

# GOSPEL GLIMPSES

REDEEMER CHURCH WOMEN'S MINISTRY



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**In 2-4 sentences, tell us a little about yourself (where you are from, what brought you to San Diego, family, careers, etc...)**

I was born in Philadelphia, PA, and married Bob from Baltimore, MD. We moved to San Diego in 2000 when Bob joined the Harbor Church Planting Movement. At the time, our children were 2, 3, and 5 years old. They are now young adults (Brietta (22), Jed (24), and Kelsie (26), who is married to Sam (27)), and Bob is now the Young Adult Pastor at Redeemer. We have been at Redeemer since October 2019. I am also a pediatric endocrinologist at Rady Children's Hospital.

**Tell us about something that is life-giving to you and why!**

Seeing Jesus leave heaven for our broken world to come meet me in my brokenness and give His life for me is life-giving. Because He came to serve, I can afford to lose my life to serve others. I want to spend and be spent to love others. I enjoy people and want to hear and understand their stories. I appreciate how God uses everyone around us to make us who He wants us to be, whether they know Him or not, and whether I understand what He is doing or not. I like the Gospel Glimpses title because the Gospel says I am worse than I know, and at the same time I am more loved than I can imagine. I long for those glimpses more and more moments of the day, reminding me and changing how I live, not just the first time I believed, and not just good Biblical answers, but a lifestyle of turning from hope in my circumstances and turning to hope in Christ alone.

**In Philippians 4:8, Paul encourages believers to focus on things that are pure, praiseworthy, just, true, lovely, and commendable. In light of that, share with us one thing you**

**have seen or experienced that exemplifies one of these.**

Last week Bob and I were talking about our 20 years here praying for our neighbors and feeling like failures in how little we have been able to share with them. Only Jesus is pure and lovely, but when God looks at us, He sees Jesus, and we get Jesus' perfect record, whether or not we do a good job sharing with our neighbors. As we were half complaining/half praying, one of our new neighbors called and asked to borrow a table and invited us to a socially distanced hang-out in the cul-de-sac. We spent the next 3 hours with 4 families, 3 of whom we just met! We praise God for His work in His timing!

**What specific Scripture verse(s) has the Lord been using to encourage you during this season?**

I am encouraged through memorizing the verses in the Topical Memory System (TMS by Navigators). Hiding God's word in my heart and mind lets me hear His words more moments of each day, meditate more purposefully, pray more in line with God's will by praying His words, and preach the Gospel more often to myself and others. One specific verse during this season is 1 Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." Jesus is steadfast and immovable and through Him God empowers us to do His work. It is not in vain, even when we are discouraged, frustrated, confused, or feeling too isolated. I want to encourage you, my new Redeemer sisters, to notice that our Lord is calling us beloved. No matter what you have done today, or not done today, God is looking at you and saying, "beloved, beautiful, perfect, adopted daughter, with whom I am pleased."