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a true lasting legacy

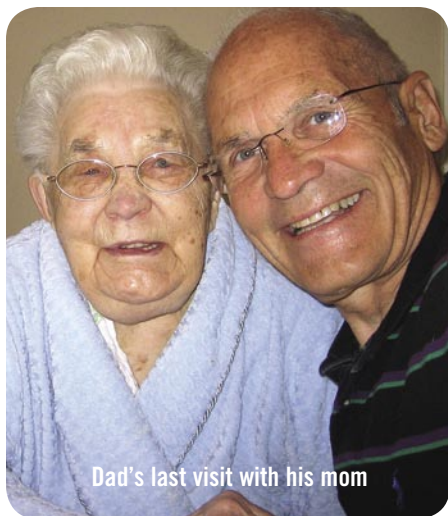
BY AUDREY MEISNER



WHAT'S UP WITH THIS MAN, Willard Thiessen? Does he really smile like that all the time? Is his sincerity for real? Willard just doesn't seem to get angry, and tenderness, humility and love seem to emanate from his being. So - here's the big question: Where did this man come from?

He came from his mother. Marie Thiessen was a strong woman of faith. And a...strong woman! Her bun-baking biceps could shame a young man even in her old age. She did everything with all her might. She cared hard; she cleaned hard; she baked hard; and she loved hard. One of her unsaid mottos was: If a little is good - a lot must be better!

When it came to her children and grandchildren she prayed a lot, and prayed hard. Being her granddaughter, there is nothing that makes me more proud of her. My grandma was a Jesus-



Dad's last visit with his mom

loving, faith believing, Holy Spirit woman of prayer. I can say with assurance that my Grandma prayed for me every single day of my 42 years. That's a lot of days, and that's a lot of prayer coverage.

And I'm not the only one. There are a total of 116 offspring, including spouses... 6 children, 57 of us grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren! Several years ago I had a few days alone with my Grandma and right after breakfast, like clockwork - she said, "Join me, Audrey as we pray for the family." We went through each individual name.

It's no accident every single one of us "offspring" is in a thriving relationship with God. There is not even one divorce. You can clearly see the favor of God following this woman of faith through her generations. Sure, there have been ups and downs for some of us, but Grandma was there every morning after breakfast - praying for breakthrough. Patient, persevering and grace-immersed prayer.

Grandma always loved us even through the mistakes and the tragedies. Even though there was a holiness about her, there was an equal amount of extreme grace and acceptance. We were unconditionally loved - there was never a question. My Grandma knew God intimately and personally, and it wasn't really her living at all, it was Christ living through her. Her very favorite line whenever someone tried to compliment her became famous throughout her years, "Just give the glory to Jesus."

That's why it was such a glorious day right before this last Christmas. Grandma's lifelong dream came true - she went

home to be with Jesus. My Grandpa, an extremely fun and memorable God-loving man died at a young age 32 years ago, and Grandma blatantly told us that she wanted to die at age 70 ... then 80 ... and now, she rests peacefully after 94 years.

I'm thankful to have had her prayers throughout these years. God knew that I needed her, especially when tragedy hit our own home several years ago. But now her generations will live on to talk about the legacy she left, and the faith she implanted into every single one of us. All of us can learn from this extraordinary woman. Praying for our families is not an activity; it is a high calling, one that will make its mark for eternity. And that's what Marie Thiessen did.

Thank you Grandma. I'll never ever forget you. I will always love you.

A memorial service will be held for Marie Thiessen on February 8th in Calgary, Alberta. In lieu of flowers, Grandma set up a fund for her favorite ministry: *It's A New Day*. •

FUNNY GRANDMA MOMENT:

Grandma was the biggest *It's A New Day* fan ever! She taped every single program for years upon years and handed out brochures to everyone she encountered. While lost in the big city of Winnipeg, she flagged down a car and said to the driver, "I'm Willard Thiessen's mom. Can you please tell me how to get to his house?" Funniest part is - he knew! Grandma's faith was always rewarded.



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Guests

Our prayer for you is that you will embrace God's purpose for your life and know His unconditional love and grace towards you and your family.



February 4, 5, 6
Brad Jersak
Brad has become a regular

guest – and we love his heart! His passion is that we will know that God's love will heal wounded hearts and empower us to heal this broken world.

February 7, 8
Gareth Goossen

You will thoroughly enjoy Gareth's fresh perspective on worship! While worship is intensely personal, it should go beyond ourselves to invite others into His presence. Go beyond yourself...discover life-changing worship.



February 11, 12, 13
Karl Coke
Dr. Karl D. Coke is an inter-

nationally acclaimed Hebrew scholar and teacher whose expertise in the original languages of Scripture causes the Bible to come alive for his audience.



February 14, 15
Bob & Audrey Meisner
Two new

shows for Valentine's Day! With further study based on their book, *Best Friends Best Lovers*, Bob and Audrey will bring fresh ideas, relevant testimony and Holy Spirit motivation in making your relationship full of life, love and dreams come true!

February 18 – 22
PARTNERSHIP WEEK
Special Guest:

Dennis Wiedrick

Dennis is a dear friend of this ministry, and he comes with a zeal for God's house! You won't



be the same as this week will motivate you, inspire you and

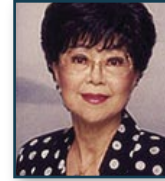
fan the flames of revival in your soul! *It's A New Day* is impacting our nation. Find out how you can become involved!



February 25, 26, 27
Peter Horrobin

So many questions

surround the idea of being delivered from demons in our current society. Peter is truly an expert and has a heart for ministering truth and life to believers worldwide.



February 28
Aiko Hormann
Dr. Aiko comes to challenge

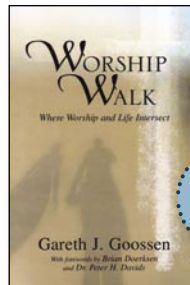
us to fight against the spirit of Babylon that is infiltrating our society!



February 29
Vararuchi Dalavai

There is no limitation to what God

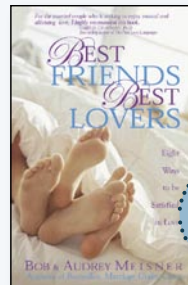
can do through one individual willing to be poured out and spent for the Glory of the Son of God! Look forward to hearing a story of a man from India who has literally impacted his entire nation.



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