

Dear Margie and Jenks,

It has been several weeks since our Finishing Well: Living with Grace and Gusto workshop at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church in Silverdale, Washington. I want to let you know how well received the material has been. Small groups of people are meeting and working on their planners. I have heard of fire proof cabinets being bought and safety deposit boxes opened and content reviewed. I even heard stories about where the key to the safety deposit box was found. The Finishing Well event was definitely a kick off for many people to take a serious and thoughtful look at their lives and what needs to be done to live with grace and gusto.

Your book, *You Only Die Once*, and *The Personal Planner*, are serving as great reference materials and some people are speaking of sending sets of books to their relatives and friends across the United States. The word about our Finishing Well workshop has reached other churches and we have received calls about interests in the content and materials used at the seminar. I met with a woman from another church who is putting together a Sunday School class around the ending of life.

With the excitement of the people attending the workshop and the follow through that is happening I think this is an excellent testimony to the work you have done to bring this material to groups such as the one at our church.

It is exciting to realize the impact you have made on 200 people in the Northwest and to know that your story has touched so many lives. We are blessed that we were able to have you present your workshop to our community and our sponsors have shared their gratitude at being a part of the event.

Please know that we feel honored that we were able to have you in our area and to make this valuable information available to our community. You are definitely making a difference in the lives of families by having a guide to lead the way to planning for our ending. Without the push from this workshop many people would continue to put this off until it is too late. We are so thrilled that you have given hope, a plan and a way to end our life with planning and celebration. In fact I hear many people sharing their bodacious adventures with each other as they enjoy every day.

Your presentation brought humor to a difficult subject and served as the perfect launching pad to helping each of us to prepare for what we know will be a certainty in our lives. Death is not an option but something we now have the tools to prepare for with our families.

Thank you again, Margie and Jenks, for the outstanding Finishing Well: Living with Grace and Gusto workshop you presented at CKPC. It was well received, well delivered and is making a difference in the preparedness of our church and community.

Sincerely,

Jan Stump and Mariwyn Tinsley