



Lorna's Take...

On Champions of Faith

By Lorna Dueck, host of "Listen Up"

It was 14 years ago that God began nudging my heart to leave secular journalism and storytelling. I knew I was being asked to serve His kingdom work in my field, but I came kicking and screaming to writing my first stories about how Christ interacts with our lives. I was convinced that there couldn't be enough interesting faith stories to market or challenge, and I've since had to repent countless times for my doubting, snobby heart about the mysteries of Christ. I marvel at the grace of God; that He had patience with my immature and shallow perceptions. Now, after having tasted the delight of reporting the works of God, I can never go back. Without a doubt, my favourite stories on the faith beat are ones about the champions of faith.

These heroes of the Christian walk are all around us. They live with their eyes fixed on Jesus and their hands holding lightly the blessings God gives. They live sacrificially and are constantly giving their time, talent and treasure – bringing heaven on earth wherever they go. They've battled storms and crises. When living in the dark, they walk on the truth learned about God in the light. They laugh and have fun at life, for they know that delight is part of their duty. They love their spouses and children and, as parents, never let go of encouraging, giving, coaching, and bringing out the best in their offspring.

They can smell adventure in a moment and jump with eagerness to any task that the Holy Spirit blows into their paths. They love justice and mercy, serve without recognition, and provide help and guidance. They champion the road to salvation in Jesus and walk in the fear of God. Most of all, they have a deeply personal, intimate relationship with Christ that daily sees them reading the Bible and praying at length. They know Christ, love Christ and serve Christ. Being a champion is a call that's within all our reach. ☩