

# Never Too Late to Believe

Several years ago, I accompanied my niece Shae and two of her girlfriends to a Girls of Grace conference. The event, sponsored by Christian recording artists Point of Grace, was geared to the needs of teen girls.

The weekend gathering was part concert and part retreat and one of the few current events at which girls can gain some real perspective on the culture in which they live. What's more important is that they can also hear the truth about all God has in store for them.

I knew the teens would receive some valuable ministry. But I was quite surprised by how the conference impacted me.

During the week leading up to the event, I was looking forward to getting in touch with my inner teenager, but I was also concerned about whether my strength would hold up.

I doubled up on sleep and vitamins just in case, but I didn't need to. I was energized by hanging out with these amazing young women.

There was something contagious about the way they exuberantly worshiped God. I remember those days! I was like that once; we all were.

For some of us the years have added up to freedom and fulfillment in every aspect of life. But for those who have faced some of life's harsher realities, time has brought painful memories, innumerable

disappointments and  
regrets.

Perhaps you're one of those. You'd like to think you could recapture some of the youthful energy and zeal you once had, but what you're facing right now appears to be a mountain of impossible circumstances.

In the Bible, Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, experienced firsthand the reality that sometimes God waits a long time to manifest His Word. When she commended Mary, the mother of Jesus, for receiving what the angel Gabriel said to her about being impregnated by the Holy Spirit, she spoke volumes: "'Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord'" (Luke 1:45, NKJV).

Elizabeth, too, believed. And in spite of her barrenness and old age, God was faithful to her. It must have seemed awfully late to most people. But through her He blessed His people and proved Himself to them once again.

I'll admit, I thought seeing those teen girls at the conference would cause me to muse over the passage of time and wonder if I had done everything I was destined to do for the Lord. But instead of becoming melancholy, my heart was stirred to believe that if it wasn't too early for them to believe God, then maybe it wasn't too late for me.

What about you? Are you willing to continue standing on

God's promises, even if it means pushing your faith beyond its normal limits?

Are you ready to start believing Him again?

If you are wondering today whether it's too late for your divine dreams to come to pass, I encourage you to ask God for eyes that are open to see the future as He does. You'll find there is still more than enough time for you to fulfill His will in your you believe.

### **PRAYER POWER FOR THE WEEK OF 9-19-2011**

This week thank God that as you acknowledge Him in everything He *will* direct your steps and you *will* fulfill His will for your life. Pray for those suffering from the effects of recent hurricanes, floods and earthquakes. Remember Israel, our allies, and those serving to protect our freedoms, communities and families at home and abroad. Ask God to direct the president and those working with him to provide jobs, secure our borders and ensure our safety. Pray for global revival, more laborers for the harvest and the expansion of God's kingdom on earth. Luke 1:45

*To enrich your prayer life and learn how to strategically pray with power by using appropriate scriptures, we recommend the following sources by Apostle John Eckhardt: Prayers that Rout Demons, Prayers that Bring Healing, Prayers that Release Heaven on Earth and Prayers that Break Curses. To order any or all of these click here.*