

Squeeky says...

Hi Everybody...I've been pretty contented since arriving at the Tab. But something happened the other day to shake me up a little bit. I overheard two ladies talking about a cat that wandered onto the property and they thought it would be kind of neat to adopt it and make it the church mascot. Well, I have to confess that my whiskers stood straight on end when I heard that. I was not a mouse of faith at that moment. Nasty schemes started



The Tabernacle's resident church mouse, philosopher and occasional complainer

going through my mind, like putting mouse statues around the property that had poison on them. Or a sign over my

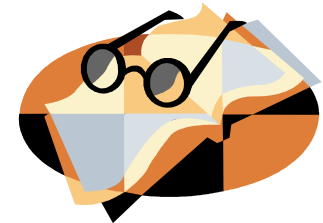
door hole that says, "Enter at your own risk." In the midst of all those thoughts, I heard a voice that said, "Squeeky, do you trust me or yourself?" Oh, boy, was I ever convicted! In my moment of fear, I forgot that it is God who sets the boundaries in my life because He has a plan for me. My job, as a Kingdom mouse, is to trust Him each day. So, all you cats out there, be afraid—be very afraid—because Squeeky is strong in the Lord.

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JIMMY McCLELLAN

This year Jimmy is celebrating 40 years of being a Christian. He met the Lord as a hippy on the streets of San Francisco. Miraculously, he was led to Jesus through a stranger, through visions of heaven and by an impartation of the Holy Spirit.

For 36 years Jimmy was married to Carolyn, who has since gone to be with Jesus. Together, they ministered as a team, helping people in all walks of life. In Carolyn's role as a mental health counselor, she had many opportunities to introduce people to Jesus as the healer of broken hearts.

Jimmy has considered the Tab his church home since 1979, though he and Carolyn were out in the field several times pastoring a church for the homeless, ministering in a Puerto Rican church, and serving in other ministries.

Today, Jimmy serves as campus custodian, Chairman of the Board of the Food Bank Ministry, frequent Sunday morning speaker, and in many other areas of Body life.

Family is important to Jimmy. He has four children and ten grandchildren. Often you will see some of the little ones trailing behind him when he worships the Lord with banners and dance.

The Body of Christ...

Well, 2007 is behind us and 2008 is ahead. It's a good time to ask this question: What boundaries do we have in our lives? I remember when our two children were young and we would go on a trip in the car. It didn't take long for one of them to complain about one infringing on the other's personal space in the back seat. Boundaries get established early in life and we need to ask ourselves, are they God's boundaries or ours?

For those of us who are part of the Body of Christ, the boundaries start with an intentional decision each day to abide in Christ, to seek first His kingdom, and to know Him well enough to remain in His Presence throughout each day. However, in the trials of life, it soon becomes apparent if we are trusting in God or not.

Often the trials force us to be more honest with our feelings. Isaiah 40:27-38, reveals Israel's perception of God in the trial they were experiencing. The Message translation says, "Why would you ever complain, O Jacob, or whine, O Israel saying, 'God has lost track of me, He doesn't care what happens to me?'" Verse 39 says, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." The Hebrew word, QaVah, is used here for wait upon. It really means to be intertwined with the Lord at our innermost place of trust.

In 2008, let's be the Body of Christ, encouraging each other to trust God in every situation.



Don Lees



Linda Lees

Practical Suggestions...I'm

(Linda) in the process of getting rid of the boundaries I've set up for myself and embracing God's boundaries for my life. It isn't easy. Some self-boundaries are so imbedded, they operate automatically. The only solution is to ask God to show me what they are and help me change.

One of the things I miss when I have my own agenda is an opportunity to participate in what God is doing. I could be the answer to someone's prayer. Or, someone might be used in my life for God's answer to my prayer. This is all part of the abundant life. I don't want to miss it, do you?

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