of his family will hang on him: its offspring and offshoots- all its lesser vessels, from the bowls to all the jars." Isaiah 22:24***



### 1 Corinthians 7:14 NIV

For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.



Looking at the promise that God made to Abraham, the promises that are for us all, each and every single one of us,

*"I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you." Genesis 17:7-8*

And to see these promises mentioned throughout the bible especially in Galatians:

*"If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Galatians 3: 29.*

*"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body." Galatians 2:20*

And to Mary's Song, all generations through the family will call her blessed, all generations... An echo of the promise made to Abraham.

I have many questions and trying to work and think things out myself will never reveal the answer to what I want to know but digging through the word of God I find words that touch the spirit, that lightly make my spirit dance. For God knows the wants and the desires of our hearts and works for those who love him. I now know and have come to realise that the saving of those we love is not our own doing but is the work of God.

God will work through and transform those we love and will use those whose hearts already belong to Him to do his work. And that is not just me, the people they encounter in their day to day life: God will orchestrate those encounters. Christ lives in me and where ever I go Christ is with me, in hope that one day those I love most in this world will see the light of Jesus Christ. Like I saw and still see the face of Jesus radiating in the family I have in Christ today.

**Mary's Song:**

*"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.*

*From now on all generations will call me blessed,*

*For the Mighty One has done great things for me*

*Holy is his name.*

*His mercy extends to those who fear him,*

*From generation to generation."*

*\*Luke 1: 46-50*

*Jesus said to him "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." Luke 19:9-10*

Households being transformed. Like a gentle hand on a tense shoulder, the dust settling God's magical reassurance of His promise. His presence in my house.

*"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved- you and your household." Acts 16:31*

*With Love  
Lisa x*



*Thank you so much to Lisa for sharing a little glimpse of her journey with us... What a great testimony of Faith in the Promises of God's Word in her circumstances.*

*If you need encouragement, and a promise from God's Word to stand on for a particular situation, know that the City Church Women Team are here to stand with you: to help you seek out those truths in God's Word and to declare them with you!*

*You are Loved beyond measure...*

*The CCW Team x*

