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**“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.” III John 4**



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Mike has been writing up a storm! His latest book, *Training Children to be Strong in Spirit* is his best work yet on raising your children to be the best they can be! But, hold on to your hats, Mike is writing another book. Rumor has it that Mike is writing a MEN'S BOOK! But this rumor has been going around for years, but now it's TRUE and will soon be finished. Debi says it's like taking a drink from a fire hydrant.



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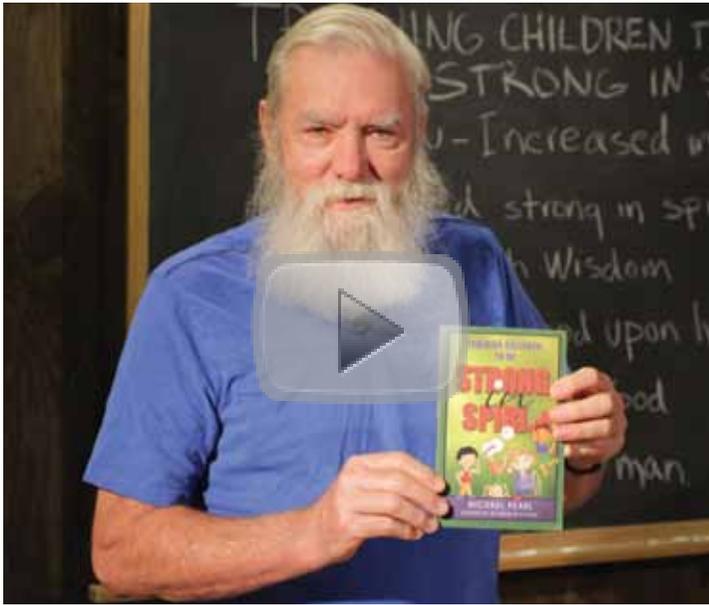
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# Mike's New Book!

By Michael Pearl

## Training Children to be Strong in Spirit

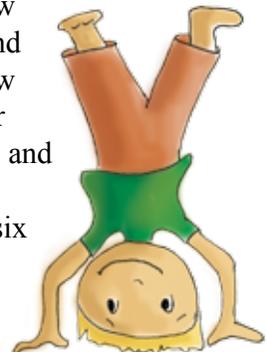
**Mike:** I have a new book that you're going to love. I have enjoyed writing it immensely. It's called *Training Children to be Strong in Spirit*. I've been looking forward to writing this book for a long time. It's full of stories about our past, about the children. It has exciting stories about snakes, bicycles, and ponds and rope swings, and Navy Seals and any number of things that kids go through growing up. It's based on a passage in the book of Luke, where I was reading about Jesus and John the Baptist. Here's what it says. This is interesting. It says, concerning Jesus, "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was

upon him." And then later after Jesus was 12 years old and visited the temple, it says, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."

It also says of John the Baptist that he grew strong in spirit. Samuel, over in the Old Testament, First Samuel, it says of Samuel "And the child Samuel grew before the LORD. And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men."

Now I've found six salient points in that.

The first one is that children grow





and increase in stature. You say, “Well all children grow.” Yes, but what we talk about is how to make sure that they grow real strong bodies and how they develop their bodies in such a way that they don’t succumb to sickness and disease.

And then, waxed strong in spirit. The book majors on this theme: how to produce children that are strong in spirit. Not weak and feeble, and not cry babies who fail or faint, but who stand up to the rigors of life. Who rebound, who have rebound capabilities.

And filled with wisdom. How important it is that our children be wise in the world in which we live. And how to teach that wisdom.

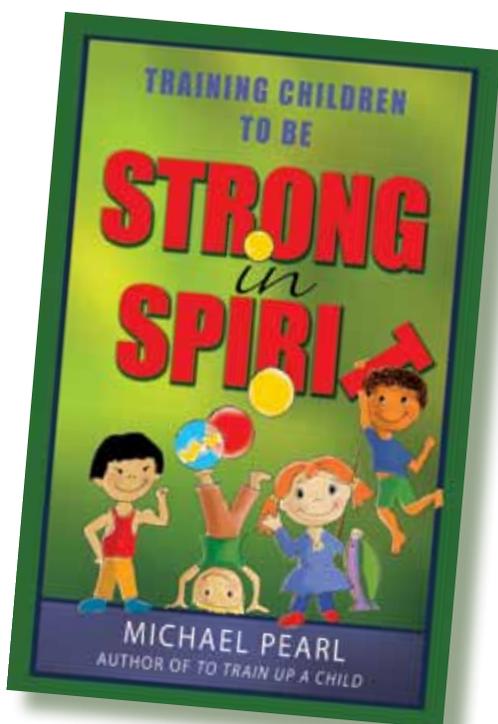
And then the grace of God is upon him. In other words, if your child has the grace of God, the provision of God upon them, then they are going to do well in life.

And then in favor with God. Some people have special favor with God. Some people have more favor with God than others do. John was that disciple whom Jesus loved and all the other disciples knew that, that he had a special relationship. Abraham was the one God called his friend. He didn’t call others his friend, but he did Abraham. So Abraham had special favor with God. What can you do to train your children to have special favor with God?

And then finally in favor with man. You know, prosperity in this

life has to do with having favor with men. If people don’t like you, if people don’t like your children, if your children don’t find favor with other people, then your children are going to be shut out of opportunity.

So how do we teach our children to have favor with men? That’s what we deal with in the book and it’ll be out around October 15. So look forward to it. I’m looking forward to it. My wife has put together a beautiful cover here. It has lots of little kids across the front, nice bright colors, so I really enjoy that cover. She did the cartoon drawing. So look for it about October 15... *Training Children to be Strong in Spirit.* \*



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# Teasing

By Shalom Brand

*Working with Mom to help little sister stop whining by not teasing her.*

**S**HALOM: Gracie. Remember how sometimes you tease Laila and be kind of silly? Well, when my brother was a little boy like 6-7-8-9, about your age, he would tease his little brother Nathan. Gabriel was strong and tough, just like you are. Do you have big muscles? Are you a good hard worker? Gabriel was a good hard worker. He could work for HOURS in the hot sun. He was a hard worker. He'd go hunting and he was happy, just like you are. But you know what Gabriel did sometimes?

**GRACIE:** What?

**SHALOM:** He'd be like, "Nathan! There's something black in

your ear. Do you see that black thing in your ear? Oh! There's something over here, there's something over here." And he would keep teasing him and teasing him. And you know what Nathan would do?

**GRACIE:** What?

**SHALOM:** Boo hoo hoo hoo. (Crying) "No! NO! Don't bother my ear!" And Gabriel would just keep "hee, hee, hee, hee." And he'd laugh "Hee, hee, hee, hee. Nathan's so silly. Nathan's crying. He's got something black in his ear." But that wasn't good was it. No. Sometimes you do that to Laila. Sometimes you'd be like "Hey, Laila, look! You

have something in your hair. You have something in your hair.” And you’ll laugh and you’ll think it’s so funny. But does Laila think it’s funny? NO! Laila doesn’t think it’s funny. What does Laila do?

**GRACIE:** Cries.

**SHALOM:** She cries, and whines. “No!” What do you think you should do when Laila does that? Do you think maybe you should say, “I’m sorry Laila. I didn’t mean to tease you.” And maybe you should stop teasing her? Do you think if Gabriel had stopped teasing Nathan that Nathan wouldn’t get mad and upset at Gabriel? Would Laila get mad if you said, “Oh! I’m sorry! I

didn’t mean to tease you Laila.” And if you stopped?

**GRACIE:** Then she wouldn’t get mad.

**SHALOM:** She wouldn’t get mad, would she.

**GRACIE:** No.

**SHALOM:** And that would be a nice big sister thing to do. And you could help train Laila not to whine. Did you know that? You could help Mama train Laila not to whine by not teasing her. That would be a big helper for Mama. Do you want to try it? All right! I love you!

**GRACIE:** I love you too!

**HUGS AND KISSES** ❁

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# From the Mailbox



Dear Pearls,

I think my kid is beginning to experience culture shock. He asked me, "Is there anyone out there who is raised like we are?" Trying to reassure him, "I am sure...I am certain," I responded, "that there is someone somewhere, some family, that is raising their children according to the same principles that we used to raise you guys."



When my husband and I had our first kid, we both knew that neither of us had a clue as to how to raise children properly, according to God's Word. Several others also agreed that we didn't know how to raise children. Never spank! No negative words. Only time-out. Then there was the other side: Spare the rod; spoil the child, but their children were nothing but "holy" demons and "Christian" perverts.

We needed help, and God, in an amazing way, led us straight to your book, *To Train Up A Child*. I bought the book, my husband read it, and we immediately agreed to use it as the recipe for raising our children. We followed it quite strictly in the beginning. The children then were ages less than one, one and a half, and two. I remember holding a baby in one hand, and the book in the other hand.

Fifteen years have passed since then. During this time we used, not only the book *To Train Up A Child*, but also several other No Greater Joy books, tapes, and videos.

Recently, we started attending a church with young people of the same ages as our kids. It is a Baptist church, Independent, Fundamental, King James only, conservative, women wear dresses, homeschooled kids, etc., on down the line. I think my one kid assumed that meant the young people would be, let's say, different than the world's crowd, and the nominally religious group. But what he is encountering is a pervasive and dominating American culture of gory movies, human carnage, self-destructive vices, pornography, and whorish behaviors.

I think that one of the most shocking aspects of this American culture is the unquestioning acceptance of Christian duality; i.e., You can belong to Christ and serve the devil at the same time. But God says, "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness." (Romans 8:5-10)

Furthermore, God says, "Know ye not, that to

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# INGJ Kids

## Bug Swap

*“Perfect!” she delighted within herself as she seized the bug and secured him in her jar.*

By Beverly Malone

**B**right and early, Helen hurried over to her friend Suzie’s house. Along the way, she spotted a red ladybug. “Perfect!” she delighted within herself as she seized the bug and secured him in her jar. Upon arriving at Suzie’s, she briskly rapped at the door.

“Why hello Helen!” said Mrs. Henry in her usual kind manner. “Looking for Suzie are you?”

“Yes ma’am,” Helen paused then added eagerly, “I have some serious fun to tell her about.” Mrs. Henry laughed light-heartily as she stepped aside for Helen to come in.

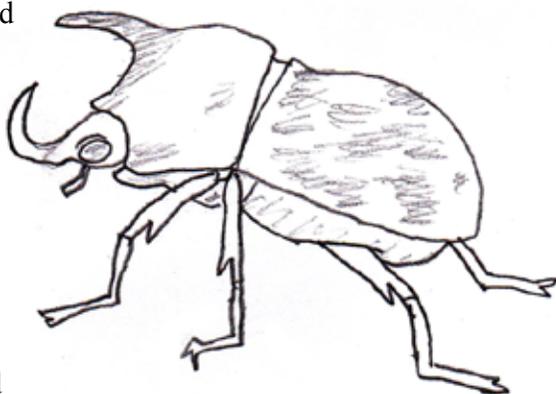
“Well go on up. I believe she is having tea with Benny Bear and Mrs. June,” said Mrs. Henry. Helen ran past Mrs. Henry, hastily forgetting her manners. Stopping short in alarm, she quickly turned and performed a light curtsy.

“Thank you ma’am,” she said.

Suzie indeed was having tea with Benny Bear and Mrs. June.

“Sue!” said Helen, as she appeared in the doorway.

“Oh, Helen! Come in! Come In! Won’t you join us for tea?”



“Not today. There’s much more fun to be had than tea!” said Helen with a happy smile.

“What kind of Fun?” Inquired Suzie, not at all sure that she agreed there was anything more fun to be had than tea.

“Come on outside and I’ll show ya,” whispered Helen, taking Suzie by the arm.

Suzie allowed herself to be led to the door, when she remembered Benny Bear and Mrs. June. Taking her arm away, she turned and addressed them.

“Thank you kindly Benny Bear and Mrs. June for having me over for tea.” Helen took up ...

[Click here to continue the story.](#)

# My Recipes

## Old Fashioned Carrot Cake

Shoshanna (Pearl) Easling

**Prep:** 10 min. **Cook:** 25 min. **Yield:** 1 3-layer cake or 24 cupcakes

### Cake:

- 1 cup Walnuts
- 1/2 cup Raisins
- 3 cups Carrots, shredded
- 1 cup Buckweat Flour
- 1 cup Wheat Flour
- 2 cups Sucanat
- 2 tsp. Baking Powder
- 1 tsp. Baking Soda
- 2 tsp. Ground Cinnamon
- 1½ tsp. Sea Salt
- 4 large Eggs, lightly beaten
- ¾ cup Grapeseed Oil
- 1 tsp. Vanilla Extract

### Cream Cheese Frosting:

- 1-8 oz. package Cream Cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup Butter, softened
- 1-16 oz. package Powdered Sugar, sifted
- 1 tsp. Vanilla Extract



### Cake:

1. Preheat oven to 350° F. Butter three, 9 inch round cake pans and line with wax paper; then butter and flour wax paper.
2. Combine first 10 ingredients in a large bowl. Add eggs, oil and vanilla, stirring until blended. Pour into prepared pans.
3. Bake for 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.
4. Cool in pans on racks for 10 minutes. Remove from pans and cool completely on wire racks.
5. Spread cream cheese frosting between layers, on top and sides of cake. Chill.

### Cream Cheese Frosting:

1. Mix thoroughly or blend on low all ingredients.
2. Spread evenly on cake, as desired.



Recipe from Shoshanna's *Making Babies* Cookbook and DVD series, coming soon. [www.bulkherbstore.com](http://www.bulkherbstore.com)



# Dealing with Frustration

By Michael Pearl

*My three-year-old is angry and spanking does not help.*

**M** **MIKE:** Hi, I'm Mike Pearl, and they drug me down off the hill where I've been working to answer your questions, which I am delighted to be doing here on this beautiful afternoon. Tremaine is here with us and he is going to read the question and I'm going to see if I can answer it. What's the first question, Tremaine?

**TREMAINE:** A woman writes in and says, "How do I train my one-year old to be patient and not get angry with toys when they don't do what he wants them to do. He gets very upset if he can't open a book or turn the pages. He cries and gets red and tosses the book. If he's pushing something around the house and he gets to a wall and can't push it any

farther he freaks out. I'm not sure if it's an opportunity to spank him, to show him it's wrong to act like that, or if I just need to speak calmly and show him how to do it. Sometimes I just ignore him because I'm so confused as to how to go about training in this area. Thank you.

**MIKE:** All right. That is not a spanking occasion. It's not an act of rebellion or hostility. The little fella is angry, because he's frustrated at his own ability to do something. For instance, the wall gets in his way, or the toys don't cooperate. Sometimes in the development of children there are things that we don't understand, that just don't make sense to us, but one thing that always makes sense

is – Don't create hostility between you and your children. Don't create a competitive atmosphere. Don't create condemnation. Spanking him wouldn't make him not be frustrated when he ran into the wall. He just needs more experience so that he can become an overcomer in some of those trials and difficulties. I think ignoring him is probably a good idea; in addition to, as you said, showing him. When he runs into the wall just patiently show him how he can back it up and turn around. Maybe you can get on some little toy and run into the wall yourself. And when you do then laugh, and then back your toy up and turn it around and show him how it's done. Show him how to respond.

Or if he gets frustrated with trying to put his clothes on or his shoes on or something, sit down on the floor with him and put your own shoes on and show an inability to accomplish a task and then respond in a happy, cheerful way; and then help him put his shoes on. So he just needs to be encouraged to be able to accomplish tasks effectively. His little body is growing and his mind

is growing and the two are not keeping in sync. You might see another child that doesn't act that way and you think "Well, there's something wrong with my boy, because he's so frustrated, he's so hostile, he's so angry when he runs into the wall" But children are all different. You

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may have three kids and one of them may be so calm and mild-mannered that they seem like adults at a year old, and the others may seem like little Hitlers.

But that's not an act of defiance. It's not an act of rebellion against authority. It has to do with the way he relates to the world around him. So he just needs to grow, needs to mature. He needs to be taught how to relate. The main thing is to make sure, in the meantime, that you don't create negative vibes between you and him by the way you respond. ❖

## From the Mailbox

Dear NGJ,

On behalf of the staff and inmates at Kershaw Correctional Institution, I thank you for your kind and generous donation. We were overjoyed when we received such a wonderful gift from you. God is truly blessing this prison, and the inmates here and we want to give Him the praise He deserves. Thank you again for your donation and concern for the incarcerated members of the Church. Your ministry is in our thoughts and prayers.

In His Service, Steve M.





*Whole frogs*

# My Kids Eat Anything

By TJ Slayman, Missionary in Southeast Asia

*It's incredible. Crickets, silkworms, cow brains, fish eyes: you name it. In fact, they fight over the stuff.*

**T**he other day we were traveling home from a trip in the remote North and stopped in a small village with a couple food stalls. I sat in the air-conditioned vehicle while my mother in law waddles over to acquire some food to eat on the road. Daddy's food came first: a grilled chicken quarter on a stick, along with a serving of sticky rice. Good safe bet. As I was devouring as much as I could as fast as I could while parked (safer to eat while parked as opposed to eating while driving, right?) the kids, wife and mother in law all piled in and we continued our journey. Just when I was about finished with my lunch, I looked in the rear view mirror out of curiosity to see what the kids were oohing and ahing and fighting over. What did grandma get them? Yikes!!!

Whole grilled BATS on a stick. I mean wings, ears, fur and all. And those kids of mine were just tearing into them like the little animals they are. What did I do? I winced in pain at the sight, adjusted the mirror so I couldn't see the debacle, moved the air-con vent to blow directly in my face to evade the smell and tried to ignore the whole thing. I found myself wishing I had a limousine with one of those privacy windows to separate me from the small horde of barbarians who insist on sharing their newly discovered favorite food with Daddy. Bats. Hilarious!

That is a funny story, and it's clear growing up in Southeast Asia will cultivate different tastes in food, but the fact is we are often asked by parents as to why our kids eat

so well, with strong appetites and never complain about their food. I'm by no means the end-all expert on the subject, but here are our observations and speculations. First, I believe it all starts during pregnancy. We have all heard of weird cravings of pregnant women right? Pickles and ice cream for example? Well, there are pregnant women cravings, and then there are pregnant Asian women cravings. Wow. Think tadpoles and fish eggs. For most of my wife's pregnancies we ate (actually my wife dined and I survived) on Lao and Thai food, both very diverse and varied in themselves concerning ingredients. We also often enjoyed Vietnamese and Chinese food (authentic, not American style greasy chicken buffet), Indian food, Japanese cuisine, and occasionally French and Western meals.

The point is that before my kids hit the air they already had an incredible smorgasbord of different foods, spices, nutrients, etc., flowing thru their little bodies. And we continued the wild world of weird food after birth as well. We all know that whatever a nursing mother eats gets passed on to the child, right? Well, there you have it. And yes, there were minor repercussions, such as fussy tummy aches, garlic burps, and runny stools, but if such things don't kill 'ya, they make you stronger. We never fed any of our children baby formula. Unnecessary. In fact, we have noticed a number of formula babies that turn out to be the most finicky eaters when older.

Another common sense point is no snacking between meals. Especially sweet snacks. The exception to this is fruit. Living in Southeast Asia does have some niceties, and

wonderfully delicious fruit is available year round and is affordable, often free. My wife adds that we usually only eat fruit when engaged in physical activities. That way we can benefit from the vitamins, minerals, and good taste while burning off the sugars. No-brainer.

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Hunger is yet another common sense factor in a healthy appetite. Let your children "suffer" from hunger for a couple hours and you will be surprised at what they will eat. My two year old daughter eats as much as her mom. None of my kids are overweight. In fact, they border on the verge of scrawny.

The only other thing that comes to mind is activity. Running, biking, swimming, swinging on ropes, working with daddy, housekeeping with momma, PLAYING, are all good things. Keep your kids outside as much as possible. This isn't rocket science.



*Pig entrails*



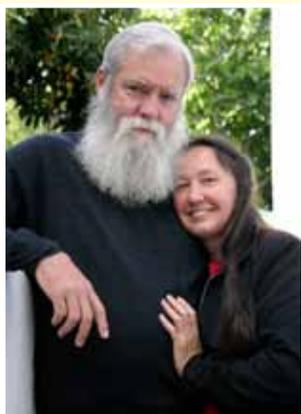
*Jed enjoying raw tunafish*

*Tabby & Lillian eating wasp larvae*

Out of curiosity I just surveyed my kids as to what their favorite foods are. Jedidiah – Japanese buffet. Tabitha – pizza from the Cote d’Azure restaurant. Timothy – “Steak! No wait! Cereal!” That sounds halfway normal, and is somewhat comforting to this American daddy.

So, there you have it. My kids eat anything, everything, and lots of it. We hope to be able to return

to the States early in 2012 and visit families, fellowships, and churches. We always have fun and make great memories doing so. We hope to share our vision for the peoples of \*\*\*\* with as many as possible. No church or fellowship is too large and formal or too small and informal for us. Feel free to invite us to visit your family. Warning: you may want to lock up and safeguard your pets. My kids can get hungry on the road. ❖



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# Multi-colored Girls

By Shalom and Kirsten

*The meshing of the two colors has makes you an even stronger individual.*

**Kirsten:** Hi, I'm Kirsten and I'm here with Shalom, and we're going to be discussing an article that Debi Pearl wrote on *Learning to Become a Multi-colored Girl*. Now, you may be asking yourself, "What in the world does that mean?" Well, what it means is Debi talking about the personality types that she's introduced in her books, *Created To Be A Help Meet* and *Preparing To Be A Help Meet*; the Prophet, Priest and King; the Servant, the Dreamer, and the Go-to Girl. She's labeled them with different colors. So Servant is going to be blue, and a King is going to be red. The whole idea of the article is, if you are a Servant and you marry a King, you are going to be a blue and he is going to be a red and you're going to become a purple-colored girl. That's just a beautiful concept, because you are who you are, and he is who he is, and then you are creating something

together that's even bigger. So have you seen that played out in your marriage at all, like the two personality types meshing to become something different than you were when you were younger?

**Shalom:** Definitely, definitely. I remember when I was younger my brother-in-law told me, "Shalom, you're a blue. You're blue. You're like a blue mini-van." And, at the time I was like, "What! I'm not a blue-minivan." He said, "Your sister, Shoshanna, is a red convertible, but you are a blue minivan." And I didn't realize until I got married what he was talking about. That YES, I was a blue minivan and that's a good thing! But, I married a husband that is a Prophet - King type and he wants me to be a Go-to girl in a lot of areas. He wants me to step up to the plate and pay bills, or make important phone calls for him. And as a blue minivan,



before I got married, that was NOT something I wanted to do. I was very intimidated. Actually I shouldn't have been, but I was very intimidated to do things like that. Even just going to Nashville by myself, or something like that. But he expects me to do those things so I had to learn to be a little bit more on the purple side. I'm still a minivan, but a little bit on the purple side.

**Kirsten:** But that's caused you to become even greater than you were just as blue. You have become more multi-tasked almost. The meshing of the two colors has made you an even stronger individual probably.

**Shalom:** Yes, it has. And in our *Preparing* Bible study with the girls, we were talking about our personality types and one of them spoke up and said, "You're a Go-to girl. "And I'm

like, "What? No! I'm not a get-out-there-and-do-things kind of girl." And they said, "Yeah, you are!" And, I guess I might have had to step up to that, since I've been married.

**Kirsten:** Yes, you have. By leading the *Preparing* Bible studies even, it's not a Servant position. You've been placed into a leadership position. And being able to know what to do when those opportunities are thrown at you is amazing. If you're a Servant, and you're handed the golden opportunity to lead a girls' Bible study, then you take that and you become more bold and you have to have those leadership skills. And I think the article's great. I loved reading it and it's all about the becoming ONE aspect of a husband and wife. It was great. I enjoyed it.

Thank you, Shalom. 🌸

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whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" (Romans 6:16) According to God's Word, there is NO Christian duality - zero, zip! You either belong to Christ and serve God, or you belong to Satan and serve the Devil.

So my kid asked me, "If you are sure there are others out there raised like we are, then where are they?"

"Well, they are very few, and far between," I answered, "but I am sure God will bring some across your path eventually."

"Can you name one?" he asked.

"Yeah! Mike Pearl"

"Then can we go visit him?" he asked.

"Well," I told him, "Mike Pearl had a heart attack, and you know he's getting pretty old; and by the time we ever get down there he'll probably be dead."

Then I realized I never thanked you and your wife for writing all those books and resources, which so helped us along the way. Thank you, from the bottom of our heart, we thank you. God has used you in our lives.

In Gratitude,

The Pero's

**\* Watch for our next issue coming Dec. 15, 2011! \***