



# Bats to Butterflies



Harold Rosner

The strong attraction two people feel early in a relationship is often called chemistry. Chemistry is a mysterious, invisible force that initially brings couples together. Eventually over time the chemistry begins to subside. The butterflies we once had feel more like bats. The person whom you once said was your soul mate, seems like your cell mate. That is why we advise couples that are in the early butterfly stages of their relationship to go slow and take their time regarding marriage. We advise them to wait until their emotions have settled and they can see clearly. They should take time and learn about each other. Can you imagine living the rest of your life in that early stage of loves? You would not be able to get anything done. In the late eighties an R & B group, The Deele, had a hit single led by Kenneth “Babyface” Edmonds called “Two Occasions.” The premise of the song was that you think about the person you’re in love with on only two occasions - all day and all night! You would not be able to get anything meaningful done in this world if you constantly lived in that euphoric, intoxicated state. You don’t make good judgements in that state. Underneath the high intoxication of that love you overlook things that really matter to you; values like your faith, your work ethic, and important considerations like what kind of household the person grew up in.

Every adult that has ever been in love knows that the chemistry subsides. It decreases because of what I call CHEMISTRY KILLERS. Chemistry killers are those things that we do that lessen that feeling of closeness overtime. An example of a chemistry killer is being critical toward your mate or being condescending. If we are not careful, we find that we have stopped loving, and stopped respecting the one to whom we said, “I do.” We’ve all heard that a woman wants to be loved and a man wants to be respected.

The enemy of marriage – something God created – goes into attack mode to break down and destroy what God intended to be something wonderful. The trick of the enemy is that he gets you to believe your spouse is not the one. If he gets you to believe that, no matter what good your spouse does he or she will never be the one. This is one of the major chemistry killer that turns butterflies into bats. Never stop believing your spouse is “The One.” One thing I want our church to do this month is to NEVER STOP BELIEVING THE GOOD IN EVERYTHING, especially remember your early love. When you first met. The Chemistry you felt. Focus on the good. Use your imagination to see and feel the love you once had.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these thing. Philippians 4:8

If you stick with it, you will begin to see your attitude changing toward your spouse, your work, your church. It will go from bad to good. The bats can turn back into butterflies.

By Bishop Larry Mack

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Please allow me the great pleasure of introducing Minister Antoinette Goodloe, if you haven't already met her. She leads the incredible Music Ministry at the Greater Dreams Church (GDC) Toledo Campus. She and her wonderful family have been members of GDC since 2012. She decided to become a member after searching for a church where she and her husband, Neil "Tojo", could grow together with new beginnings. Also with the encouragement from Elders Mike and Brenda Hailey, they decided to give Greater Dreams a try. We're so blessed that they did! Antoinette lives in Toledo with her happy husband and their 20 year old son, Jonathan. They are also proud parents to 3 other married children; Neail IV (36 years old), Arielle Johnson and Marjorie Marshall, both 33 years old.

Antoinette has completed many educational courses and was ordained as a licensed minister of GDC October 25, 2020. Her passion lies in music, both large and small arrangements and using her gift to help build awareness of God's kingdom. I can attest that she and her daughter Arielle, who often sings beside her, are doing just that!

by Elder James Jefferson

- MOST THANKFUL FOR:** the relationship that she has with God which grows each day.
- FOR FUN:** She loves spoiling her granddaughter, spending one on one time with her husband. Also when spending time with her extended family which she has cherished since being a little girl.
- WORD TO LIVE BY:** her dad instilled in her at an early age: "whatever she does to do it to the glory of God".
- FAVORITE SCRIPTURES:** are Psalms 139 1-14. Please take the time to read it and receive your blessings!

# October Birthdays

BLESSED AND HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO OUR FABULOUS BISHOP (9/28) & FIRST LADY (10/13)

### TOLEDO:

Tracy Price; 10/11, Denver Price; 10/13, Shanna Lee; 10/28

### WAYNE:

Betty Whitmore; 10/4, Paulette Johnson; 10/4, Deacon Norman Haygood; 10/17, Jenny Sands; 10/18,

### Anniversaries:

Denver & Tracy Price; 10/11 (Toledo)



### Face Mask Wearing Guidelines:

The COVID Care Ministry continues to require all attendees to wear face masks, even if fully vaccinated, until 70% of membership is fully vaccinated. Please notify Minister Deidre Bess of your vaccination status so she can accurately monitor our progress. COVID screening questions at building entrances and Social Distancing seating in the main sanctuary will be maintained in addition to liberal hand sanitizing.

## GDC Grab and Go Community Lunch Program

Every Tuesday from 12-1 PM, free lunches are distributed to the community. Please contact Sister Dea Mason, (734) 578-5443 for additional information about contributing or participating.

## SENDING PRAYERS OF HEALING, RESTORATION AND CONDOLENCES

- Family of Brother Calvin Thompson
- Deacon Norman Haygood recuperating from hospitalization for heart and other issue
- Pauline Paterson Lawrence for the loss of her eldest son
- Lanttea Sargent for the loss of her 90 year old grandmother

**The Keepers of the House** would like to thank you in advance for confining your beverages and snacks to the Gathering Place located in the front of the church. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in keeping the House of God clean and in order.



## 100 BLANKET DRIVE GREATER DREAMS CHURCH WAYNE MICHIGAN CAMPUS

### DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE WARM BLANKET DRIVE!

We are accepting the following donations for the COMMUNITY MINISTRY during the month of October.

## NEW BLANKETS, JACKETS & SOCKS

toothbrushes, combs, lotion, soap toothpaste, deodorant, Vaseline, etc...

More info call: 734.890.1315

Please leave donations in the box located in the rear of church.

## GDC Declarations

I SHALL LIVE AND NOT DIE AND DECLARE THE WORKS OF THE LORD

- I SPEAK LIFE OVER MY MIND
- I SPEAK LIFE OVER MY BODY
- I SPEAK LIFE OVER MY FAMILY
- I SPEAK LIFE OVER MY INCOME
- I SPEAK LIFE OVER MY FINANCES
- I SPEAK LIFE OVER MY CHURCH
- I SPEAK LIFE OVER MY NATION
- I SPEAK LIFE OVER MY PLANET

IN JESUS' NAME