



Speaking the Unspeakable

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Sometimes, it may be too deep and personal to speak.

It may be a terrible or hurtful happening in one's life.

It may be a failure too embarrassing to share.

It may be a controversial topic.

Unspeakable topics are simply those we don't verbalize.

As I thought about this LWQ theme, "Speaking the Unspeakable," I prayed for God's insight into what I should write.

Living as a Christian is not always upfront in our lives. Well, at least in mine. It is difficult to admit that I fail in my relationship with my Lord. I neglect my quiet time; I forget to hold onto His hand; I walk my own way without asking for His leading; and on and on ... Do I want to talk about what's lacking in my life? Do you?

One of the primary targets of the LWML is

Christ Centered Living —
*Being nourished by the Word
and guided by the Spirit,
each woman is actively
demonstrating Christ's love*

As part of this Christian family, we are instructed to encourage each other in the ways of the Lord and to hold each other accountable for our spiritual growth. Often times, however, we shy away from speaking the unspeakable — asking where someone is in their prayer life, quiet time, and basically, in their relationship with the Lord.

Speaking the unspeakable regarding spiritual life can be life-changing. Are you willing to risk and begin this type of conversation with your family, friends, neighbors, and those brought into your life?

Prayer: Lord, I ask for courage to begin conversations that encourage and challenge others in their spiritual walk. I also ask that You would send someone into my life to ask the "unspeakable" questions that will move me into greater witness of Your love and into a deeper relationship with You. In Your Name, Amen.

"As opportunity arises, speak a word of encouragement.

Tell how God has answered your prayers.

Explain how your faith helped you through crises.

Witness to your confidence in God's love.

"What He has done for others, He will do for you."

From *You Are Special* by Alma Kern