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Letter from Susan

Dear Covenant Daughter,

I may not know you and I may never meet you, but I love you.

My husband and I have twelve grandchildren—six granddaughters and six grandsons. As I write this they range in age from five to twenty-one, so I probably have a grandchild your age. They call me Memommy. I go to soccer, basketball, baseball, football, and softball games, graduations, and recitals. Our grandkids have taught me to text. I love your generation!

As I think about your generation, my prayer is from Psalm 71:18:

So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.

One of the things I want to tell your generation is that learning true womanhood—womanhood that reflects the truth of the gospel—is the only way to experience true peace and joy.

I want our granddaughters and spiritual granddaughters (that means you) to know this because I want you to be true women who live for God's glory.

I want our grandsons to know this because I want them to marry a true woman.

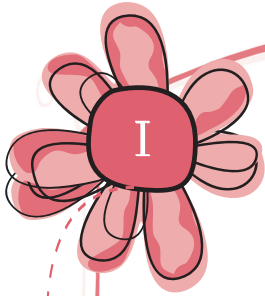
Mary Kassian and I have had a great time working together on these devotions. In Part 1, I share some basic biblical principles of womanhood, and in Part 2, Mary gives some practical implications of these principles.

Scattered throughout Part 1 are stories written by girls and women sharing their testimonies of their teen years. I am deeply grateful to each of these and inspired by their stories of God's grace. I think you will be too.

Mary and I pray that the Lord will use these devotions to shape you into a true woman who thinks, prays, and lives for His glory.

Susan





There Is a Difference

Male and female . . .
fascinating!

Have you ever wondered why God created people in His image?

Have you thought about His purpose for you as a female?

Have you considered the fact that God intentionally planned everything about your life?

Consider these jaw-dropping words from Acts 17:26: "And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place."

Think about it: God determined the "allotted period"—the exact time in history when you would live.

He determined the boundaries—the exact place on the planet where you would live.

He determined the family, friends, and circumstances of your life.

And He determined that you would be a female.

How extraordinary!

After God created the man and woman He said that this creation was very good.

It really is.

*Will you join us on a journey to explore
our very good calling to true womanhood?*

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

GENESIS 1:27



After each devotion you will find suggestions to help you learn to think, pray, and live for God's glory. I encourage you to spend time journaling your journey. You may want to read the devotion one day and journal the next day, or read all the devotions, and then re-read them and do the "Time for You" sections. To help you get started, I asked our teen granddaughters to write their thoughts. Read what they said, and then it will be your turn.

Time to THINK

Write your thoughts and feelings about Acts 17:26.

"This scripture makes me feel like I shouldn't complain or be unhappy with things in my life because God put these in place on purpose. It also gives me confidence that He is in control. God put all the people who are in my life there for a reason. Sometimes life is hard, but I know God has a plan for me. He made me in His own image, and He sacrificed His Son for me. I am grateful that He has a good plan for my life. I want to keep worshiping and praising Him."—Suzie, age 15

Time to PRAY

Write a prayer using Genesis 1:27 and Acts 17:26.

"Dear Jesus, thank you for creating me in Your image. Thank You for giving me a loving family and Christian friends. Thank You for having a plan for my life. Please help me glorify You in all that I do. In Jesus' name, amen."—Cassie, age 14

"Dear God, thank You for all Your blessings, specifically for what You did in creation, designing us humans as male and female, both equally good in Your image. It is so comforting to know, like You say in Acts, that You already know my every situation and surrounding, that nothing surprises You, that You have everything under control, and that You specifically made me a woman—a woman who strives to be true. I pray that You will help me every day to become more and more like a true woman and to honor You in all my endeavors and in my role as a woman. In Your name I pray, amen."—Mary Kate, age 19

Suzie, Cassie, and Mary Kate had their time—
now it's time for you to write your thoughts.

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Time to THINK

Think about Acts 17:26. God planned when and where you would live, and the people and circumstances of your life. Write your thoughts and feelings about this incredible reality.

Time to PRAY

Using God's Word as the basis for our praise and petitions helps us to know God and His Word more intimately. It deepens our prayer life. Write a prayer using Genesis 1:27 and Acts 17:26.



Time to LIVE FOR GOD'S GLORY

Tell someone what you learned from Genesis 1:27 and Acts 17:26.