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Walking in Faith: Just As I Am!

by Kimberly Kwon: current editor of the SEMI and M-Div. student.

Ever since I was young, I remember attending church. I remember reading the Bible stories and thinking, “God can do anything!” I remember attending church camps, memorizing Bible verses, and singing songs like “Jesus Loves Me” and “This Little Light of Mine”. Back then, the existence of God, the validity of the Bible, and His love for me were not questioned. To me, God was just there, the Bible was true and He loved me.

I never really had any terrible trials during my early childhood years. My parents loved me and were there for me. They sacrificed a lot for me. They left the familiarities of their home in Seoul when I was five years old, in hopes that I may have a better life in the States. I was born with a mild case of cerebral palsy -- a birth defect with no known cause that affects my nervous system, balance, muscle coordination and gait while walking -- and disabled people have a very limited life in Asia. Despite my disability, God blessed me with many true friends and encouraging teachers.

But in junior high and early high school, my life was not so easy. My classmates teased me severely. I wondered why God had made me the way He did, and why He would allow such cruelty. Although no one knew at the time, I often thought of suicide. One particular incident comes to mind.

I was a freshman in high school, riding the bus home. The two boys seated behind me were teasing me as usual. I ignored it. But today, we had dissected frogs in biology class. The boys took those dissected pieces and began to throw them in my hair. No one did or said anything to the bus driver. They just laughed. Yet, just as the bus began to stop in front of my driveway, the two boys spit in my hair. I stood up, not looking back, and walked off the bus.

I slammed the door, screaming at the top of my lungs. My mother was in the kitchen. With tears flowing down my face, I explained everything. I ran to my room upstairs, locking the door shut. I cried for the next ten hours. It was then I realized that although God had blessed me with loving parents, only He could understand and feel the feelings in my heart. I could find true comfort in His arms.

During high school, I was extremely active in the church. But, as high school ended, the Korean church my family attended had many conflicts. My father did not want me to attend church. For family peace, I stopped going to church.

When I entered college, I still kept my faith in God. My walk with Him, however, was not very strong. God was faithful — He never let me go. Towards my junior and senior years, my hunger grew strong for Him. I understood the importance of seeking Him first. God became more of a personal friend. God also gave me an abundance of Christian friends and fellowship. During one semester, despite the demands of college life, we gathered together every night to pray. Even though I had accepted Christ as a young child, I was baptized during my senior year. I was born-again. He truly became Lord of my life.

I have asked God to heal me. No permanent healing has come. But I know that someday I will be able to run perfectly into God’s arms, and that God does everything in His time. In Jeremiah 1:5 God says, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart...” Reading this verse, I realize that God cared for me so much that He thought of me before I was born. He created me for a reason — just as He created you. I know now that if I wasn’t born with cerebral palsy, I would not be the person I am today. I thank God for making me the way He did.

And, if it wasn’t for these trials, I probably would not be as strong as I am today. Through these trials, I appreciate even more what God had to go through when He sent His son to us. His suffering was far greater than any trial I have been through.

God’s true heart does not desire pain or hardship to come into our lives, but it does. He takes everything, and transforms it for good, and His glory. Through our trials, our faith and confidence in Him is deepened. God is there with us in all our situations. With Christ, there is hope and victory.

Currently, I am pursuing the MDiv degree at Fuller. I believe that God has called me into full-time ministry. I hope to establish disabled ministries in churches, especially among the Asian communities. People need to know that God has made each person for a reason. They need to know that God accepts you and loves you for who you are. And, you are His child whom He loves with all His heart.
Dear Church Lady:
Can we talk? I have had it with the junk mail that is accumulating in my mailbox here on campus!! So many people want me to join their event that has nothing to do with me or my school, and I just think it is a waste of time and good paper. For instance, there was this thing in my box this week about marriage enrichment though massage. Well, I'm single, and I'd sure like my life enriched by one of these massages, but hey, I'm not married and I don't want to be reminded that I'm not! What can you do about this?

Signed, Fed up and Stuffed.

Dear Stuffed:
Unlike you, I happen to like going to my mailbox and finding all sorts of new things that are none of my business; but hey, I'm nosy!! Seriously, speaking of my well esteemed friends in the Mailroom, I think they would appreciate it if some of you would take the time to come and check your mailboxes at least once a week. Some people have mail that was sent to them since the early 1950's in their box, and they haven't bothered to check them yet!! As for that massage seminar, well, all I can say is if it is bothering you that much, perhaps you should spend less time fantasizing and more time dealing with the reality of your situation.

Write to the Church Lady! Forward your troubles to Box OSS, c/o the SEMI, or drop it in the SEMI letter slot on the 2nd floor of Kreyssler Hall.

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Spiritual Formation, Fact or Fiction?
by Debora Kehle, M-Div student & TGU president

This article is made up of excerpts adapted from a presentation given to the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees on March 7. A copy of the entire speech is posted on the ASC board.

Before becoming the TGU President this past year, I worked in Fuller's Office of Christian Community for two years as the Spiritual Formation Intern. Not surprisingly, the topic of spiritual formation has come up frequently in my discussions with fellow students.

Where are Fuller students in the area of their spiritual formation? In numerous conversations with students on this topic, I found that many of us are exactly where Fuller is as an institution in this area... struggling.

Before coming to Fuller, a prospective student can read in the catalogue that, "The Seminary has committed itself to the principle that the spiritual development of every student is a matter of prime importance in theological education." However, after coming to Fuller; registering for 3 or 4 classes; finding a job to pay the bills; taking on an internship and trying to maintain some sort of relationship with a spouse or friends; there is very little time to pour onto one's personal spiritual formation. Many students have also mentioned a frustration with the focus on academics rather than spiritual growth among the faculty and administration. Fuller Theological Seminary is and should be academically excellent.... but we must be stressed to the exclusion of spirituality?

In addition to the problem of time is the issue of diversity. The wonderful diversity we have here at Fuller both culturally and denominationally may be a contributing factor to the lack of emphasis on spiritual formation. What we celebrate in diversity can also detract from a strong, common commitment to a vision of spiritual formation because there are so many varied theological interests and emphases. We at Fuller have to work even harder and more intentionally to create an environment for spiritual formation to occur.

One might argue that there is support and opportunity for personal spiritual formation for those students who are intentional and who seek it out, through things like the Office of Christian Community and the denominational meetings. This is certainly true. If Fuller really believes that, however, then Fuller as an institution must begin placing more emphasis on this area.

The reality is that spiritual formation must be built into the system. It must be built into every program, every degree, and every school, or it's not going to happen. Couldn't more of the coursework be developed into a combination of academics and practical, personal application to one's spiritual life?

Some concrete suggestions include mandatory small group involvement during the first year and the seminary providing one day per quarter for personal, spiritual retreats and reflection.

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Day of Prayer

"These past three years at Fuller have been the driest spiritual years of my life!"

"Pray? There's no time. The demands of school and work are too much and I've got to get through this place."

"We're not tested on our relationship to God here; it's easy to put it last."

"I've really been shaped spiritually in my classes and by key professors here."

These are representative comments I have heard from students these past few weeks. There seems to be a general impression—a kind of agreed upon woeful lament—that it is difficult, if not impossible, to grow spiritually while here at Fuller. Some students seem bitter about this perceived reality while others are resigned to it as a sad necessity of academic life. But should we not fight this perception with all our might?

Life is always going to be busy—just as busy after seminary as during seminary. Not one of us is going to drift casually into spiritual vitality. It takes commitment, discipline, setting priorities, keeping to priorities, repentance, and new beginnings. These days of seminary are character shaping days that will carry us into the future. Martin Luther was busy (check the 60+ volumes of his published works). He prayed two hours a day and claims, when he was really busy, to need to pray three hours a day in order to handle the work. He knew prayer was his real business! Jesus was busy—especially on those days when he 'healed everyone who came to him'. Yet he was a prayer early and late, seeking relationship with and guidance from the Father for all his work and words.

Let's decide again together that nothing is more important than a growing intimacy and dependency upon God, as individuals and as a community. We have established a day of prayer for Fuller Seminary on Wednesday, April 20. The Spiritual Life Committee of the Seminary has asked that we agree in prayer in the three following areas: (1) That our Lord lead us into spiritual renewal and that our hearts be quickened for prayer and intercession. (2) That God guide Fuller Seminary in this current time of change and of gaining stronger identity and fresh vision. (3) That we continue to learn to be a caring community in the midst of our creative context of diverse cultures, nationalities, denominational affiliations, three schools, and differing viewpoints on matters of common concern.

Let's join together for Chapel worship at 10:00 on that day, for a following time of prayer and intercession in the Chapel sanctuary, and for lunch together on the quad as we listen to reports and testimonies regarding God's activity in our midst and the things he is putting on our hearts for prayer.

In the words of a responsive reading from a previous day of prayer at Fuller: "Let us hold Fuller in its entirety before God, that there may come upon this school a fresh energizing by the Holy Spirit, that our sins will be put away, our vision clarified, our love kindled anew and that Christ may take first place in our hearts and lives and in every function of our school."

Doug Gregg, Director of OCC

Marriage Enrichment Through Massage

Attention Fuller couples - staff, faculty, and students - another marriage workshop is just over the horizon. Mark your calendars for April 22 and 23. The workshop is entitled "Marriage Enrichment Through Massage". This instruction in massage will enhance your couple relationship.

The presenter is Carmen Renee Berry, a MSW and certified Massage Therapist. Carmen is also executive director of The National Association for Christian Recovery and author of several books: Your Body Never Lies, When Helping You Is Hurting Me, Are You Having Fun Yet, and Loving Yourself as Your Neighbor.

The workshop will train you:
- to pay closer attention to what each partner needs.
- to share feelings in an authentic, respectful manner.
- to honor each others boundaries.
- to communicate love and nurturance.
- to improve health, vitality, and intimacy through nurturing, non-sexual touch.

Move quickly with your reservations; the spots will fill quickly. The cut-off date is April 20. Friday night and Saturday morning and afternoon will be well-spent when you invest them in your marriage by attending this worthwhile seminar. Call 584-5322 to reserve your spots. Cost is $35.00 per couple.
“BUILDING HEALTHY AND EFFECTIVE MINISTRY STAFF RELATIONS”

Healthy ministry staff relations significantly impact the effectiveness of a church’s ministry. Differences among staff in terms of gifts, styles and personalities can lead to creative or destructive tensions and conflicts. How can staff relationships be nurtured and developed in order to transform differences into strengths which are complementary and ensure greater effectiveness and enjoyment of ministry together. On Thursday, April 21st, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Doctor of Ministry classroom, Rev. Charlie Barker, an experienced pastor and head of staff, will share insights from his years of church leadership. For more information contact the Office of Field Education (818) 584-5377.

“INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE”

ASC’s Women’s Concerns Committee and the Office of Field Education are co-sponsoring a panel discussion on, Inclusive Language, Wednesday, May 4, 1994 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in Payton 101. Dr. Marianne Meyenhopp Thompson, Jorge Taylor and others will discuss different aspects of the inclusive language policy at Fuller. Bring your questions, concerns, and friends! Child care will be provided. Ministry Enrichment Seminar credit will be given for this panel discussion.

“The Ministry of Reconciliation: The Role of the Church in Recognizing and Healing Abuse in the Family”

Rev. Dr. Ronn Elmore will address how church and para-church ministries can recognize and respond to child, spousal, and elder abuse in the home. He will address the Biblical responsibility of the church, present case studies of such incidences, and examine a model of how an area church responds to such issues. Dr. Elmore will present this seminar on Thursday, May 5th, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Payton 101. For more information, contact the Office of Field Education (818) 584-5377.

“Missions Through the Local Church: A Missions Pastor’s Perspective”

On Tuesday, May 10th, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Doctor of Ministry Classroom, Rev. Bryce Little will present specific ways to mobilize members of a congregation in local and worldwide mission experiences. These mission methods are relevant for small and large congregations. The seminar will include mission study materials, small group ideas for mission and prayer, and global networking models. For more information contact the Office of Field Education, (818) 584-5377.
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When faculty take the time at the beginning of each class to pray and share something about what God is teaching them personally, they are also modeling lives that are invested in their academic pursuits and in listening to God. And, students pay attention to this.

Emphasizing spiritual formation here at Fuller does not have to cost any more money or even any more time. It will require intentionality on the part of the students, faculty and administration.

The SOT Office of Academic Advising is accepting applications for the 94-95 Academic Advising Staff. If interested, please check the Job Board in the Business Office and fill out an application.

Chapel news
CHAPEL - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH - 10:00-10:50 A.M.

This Wednesday has been set aside as our Day of Prayer and the Chapel service will be one part of the events planned for the day. Dr. Doug Gregg, Interim Director of the Office of Christian Community, will be our guest preacher. His sermon is taken from Nehemiah 1:4-11 and is entitled "Prayer: Gaining the Vision." Truly this day will be dedicated to the Lord as we lift our prayers and worship during this Chapel service.

CHAPEL - THURSDAY, APRIL 21, TRAVIS AUDITORIUM - 11:35 - 12:15 P.M.

Our guest speaker at the Thursday Chapel will be Dr. Dean Gilliland, former missionary and now Professor of Contextualized Theology and African Studies in The School of World Mission. Dr. Gilliland, besides being a fantastic tenor, is a gifted speaker. Come join us for this special time of worship.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Dr. C. Peter Wagner’s class, MC 552 “Spiritual Approaches for World Evangelization” will be offered this summer from July 11-15.

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MC 522 “Advanced Church Growth as is listed on the summer schedules. Please note this error.
FROM THE DESK OF THE ASC

PRESIDENT:
CONTINUITY FOR CONCERNS

Beginning in the fall, the All Seminary Council have endeavored to be guided by their goals of communication, continuity, concerns and community. As we are in our last quarter, the ASC would like to reaffirm these objectives, especially the continuing advocacy for your concerns.

From the Board of Declaration and networking, the Council was able to establish your major concerns. Since then, we have been processing these academic, service and ethical issues through negotiation and forum. Thus in the winter quarter, we had public discussions on Fuller financial allocations relating to tuition, the parking problems on campus, ASC finances and the topic of homosexuality. Further, over 350 questionnaires on your views regarding homosexuality were completed and are now being assessed by Tim Bray (PGU co-president) and his team. They will then report their findings to the ASC with recommendations for follow-up.

Another major concern of the student body is the issue of inclusive language. Deborah Kehle (TGU president) has formed a committee with Tracy Barber (chairperson of Peace & Justice Concerns Committee), Shari Rhodes and Courtney Mys (chairpersons of Women’s Concerns Committee) and Barbara Eurich-Roscoe (director of Women’s Concerns) to facilitate campus discussion. A forum is scheduled in Payton 101 on Wednesday, May 4 from 7-9pm with a cross-section of Fuller professors.

Finally, we are aware of the need to continue advocacy on your behalf concerning matters from previous years. A list of last year’s student government aims and objectives, together with a summary of discussions at the Student Affairs Committee (Board of Trustees), has been placed on the Board of Declaration for you to help us prioritize our advocacy in this last quarter. Your comments are invited and are most welcome.

Warm regards in Christ,
Rob Gallagher.

WOMEN’S CONCERNS—SOME EXCITING EVENTS!

Everyone is welcome to our meetings for munchies, singing, fellowship and prayers every Wednesday, 5:00-6:15 pm, Upstairs in the Catalyst. Note these special speakers:

April 20: MFT Prof. Judy Balswick will sign and discuss her book, Mothers & Daughters Making Peace.

May 4: ASC “Inclusive Language” Panel with Profs. Marianne Meye-Thompson, Jorge Taylor and others will discuss different aspects of the inclusive language at Fuller. The panel is scheduled 7-9 pm in Payton 101. Child care provided.

May 18: Kathy Dresler, R.N. presents “The Most Dangerous Cancers for Women” Don’t miss this important and informative event

SEMINARY ATHLETES BASKETBALL MINISTRY

Join the Sports Ambassadors in an outreach and evangelism tour to Indonesia, China, and the Philippines. Cost: $2250 for 3 weeks, $4000 for 8 weeks. Dates: June 21-July 14 or June 21-August 18 which includes 5-day training camp & orientation in San Jose, CA. See your advisor about gaining 1-4 credit hours for this ministry.

SPORTS NOTES

PAC: Pasadena Athletic Club student memberships are closed for Spring Qtr.

YMCA: Year memberships are available any time through the ASC office.

Intramural Softball: The Intramural softball league is off to a great start. Players are always welcome. Contact Mike Rewers in the ASC office (or just leave him a note!)

Soccer and Ultimate Frisbee: Everyone is welcome to play. We play pick-up games Saturday from 9 am-12 pm. The games are field at Gwen Park on Orange Grove. See you there!

All information regarding teams, schedule and directions are communicated through the Sports Board.

THE LANGUAGE DANCE

Fuller has an inclusive language policy that concerns many people. In response to the comments on the Board of Declaration, in classes and around campus, ASC is sponsoring “The Language Dance,” a panel discussing various aspects of the inclusive language issue. The panel will feature Professor Marianne Meye Thompson, Dr. Jorge Taylor, and other distinguished speakers. Come to Payton 101A on Wednesday May 4, 7-9 pm. (Childcare provided).

NEW SPRING OFFICE HOURS FOR THE ASC

In order to accommodate night students and others, we have changed our usual hours a bit. So, take note of our new schedule:

Mondays 10:00-1:00 pm and 3:00-6:00 pm, and Tues.-Thurs. 9-12 and 1-4 pm. We will remain closed on Fridays.
FINANCIAL AID

MATTHEW O. REYNOLDS SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR 1994
UCC students who have completed at least 12 units at Fuller may apply for this $2,200 scholarship. Contact Financial Aid for more information. Application Deadline: April 22, 1994.

1993-94 LOAN DEADLINE FOR SWM, SOT AND MFT STUDENTS
Any students interested in taking out a loan for the current academic year (93-94) must have a completed application in the office of financial aid no later than April 29, 1994.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LAGUNA HILLS
All Methodist students interested in this scholarship should pick up an application at the Office of Financial Aid. Scholarships are awarded annually. Submit completed applications to UMC Laguna Hills by May 31, 1994.

FUKUSHIMA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
These competitive scholarships assist Masters level students preparing for Christian ministries. Applications must be requested by mail. Deadline: May 31, 1994. For more info, inquire at Financial Aid.

LOANS PENDING DEADLINE FOR SUMMER REGISTRATION
Students desiring to be on the loans pending list for the Summer 1994 quarter must have a complete financial aid packet and loan application on file in the Financial Aid Office by Friday, April 22, 1994.

ORVILLE REDENBACHER’S 2ND START SCHOLARSHIP
It’s that time of year again and your favorite pop-corn tycoon is offering his $1,000 annual scholarships. If you are 30 or over and plan to be enrolled during the 94-95 academic year, you are lucky enough to eligible for this rip-roarin’ scholarship. All you have to do is stop by the Office of Financial Aid, sing the Star Spangled Banner 3 times, and pick up an application. All applications must be postmarked by May 2, 1994.

EXIT INTERVIEW FOR STUDENT BORROWERS
Loan program regulations now require Exit Interviews for all borrowers. If you have student loans and plan to graduate, transfer, or drop below half-time in Spring ’94, you should attend a group Exit Interview at one of the times listed below.

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OFFICE HOURS
The Financial Aid Office is open Monday-Thursday 8am-noon, 1pm-5pm; Friday 1pm-5pm; We are closed for Chapel on Wednesday from 10am-11am.

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Summer Rental: One bedroom bungalow, nicely furnished, $575.00 per month, available June 5 - Sept 2, NE Pasadena. Call Jennie, 818 797-8675.

Attention International Students: English tutoring is offered from a former U.C. Berkeley instructor. Call 798-8240.

Getting engaged? Or just want a reliable jeweler? Many Fuller students have come to us and it has been a privilege to help them. We do not sell to the general public. Walter Zimmer Co., wholesale manufacturing jewelers with 76 years’ experience. Call 213-622-4510. Ask for Mel or Ken Zimmer. (Mel is a member of Glendale Presbyterian Church and is active in the healing ministry). Appointment needed for Saturdays. Closed Mondays.

Tax Time: Tax preparer, licensed and bonded, specializing in Fuller community students and staff. Reasonable prices. Ask for Tom Dunn at (818) 352-8237.

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