



Women's Devotional eNewsletter | April 2019



*God said to Moses,
"I am who I am."
This is what you are to say
to the Israelites: 'I AM has
sent me to you.'"*

[Exodus 3:14](#)

If you are like me, there are times that you read or hear something from the Bible that just confuses you. Those two little words "I AM" fell into that category for me. Why would God tell Moses to tell the Israelites that "I AM has sent me to you."? Oh, I've heard different messages on the subject, i.e., "Fill in the blank after I AM for who God is.", or "Replace AM with the word 'Exist.'" Or my favorite, "If God is I AM, that must mean that I am NOT." Good messages with some thought-provoking ideas to be sure, but nothing I had heard on the matter really satisfied the lingering question in my heart: Why did God choose "I AM" for His name at that moment in time?

It was several years ago during a time I was working as a tenth through twelfth grade English teacher in a Christian school that this question kept surfacing in my mind and heart. The Abeka curriculum we used all the way through high school included grammar, vocabulary, and spelling. As part of the process in learning vocabulary words, we also learned the meanings of prefixes, roots, and suffixes of words. For example, the prefix "pre-" means "before"; the suffix "-ist" means "person or object that does a specified action"; and the root "CARDIO" means "heart". Putting the pieces together can help to determine the meaning of a word, like a cardiologist is a doctor who specializes in hearts.

During one of those vocabulary lessons on prefixes, roots and suffixes, I felt God speaking directly to my heart in answer to that nagging question I had been having about His name of "I AM". As I looked over our lists for the week, my eyes fell on one little root word....AM. You may have noticed from my previous paragraph, that root words are depicted in all capital letters, whereas prefixes and suffixes are not. Apparently, I had never paid much attention to that little root word of "AM" before because I couldn't readily recall the meaning of it. But as I recognized that this little root word looked exactly the same as God's name for Himself—"AM"... capital A, capital M... my curiosity grew to find out the meaning. And right there, in the tenth grade spelling/vocabulary book, was the answer I had been searching for that spoke to my heart and soul. AM means love! That's right... the Latin root word am means "love"! In that moment I felt the Lord telling me, "I LOVE, that is who I AM, and that's the message I want you to know."

What more important message could we receive from our God than those two little words....I LOVE! It's the message God has given us time and time again in His Word, and it's the message He gave us in sending Jesus who proclaimed it and demonstrated it over and over during His time here on earth. It's the ultimate message Jesus left for us in dying on the cross for our sins. He loves us that much, and He is willing to answer those questions we have about Him in our hearts if we are willing to ask and then listen.

***I AM* was written by Lorie McMillen -**

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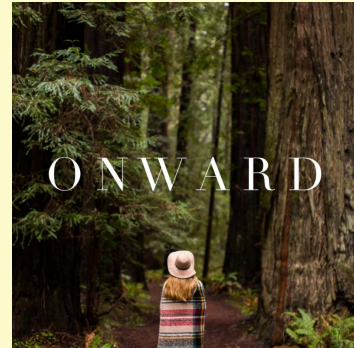
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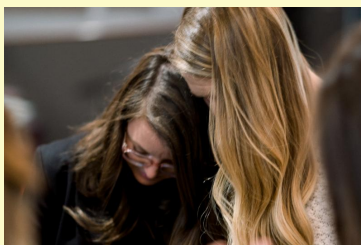
Monday, May 13

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Fellowship Fayetteville Student Center



Fellowship women's ministry hosted a new event in January called ONWARD. The event, open to women in their twenties and thirties, brought nearly one-hundred women together to worship the Lord and find encouragement to move onward through their respective seasons. The vision for the event was to provide a night to care specifically for this part of the body of our congregation. No matter whether you are navigating the newness of motherhood, a career, post-graduate life, or marriage, we all need Jesus and are all on this journey together. The premier event of Onward was such a success that Fellowship will be hosting its second Onward gathering on Monday, May 13. Make plans now to join us! To register, text #onward to 479-308-0410.



Save the Date



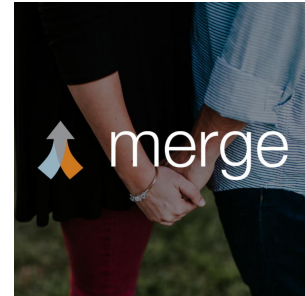
Save your Tuesdays and make plans to join us
June 4 through July 30
for our women's summer study!

More details to come...

Getting Married?

MERGE Premarital Workshops

MERGE is an 8-week, premarital experience offered each year in the Spring, Summer, and Fall, only on the Fellowship Fayetteville campus. These workshops are designed to provide engaged and seriously dating couples unique opportunity to learn, seek wisdom, and receive counsel on marriage from a Biblical perspective. Cost is \$85 per couple and space is limited. Signup early and be sure to fill out and submit the required online survey.



Summer Session: July 7 - August 25, 2019

Register [HERE](#) for the Summer Session
Registration closes Sunday, June 30

Fall Session: September 29 - November 17, 2019

Register [HERE](#) for the Fall Session
Registration closes Sunday, September 22

Resources



Discipleship for Women | [Learn more & enroll](#)

As a Christ follower today, we strive to incorporate discipleship into our everyday relationships. It is not just evangelizing, but mentoring: a spiritually older woman in Christ (discipler) teaches and models how to live a godly faith-filled life to a spiritually younger woman (disciplee). Formats may vary with each relationship, but Christ and the Bible remain at the center with spiritual maturity and reproduction the goal.

Service Opportunities

Weekday Front Office Help

If you have administrative skills and enjoy being around people, we would love to put your talents to use as a member of our front office team at Fellowship Fayetteville. We are currently seeking front desk volunteers to commit to serving weekly or rotating twice a month - your choice of a four hour shift on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays. Contact: [Ray Wagoner](#), 479-659-3615 or [Vicki Kennedy](#), 479-659-3684.

Serve One

At Fellowship we encourage our Sunday attendees to Worship One/Serve One, meaning attend a corporate celebration service and then volunteer to serve during another service so others may worship. Many team positions are currently available on Sunday mornings. Current needs include Door Greeters (Connections) and Hospitality Team (Worship). Or choose from additional areas to serve including media, worship choir, prayer, FayetteKids, One2One, and prayer. Visit serve.fellowshipfayetteville.org to find your fit.

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