

# *Love Letter From Lisa*

## *4-5-18*

Hey there beautiful ladies...

I will try to keep this one a bit shorter since I really want to you read the whole thing. LOL I am really excited to begin another study with you. For those who do not know, we will be looking at the Book of Hebrews with Lisa Harper. There is no doubt she will make this fun and my strong sense is that all of us will really "GROW UP "as Christians.

I have always made it a point not do the study way ahead of you but only as much as seems required to properly lead. That way we get to witness each others' growth and THAT is pleasing to the Lord. You see we are called to discipleship or GROWING UP together. It is the last instructions Jesus gives to His disciples before going to heaven...

Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (NIV)

Once we profess our faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord, God is counting on us to partner with Him in populating Heaven. That can be done throughout our walk in this life as Christians. But we need to keep spiritually "GROWING UP".

Take a moment to recall, if you will, the experience of watching a child growing. I feel like we all have had that at some time or other. We meet a baby and see nothing but potential. What will they grow up to do? How will they change the world? That is Christianity ... we are born into it when we profess our need for Jesus then there is nothing but abundant living potential... if we keep GROWING UP.

Hebrews was written for an audience that was missing their old ways. The life Jesus taught was hard in the culture they were living in. And much like an 18 year old discovers the "freedom of adulthood" then moves back home, baby Christians can be met with an uneasiness in a broken fallen world. Moving back to what is familiar and natural is definitely inviting.

Sound Familiar? Yah, I think so too. In my own spiritual growing up, I find I have seasons of wavering; memories of a time when life was simple call to me. But my love relationship with Jesus requires more of me than that. He does so much for ME. And I have experienced enough to know my greatest JOY comes from doing for Him, even when it's uneasy.

How do I do for Him? I follow Him. I learn from Him. I love for Him. I keep GROWING in Him....for Him.

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Please join me. Discover with me. We will be in it for 7 weeks: the weeks from April 9th thru May 24th. Choose a session: Tuesday 6:30pm (Marina), Wednesday 9:30am (Salinas), Wednesday 6:30pm (Salinas) or Thursday 12:30pm (Salinas). The study fee, \$20, includes the book and materials offered along the way to support the growth you experience.

Very Truly I tell you... it is an honor growing up with you.

Love,

Lisa