



Oklahoma District Teen LWML

# Teen Talk

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"Teens empowered through the Word, reflect Christ's love."



## An Inconvenient Journey

God first told Jonah "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it." Instead of going to Nineveh, Jonah was disobedient, going as far away in the opposite direction as he could.

"Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you" (Jonah 3:1-2).

When Jonah finally arrived in Nineveh, Scripture says he spoke what God told him to (3:2). He cried out and said: "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" So the people of Nineveh believed God" (3:4-5).

But, the people did not know if God would be merciful to them so they did the right thing anyway. Jonah 3:5 states, "And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them." God honored their repentance. (Matthew 12:41, Jesus tells us they repented).

Imagine the consequences ... Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh. What would have happened to the people of Nineveh if Jonah had not obeyed God? Nineveh would have been destroyed.

The disciples chose to follow Jesus even though it was inconvenient. They had been given enough examples to believe that they had the faith to follow Jesus' path. They believed that if they followed Him, they would have eternal life.

"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." *Matthew 10:39.*

It may be inconvenient at times to follow the path of Jesus, but we cannot live our own life without Jesus and expect to find eternal life in return.

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### THINK ABOUT THIS ...

For those who have put their trust in Christ, the Father has "blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, in Christ" (Eph. 1:3). How could we not be content with that? When we put our focus on Him, we find real contentment.



## Join Your Friends

From the forests to the plains of Oklahoma, the women of the Oklahoma District are planning a retreat. This event is brimming with adventure!

Join your friends October 23 - 24, 2009 at the Oakridge Christian Camp and Retreat Center in Anadarko, OK. This retreat center is a short 1½ hours drive SW of the Oklahoma City area. Connect with your friends to attend. Registration form is on [oklwml.org](http://oklwml.org).

The Theme is: "A Time for ..." from Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven."



Registration will begin Friday at 5:00 p.m. The event will end Saturday afternoon. We can look forward to worship services, Bible studies, songs and fellowship. And, the rabbit from Alice in Wonderland will be making regular appearances.



Not only will your spirit be fed from this retreat, but there will be lots of time for FUN activities: ping pong tournaments, carpet hockey tournaments, human foosball, power-bouncing, low-ropes confidence courses, putt-putt golf, crafts and puzzles. One meal will even take place at a fire pit!

I hope you're able to join us for this memorable experience infused with our Lord under a frontier spirit.



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Be sure to check out [www.lwml.org/resources/teens](http://www.lwml.org/resources/teens)

You will find Mite Box wrappers, Mite calendar, and ideas for gatherings, crafts, and snacks.

