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Russ & Jo's Digest



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Bringing God Into The Negative

Summer is sizzling in Mickey Mouse's town, so we were excited to be traveling to Colorado for **Cru15**, our biennial staff training conference on the CSU campus. The mountain breezes, cool mornings and amazing speakers nourished our souls and gave us time to reflect and plan.

One of our favorite speakers was Ney Bailey. Ney joined Campus Crusade for Christ in 1961, and was among only a few dozen single women in a married and male dominated ministry.

Ney said "When we encounter a situation or a person who brings hurt into our life, it's quite a challenge to switch gears from being hurt to blessing God and even blessing the person who hurt us. Our feelings and God's Word do not always coincide." After 55 years in ministry and 80 years of singleness, she had some colorful examples of having to practice this principle.

Ney shared one story of a bitter, critical, seemingly hateful woman whose countenance was transformed



when Ney convinced her co-workers to bless her instead of cursing her and to pray for her well being rather than trying to "fix" her. By choosing to thank God in all circumstances and to believe Him to move forward through the hurt, they brought God into the negative and removed themselves from getting in His way. During a follow up visit Ney found the woman

dramatically changed and thriving on the team.

So much for me giving God all my instructions for how I think He should be fixing things.

I'm challenged to keep finding ways to bless instead of curse, to thank rather than critique, and to keep trusting God to be in control of the world he created.

We gathered



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We appreciate you!

Your prayers and encouragement have brought blessings to our ministry and to our family beyond anything we could imagine.

*In Him,
Russ & Jo Anne*