## International House of Prayer of Greater Fort Wayne ...a day and night, city-wide, multi-church prayer and worship ministry

## The Imaginative God

"The tree which moves some to tears of joy is in the eyes of others only a green thing that stands in the way. Some see nature all ridicule and deformity... and some scarce see nature at all. But to the eyes of the man of imagination, nature is imagination itself."

William Blake

In our Christian circles we have sometimes dismissed imagination as something that should not be dabbled with. In fact, I know some parents who completely discourage their children from engaging their imaginations at all. This is a sad position, as we were created with imagination. The Scripture tells us that we were made in God's image and thereby, because He is the essence of creative imagination, we all have creativity in our beings- we all have an imagination. Of course, we can see evidence of the fact that the enemy can get a hold of our imaginations and take us down paths that are not good or Godly however, this

should not be impetus to shut down the creative and Godly imagination that we each have the power to tap into. If you look around us, God's creative imagination can be seen everywhere. According to realtrees4kids.org, there are over 100,000 different types of trees in the world. That would take some massive creative skills. Not only did He create trees but also animals, flowers, the universe, and people, all out of His imagination. His imagination created beauty so stunning, so full of life and color that, for some, they are brought to tears at the sight of it. For others it compels them to create their own expression



of beauty. All of God's imaginative creativity is there to draw our attention to this beautiful Triune God, who desires to live in a voluntary love relationship with humanity. What task lies before you that needs some creativity? Ask Father to open your heart to your Godly imagination, to tap into the creative pool of knowledge that is in your inner man. It may surprise you what you find.

Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself. Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life. Galatians 6:4 (MSG)

We are formally announcing the publishing of:

Awakening the Song of the Heart—Musings of a Jesus Lover by: Denise Bouwers

Part of my purpose in writing this Journal was to invite you to connect to your story with Jesus—to your own unique song! As you read and ponder the quotes, musings, and Scriptures presented in these pages take the time to consider the following questions:

- •What is Holy Spirit revealing to me?
- •What is Jesus' invitation to me?
- •What is Father asking me to do or say?

The blank page after each short discourse is for you to write your thoughts, to interact with your own musings (deep reflection, or thoughts). Journaling is a great way to get to know yourself and to see, on the page, some of the thoughts Holy Spirit is bringing to your consciousness. Enjoy the process, revel in the seeing, splash around in the revelation your Triune God brings to light. It is good and right that you should do so. He created you to know Him. It is the crown of our existence. (Proverbs 25:2)

Here is what we are hearing from some who have read and used the journal: "This gives me a greater impetus to go deeper into my journey with the Lord." "It has stirred everything in my being to seek Him out even more so." "So good, so foundational and yet I need to hear it and read it again and again." "It is simply the most honest book I've read. It is incredibly real, encouraging, and full of our Healing Hope."



You can order your own copy online at www.thebookpatch.com click the bookstore and search for Denise Bouwers.

## **Love Offering for El Salvador**

- While we are not able to travel to El Salvador, we will still be giving an offering.
- Target date for sending our love offering to El Salvador is May 22.
- We are convinced this will be a critical, life giving offering for the people of San Pablo Tacho Chico El Salvador where poverty has been exacerbated by the covid virus.

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