

# Gospel Glimpses

REDEEMER WOMEN'S MINISTRY



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

Hello Redeemer Women! My name is Katy Nelson, and our family has been attending Redeemer for 7 years. I grew up in the Bay Area and attended UC Davis, where I met Peter (Pastor of Community). As we were both college athletes (he in baseball, me in track and cross-country), we became involved in sports ministry, Athletes in Action (AIA). We spent a year after college doing missions work with AIA in San José, Costa Rica. After we returned to the U.S., we were married and lived in Roseville, CA and Oregon. We came to SoCal originally for a youth ministry position for Peter at a church in Carlsbad. We have three children Riley (12), Selah (almost 10), and Zeke (7). I have also taught high school Spanish for 17 years and now am also teaching PE.

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

I enjoy relationships and being with people! Good conversations, serious and silly, with friends new and old, give me life. I also find joy in working out and reading a good (preferably historical) fiction novel. I wish I could say that cooking and cleaning bring me life. But at least they bring me...an opportunity for sanctification?

**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.**

This has, for us just like everyone, been an extremely challenging season. I have never been

more challenged to set my eyes on what is praiseworthy. This season has brought to the surface many of my hidden idols (comfort, and control to name a couple) and I have found great sustenance in the Word of God. Through reading plans on the Bible App with sisters in Christ and more focused prayer and Bible memorization, I have been growing in my understanding of God's great mercies and faithfulness. I praise God that His Word equips us to fight the battles, inward and outward, and how prayer, personal and corporate, empowers us to make his kingdom visible to this world!

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

Recently, in light of how COVID has changed our relational circumstances so greatly, I've been really struck with what is God's design and purpose for me in this time. 1 Peter 2:9 tells us that we "are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." I see the despair that uncertainty and restriction are causing in the lives of my family, coworkers, students, and neighbors. As believers we are called to be "priests" who care for the people entrusted to them, and to those who are struggling emotionally, we may bring the joy and hope of the gospel. That can be as simple as remembering what people share with you about their worries and struggles and checking in later, or offering to pray. We can cling to and glory in the finished work of Christ in our lives and share in the burdens of others.