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IN MEMORY - CLAIRE LLORET

Joy of Living would like to honor our dear sister and fellow laborer, Claire Phyllis Lloret, who was called home to her Lord and Savior on March 26, 2008.

Claire was born in Flushing, NY in 1931. She married Julian Lloret in 1952. They were blessed with four children, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In preparation for a life of missionary service, Claire attended Columbia Bible College (now Columbia International University). She and Julian served the Lord as missionaries in Mexico, Costa Rica, Guatemala and then at the CAM International headquarters in Dallas, Texas. Claire also gave freely of her time and talents to help translate a number of the *Joy of Living* studies into the Spanish language.



Only eternity will show how many lives have been touched by this precious woman of God.

NEW LEADERSHIP TRAINING GUIDE

Joy of Living is pleased to release an **all new** *Leadership Training Guide*.

This 40-page guide gives you step by step guidelines to help you start, administer and teach a class; lead a discussion group; and provide nursery and childcare. The pages are reproducible for leader training. Numerous groups have discovered the effectiveness of these proven principles, methods, and ideas.

The guide is available as a free-download on our website, www.joyofliving.org, or a printed copy may be purchased for \$3.00 plus shipping. The guide is also included in the Introductory Kit and the Teacher's Starter Kit (see order form for details).

NOW AVAILABLE - NEW SPIRAL-BOUND STUDIES

Joy of Living is pleased to announce the release of the revised, updated and spiral-bound studies of **Exodus; Philippians & Colossians; and 1 Thessalonians**. Edited and updated by Kathy Rowland, these excellent studies feature all new study questions and updated commentary.

Based on the original study by Jean Randall, **Exodus: From Egypt to the Promised Land** is a 26-lesson course. **Exodus**, the second book of the Old Testament, continues the narrative begun in the book of Genesis. God's chosen people, Israel, were living in Egypt. Although they originally came as honored guests they multiplied in number and were enslaved by the Egyptians. Exodus tells of God's redemption of Israel from

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NEW CLASS - WHAT TO STUDY?

We frequently receive calls asking us what course a new class should begin with. There is no set answer. First and foremost, pray; ask God to guide you. Take into consideration the make-up of your group—are they new believers, are they mature believers and want a challenge or are they a mix? All *Joy of Living* studies offer both “milk” for the newer believer and “meat” for the more mature believer.

The following are suggestions for classes who have never used *Joy of Living* materials before.

If your group wants to try a short study first, *Joy of Living* offers a four-lesson study, **Psalms from the Heart**, which can be downloaded free-of-charge from our website at www.joyofliving.org.

If a slightly longer study is preferred, try **Hall of Faith**, a 10-week study covering Hebrews chapter 11. This New Testament study takes you back into the Old Testament and covers many of the mighty men and women of God, giving you a clear picture of real faith.

If the group is ready for a longer study, **Genesis**, a 28-week study, lays the foundation for understanding the rest of the Bible and God’s plan for our lives today.

If you’d like them to learn about the life of Jesus...**Gospel of Mark** focuses on the fact that Jesus was fully man and fully God. It is an excellent study to encourage your heart and build your faith.

For other suggestions you may want to look at the list of course descriptions on our website, located at www.joyofliving.org. See our current order form for prices.

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There will be less mail in your mail box and we won’t clutter your inbox with unwanted emails, either!

THE HANDS OF JESUS - BY SHARON SIMONIAN

The hands of the Lord Jesus are centuries old.

On earth, they would motion with the stories He told,
Reach to hold a baby, or to heal someone ill,
Or break loaves of bread until all ate their fill.

One day, He allowed them to be nailed to a cross—

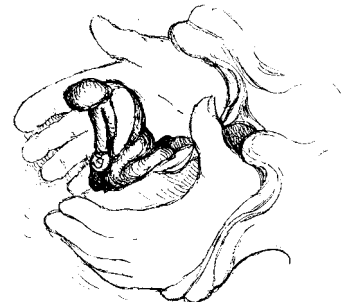
They took the punishment for our sin, shame and loss.

Today, they reach out in a gesture of love

As He speaks to your heart from His home above.

Outside the door to your life He now stands

With one gentle plea; Place your life in My hands.



DIGITAL STUDIES - PDF OR WORD?

For those of you who prefer to do your studies on the computer, *Joy of Living* offers digital format studies. All courses are available in Microsoft Word format, and many are also available in PDF format.

There are unique benefits to both formats.

The PDF studies look just like the printed studies with the commentary in two columns. The commentary and questions are locked in place on the page and under each question there is a text box where the answer may be typed. The text will shrink as you type so that your answer will fit into the space. Quite a bit of text will fit in the box, but there is a limit.

The Microsoft Word document does not look like the printed studies. It is a single column word processing document. Commentary and questions are not locked into position on the page and you may enter as much text in each answer space as you want; the text following your answer will simply move down, as in any word processing document.

Digital copies are the same price as the printed studies of the same name. See order form for prices. Digital studies can be obtained on CD (regular shipping charges apply) or via email (no shipping charge).

NEW STUDIES...

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this bondage, and of His guidance of the people to the land of promise. You will meet Moses, Miriam, Aaron, and Joshua. God's purpose in history is revealed through this account of redemption, covenant, and the building of the Tabernacle, all of which picture God's plan which would be fulfilled through Jesus Christ.

The final lessons of **Exodus: From Egypt to the Promised Land** cover selected portions of *Numbers*, *Deuteronomy* and *Joshua*, showing Israel settling in the land of promise under Joshua's leadership.

Based on studies by Doris Greig, **Philippians & Colossians** is a 9-lesson course. These two books of the Bible are letters written to churches in the cities of Philippi and Colossae by the apostle Paul.

Philippians may be summed up by the word joy: joy in living, joy in service, joy in fellowship, and joy in rewards. Christ is the secret of our joy. *Colossians* proclaims Christ as the Head of the body. He is our life, and we are complete in Him. Paul urges us to be rooted in Jesus, to be built up in Him, to be hidden in Him, and to present Him to the world.

Also based on a study by Doris Greig, **1 Thessalonians** is a 6-lesson course. During the Apostle Paul's visit with the Christians at Thessalonica, sudden persecution arose and the believers sent him away for his safety. This Bible book is a letter the apostle Paul wrote to these new Christians—who had formerly been pagans—to encourage them in their trials, to instruct them in godly living, to urge some not to neglect daily work, and to give assurance concerning the future of believers who die before Christ returns.

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