

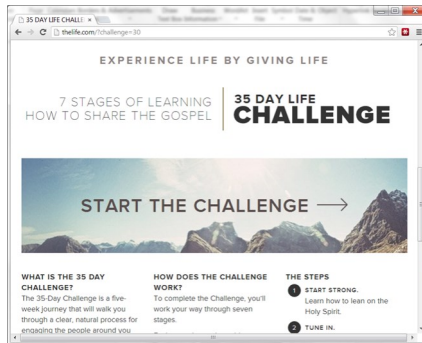
Resources for You

In my newsletter, I typically like to share stories of how God is working through our ministry. However, our primary purpose at Power to Change is to equip everyday Christians like you and I to engage in spiritual conversations with the people around us, and to help them discover Jesus. Now, I don't know if you are like me or not, but starting those conversations can be frightening or awkward. I *want* to talk about Jesus with my friends, but sometimes I don't know where to start.

So, I wanted to focus this newsletter on highlighting a few of the many resources that Power to Change has developed for the sole purpose of helping you and I connect our friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc, to the life-changing power of Jesus! Hopefully at least one of these things will jump out at you as something you can use this fall.

35-day Life Challenge

Sometimes a bit of encouragement, accountability, and training is all we need to get going. That's what this online challenge offers. It takes you through 7 stages in roughly 35 days, moving towards sharing the gospel with your friends. You can do it at your own pace, or even try it as a group! Check it out on thelife.com website.



FamilyLife Weekend Getaway

If you are married, why not take a weekend away with your spouse, and invite another couple who doesn't know Jesus? It could provide a significant, lasting benefit for you and your friends. FamilyLife provides engaging content, and they have a session near the end where they talk about the difference Jesus makes in a marriage in an understandable, non-threatening way. Shannon and I went to one of these conferences a few years ago, and can say from personal experience that it would be great to invite a friend to! More details are at familylifecanada.com.



Power to Change Students

The student ministry had a huge impact on me and Shannon's lives. When I moved away from home to go to university, I was worried my faith would take a beating. Instead, I learned how to share my faith, lead Bible studies, organize outreaches, and went on my first missions trip. If you or someone you know is a student at one of the 60 campuses they work on, I'd encourage you to get connected! Take a look at p2c.com.

LeaderImpact Group

Or, maybe you are in business, and you've wondered how to talk with your co-workers about the difference Christ has made in your life. LeaderImpact Group wants to help you use the influence you have as a leader in the marketplace to show people around you the relevance of faith in God in your professional and personal life. They have groups in cities across the country—you can connect with one at leaderimpactgroup.com.



School Prayer Groups

Silas just started pre-school this fall, and I've heard that getting to know your kid's friends and their parents can be a great way to make friends outside our typical Christian bubble. As those of us who are parents seek to be a light in our kid's schools, we need to start with prayer. Why not connect with other parents to do that? The Breakthrough Prayer ministry of Power to Change helps organize groups across the country, and may already have a group started at the school your child goes to. To find out, email Emmie at Emmie.Stanley@powertochange.org.

I am so blessed by all of you who pray for and give to my ministry with Power to Change! One of the ways I want to give back to you is by helping resource you to reach your world. If you ever have questions about the resources Power to Change has, please talk to me!

Family Update

For those of you who haven't heard, we are expecting our third child! Shannon is now 18 weeks along, with the due date being the end of March. The pregnancy is going well although she's much more tired (keeping up with two very active boys might have something to do with it).



Speaking of the boys, this fall, we have moved into a new stage of life as parents—Silas is in pre-school! It's only for a few hours two days a week, but it is a little strange to have a part of Silas' life where we aren't present and don't always know what is going on in his world. Like a typical boy, when we ask him questions about his day after he comes home, he doesn't tell us much. I now understand better why my mom wasn't satisfied when she asked us how our day was and we simply answered, "Fine"!

Toby will be 2 years old in a few weeks, and is starting to say more words. We were wondering why it was taking him so long when Silas talked so much at a young age (and still does!). However, it's also made for some interesting moments when he is trying to tell us something by pointing and making noises, and Silas

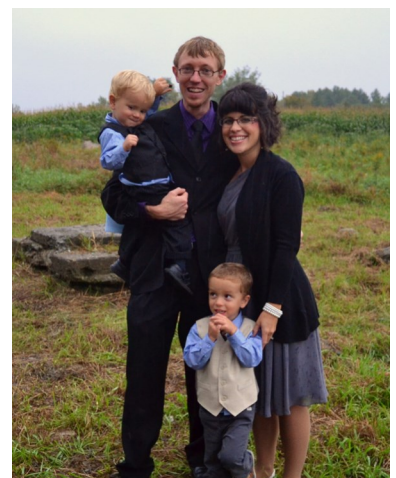


attempts to "interpret" for us. These brothers can get along great at times, but more often than not Shannon and I feel like we need whistles and striped shirts as we referee their interactions!

Shannon and I have had the privilege of serving with a couple of different large events at our church this fall. The first was the Kid's Swap Meet a few weeks ago. This was the 5th one Shannon has led, and it went very well again, with about 550 people attending to look for used kids items that other parents are selling. We both also helped organize Missions Feast, the annual mission's banquet our church holds, which happened this past weekend. This year we had a lot of videos sent to us from missionaries around the world that our church supports, and Jason got to take the lead role in editing them all so they fit with the program. It was encouraging to hear the stories about how God is working in these missionaries lives, and our church got a chance to pray for and write encouragement cards to these different missionaries.

Some of our fun family trips over the last few months have included a family trip to Hawaii in May/June (a very special and refreshing time for us, despite having to spend some time in a local hospital!), camping at a nearby lake with our church Life group in August, and a flight to Ontario for my sister Cheryl's wedding to Joe Hazelton in September.

We are incredibly blessed as a family, and thank God for all His provision for us—including His provision of an awesome ministry support team in you!



Yours in Christ,

Jason, Shannon, Silas, and Toby

Prayer Requests

- Jason is going to a conference in Kitchener, ON from Nov 4 to 7. Pray that it is a fruitful time learning about using technology in ministry, and pray for Shannon home alone with the boys!
- We've had some turn-over in our church Life Group. Pray that God would bring along people who need to get connected to Christian community that would be a good fit in our group
- For Shannon's pregnancy—due end of March

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