



# Mid-Valley Women of Christ

## Take Courage

*"Once more, in a little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all the nations so that the treasures of all the nations will come and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of Armies."*

### Haggai 2:6-7

**S**haking refers to God's intentional interruption of the natural order of things. And in this case, God intended to shake things up, to turn things around, so that glory would come to His house.



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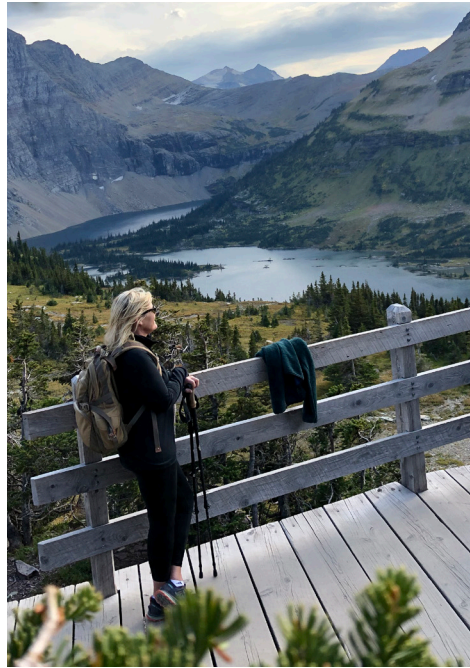
God shook things up so that Israel would put Him first. And often, once we learn to do that, He will shake things up once more to remind us that we are in an unshakable kingdom.

God often puts people in uncomfortable situations just before He does something that has never been done before.

There is in fact a worldwide shake-up taking place now across the earth. The tragedy is that while we see the things going on, we don't realize that God is at work to take us to a greater place.

Why do I share all of this? I believe we all need to take courage and ask God to help us understand and know His heart is for us as we try and navigate our lives in a world that is being shaken.

Haggai 2:9 shares, "The final glory of this house will be greater than the first."



God has inexhaustible resources. The restored temple of the future will have greater glory than Solomon's temple, because of the presence of Jesus.

Often times, economic disaster comes upon a nation because of their disobedience to God. But when a nation shifts their priorities and repents, and returns to God and obeys God, He will turn their curses into blessings.

I believe we all have an opportunity to put God first in our lives. To stand in the gap and repent not only for our personal sins of straying from God, but to also repent for the sins of our nation straying from the commandments of God.

I pray we would all humble ourselves before God and repent and return to God, and stand back and watch God heal our land and exchange these curses for blessings.



## Committed To Serve

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Mid-Valley Women of Christ

**T**he Board of Mid-Valley Women of Christ has committed to serving the Lord by providing prayer times, community-wide Bible studies, and events. The unique circumstances of 2020 have spurred us to adjust how we deliver these life-changing ministries.

When we could not meet in person for prayer times, we hosted a Facebook Live Gathering. Our monthly prayer gatherings at Eastside Christian in Albany, Dallas Foursquare, City of Destiny in Springfield, and River of Life in Sweet Home, are back with appropriate safety measures. We are incredibly grateful to these churches for supporting our ministry by opening their doors.

In September, we launched our 25th community-wide Bible study, "Take Courage" by Jennifer Rothschild. Through courage, 21 host churches are offering 25 classes. They have adapted how they present these sessions to ensure health guidelines are followed. More importantly, ladies can still meet and grow in their faith. There are approximately 400 women from 100 different congregations attending across the valley.

The Fall Community-Wide Praise & Worship Night is adapted as well. This event is scheduled to be live-streamed from Life Community Church in Corvallis. While this is a departure from the usual in-person gathering of over 800 women who crowd the venue, we pray that the Lord will cause this session to reach even more women.

While this year has looked different than we imagined, the Lord of Hosts was not surprised. He has continued to direct and guide our ministry. Thank you for your partnership in this kingdom work!

## Thank You!



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