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**Karen speaking at Faith@Work**

Can an ordinary person really make a significant difference in the world? A recent magazine article said, *“Celebrities and philanthropy go hand-in-hand these days, with high-profile stars like Oprah Winfrey and UN ambassador Angelina Jolie making headlines for their efforts to improve the lives of those in need.”* From watching the news and reading the tabloids one might think we need to have wealth and fame to do anything significant.

But Jesus was speaking to some pretty ordinary people: fishermen, tax-collectors, business women, etc., when He said, *“The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Therefore, **pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest**”* (Matt 9:37-38). That’s a real encouragement and challenge to me! God’s not looking for celebrities to reach the people right next to us. He is calling ordinary people to do great things through an extraordinary God!

That’s the message I gave at our August Faith@Work luncheon. I shared how easy it is for us to get caught up in the busyness of our own lives and miss the things that God is doing right next to us. I asked the women to pray that God would identify a specific person in their lives that they could see through Jesus’ eyes, and then let God use them to make a difference. We had a great time together, discussing who God might be calling us to serve!

As we continue to challenge women to lead, He is already using many to make a difference. In August Maura Dahrling and I hosted an appreciation luncheon for some of these leaders in our ministry; women who are investing their time and energy in the lives of others in their workplaces, as well as some young “apprentices” I am discipling, who want to grow spiritually and impact their own generation.

We got to share and hear from each other about reading the Bible with seekers, new believers and emerging leaders, and how God is working in our midst. And we celebrated the fact that more and more Faith@Work women are studying God’s word together in their offices, their homes and coffee shops around the city.



**Some of our leaders and apprentices at an appreciation luncheon**

Please continue to pray for these laborers. There are many distractions that challenge them as they step up to serve. Pray that God will protect and provide for them as they seek to do His will, and that many more will join us to reach business women for Christ. Thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry. To God be the glory!

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Warin".

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