



Wonder Woman



I have a confession to make... I own a Wonder Woman t-shirt.

Actually I have owned two. I bought one of these shirts just after Isaac was born, and if you had seen me wearing it then, you would have been able to work out what my day had been like the day before. It would have probably been one of those days; where you're tired and nothing goes to plan. We had a young baby who often fought sleep, full days of ministry and the juggling of therapy and school for Abby. You all know what I'm talking about right?

So the next day, I would wear my Wonder Woman shirt. "Why?" you ask. It was almost as if I was preparing for battle, getting my uniform on... as if I was saying to myself, "Today I am going to be Wonder Woman, because I completely failed at it yesterday." Today WILL be better, and by wearing this shirt I was willing it to be so.

But what would happen if I put on something different the next morning? What if, instead of

my Wonder Woman shirt, I put on a compassionate heart, kindness, humility, meekness and patience (Col. 3:12)? What if I focussed on forgiveness and bearing with one another (Col. 3:13)? What if I "put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony [a]nd let the peace of Christ rule in [my] heart... [a]nd be thankful" (Col. 3:14-15)? I'm very good at figuring out what clothes I will wear for the day, making sure that they will match. Why don't I spend the same time and effort with my attitude for the day?

The point is, I need to spend as much, if not more, time dressing my spirit as I do my physical body for the day.

And how I do this is written in the 17th verse of Colossians 3: "whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." So no matter what my day throws at me, if I am a Christian, a Christ-follower, I need to clothe myself in His love and His grace, so that my words and actions can reflect Christ and not my circumstances. Easier said than done, right?

But God knew, didn't He, that we would need help. I don't need to try to be Wonder Woman; I need to be a Christ-follower. His Holy Spirit lives within me and ministers to me; helping me, prompting me to choose to follow and reflect Him.

So every morning now, I try to remember to pray. Pray that my choices that day will be done in the name of Jesus. And when life throws me a curve ball or turns up the heat, I pray that He will remind me to put on love, peace, thankfulness, kindness and patience... instead of trying to be Wonder Woman on my own, I can now simply be wonder-filled in the presence of my Lord.

—Sharyn

on the calendar

November

- 4th Prayer Meeting
- 5th Connect Sunday
- 12th Connect Sunday

Pray together

First Saturday of each month

Prayer meeting
This Saturday 4th November
10am at Gum Court

Connect Sunday— 5 November

Message	Adrian
Communion	Andrew
Greeters	Meg/Sam
Set Up Crew	Geoff, Tim O, Matt O
Sound Desk	Geoff
Music Leader	Adrian
Singers	Adrian, Shay
Keyboard	Leighton
Guitars	Adrian, Sean, Matt B
Drums	Justin
J Kids	Shelley
Mini Js	Tanya
Morning Tea	O-Z surnames

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