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**UB Women's Conference 2018**

**Issue #3**

This month we sent our conference speaker, Carey Scott, a long list of questions so we could all get to know her better. We've put some of her answers here and others will be posted on our Facebook page in the next few months.

**What's your favorite Bible verse?**

Psalm 46:10 Cease striving and know that I am God.

**Favorite beverage?**

Totally depends! I love me some coffee! But I also love iced tea and Coke Zero.

**When and where did you first hear about Jesus?**

I grew up in the church. Both sides of my family have been church-goers, with a few pastors and seminary grads sprinkled in. Jesus has always been part of my life. I can't ever think of a time I haven't known Him. But I would say it was in my 30's that He really captured my heart.

**What sound do you love?**

I love to hear my husband and kids laugh from their gut. You know? Those laughs that erupt and can't be contained. I love it more than anything.

**What is the best surprise/gift your husband ever gave you?**

He gave me a Bengal cat for my 40th birthday. She has more personality than any other animal I've ever owned. And this cat – Meesha – loves to be all over me.

**What is something you learned in the last week?**

That it's not about me. (When will I get this?) I'm learning that in all things, God is asking me to play a small role in His bigger plan. He works all things together for His good, and my job is to be obedient to what He is asking of me.

**When was the last time you had an amazing meal?**

I'm not much of a foodie, so I can't really remember. But I can tell you the last time I had an amazing cup of coffee... and it was this morning! 😊

Look out for other answers from Carey on our Facebook page and ask someone a question this week!

*\*Shout out to Jennifer Kennedy for the creative interview questions!*



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**\$25 locks in your rate.**

Price includes 2 nights at the Renaissance Toledo, 2 days valet parking, Saturday and Sunday breakfast, 1 lunch and 1 dinner, and all sessions. **Register today!**

# Inner Workings

When you walk into the lobby of the Toledo Renaissance Hotel, you'll probably notice a Jeep in the lobby. It doesn't really fit the sleek and shiny decor, but it's a testament to the history of the city. Jeeps made for civilian use were first made in Toledo in 1945, and Jeeps are still manufactured in Toledo today.



Next to the elevators, where you'll probably spend a good amount of time waiting your turn, you'll see the sculpture pictured to the left. It seems to be made from Jeep engine parts that have been disassembled and organized. I like how the pieces have been arranged like a puzzle, stacked and fitted, all in their place. It looks clean and neat, especially with the white coat of paint.

Of course, it doesn't function according to its original purpose. Carburetors and fans and pipes are meant to be connected and busy. Oil and dirt show there's work being done, purposes accomplished.

You know where I'm going with this right? In the same way that I love the order and cleanliness of this piece, I find myself longing for this kind of neatness and order in my own life. I would like my walk with God through the days of my life to hum quietly along—family and friends, work and leisure, service and hospitality, meal plans and oil changes and walks with the dogs—a picture of beauty and simplicity.

I long for the pieces to fit together in horizontal and vertical order without excess clutter.

Instead, my world rattles and shakes and is filled with dirt and dust and pieces that grind against one another. Much like the Psalm that Carey mentioned above.

Psalm 46 is filled word pictures of complete chaos—mountains falling into the sea, crashing waves and earthquakes, kingdoms and nations rising and falling. Verse 10, "Cease striving and know that I am God," or "Be still," doesn't come from a tranquil setting.

The challenge is not to make our world peaceful and still. It's to stop striving. It's to know that He is God. It's to know and trust that He is at work in the dirt and dust and grind. To know that the Kingdom is growing and expanding like a mustard seed, in ways that are seen and unseen as we are faithful to our calling as his people.

I still love the sculpture though. A dirty old engine wouldn't be as classy next to the elevators.

Peace—

Michelle for the Women's Ministry Team

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## Silent Auction

This year we're exploring our theme of restoration in our silent auction. Here are a few ideas to get you started...

- Bring a restored item—an old object made new, a throw-away remade, art made from recycled material...
- Or think about soul restoration with items such as Bible study books, journals, or music...
- Or goodies like bath bombs, lotions, scrubs, or aloe socks for physical restoration
- And how about items to restore relationships? Anything that gets us together with friends or family to enjoy time together—restaurant gift cards, popcorn/movie baskets, games...

Have fun with this!

\*Money from the silent auction keeps conference costs as low as possible.