

Enspire Monthly Themes: 2012-2013

Enspire is a free weekly publication based on a monthly theme written by various contributors from different seasons of life who seek to collectively *enspire* others with their kaleidoscope of gifts, talents, and skills.

The meaning and goal of *Enspire* is to *nurture, inspire and empower* others to positive action through *entertainment, encouragement, and enlightenment*.

We are always seeking contributions of any type that support our mission of *enspiring others to lead glorifying lives full of truth, peace, and purpose*.

You can contribute various forms of communication for Enspire's monthly themes using the Enspire Template and Guidelines.

RECURRING AREAS OF COMMUNICATION:

New Enspire Blog Post every Tuesday

Words of Wisdom every Tuesday & Thursday

New Sisters Speak every other week (polling questionnaires)

New Sister Spot video the 1st of every month

New Sisters Book Club the 1st of every month

Hot Topic Current News Posts as often as possible

CURRENT THEMES FOR 2012-2013

July: Unforgettable moments on Our Journey through Life

August: Back to "School": If I knew then what I know now

Hindsight is a wonderful thing. We look back on mistakes and either smile, cry, or a bit of both. But what would you have done differently had you known at the time how it would turn out? Would you have gone to that party? Or started your blog? Quit your job to go traveling? Married your spouse? Taken a different course in University? Or would you keep the life you've had? Our lives are inspirations to help the next generation. Make a difference today for someone tomorrow and share what YOU learned on YOUR JOURNEY.

September: Autumn's Shot: A Celebration

Autumn's Shot is a celebration of people whose stories nurture the soul; give strength to the weary; and enspire positive change in our homes, neighborhoods and community. Inspired by Richard & Autumn Steif, it's about the moments in our lives that change us forever. It's about taking the road less traveled no matter how scary, difficult, or lonely it may be. It's about doing the right thing, although it may be hard. It's about loving someone through the hard times and the blessings we never expected in the end. Share your story and enspire someone to walk the road less traveled.

October: Where Freedom is Found (Due Sunday, September 15th)

What is freedom? What does freedom mean to you? Are we really free? What caused your loss in freedom and what did you learn from it? Freedom touches us in all walks of life, from being grounded as a kid to the loss of independence in our older generation of wise owls. In light of our upcoming presidential

elections, it's a reminder that freedom comes in many forms, but we pay for it too. Can we really find freedom in the trenches where lives are lost?

November: My Recipe for Success *(Due Sunday, November 4th)*

Do you like cooking? Do you like good food and company? Take that love, and turn it into a cooking recipe. It can be based on school; sports; friendships; blogging; business; entrepreneurship; social networking; and more. What ingredients do you need to succeed, and what guests should be invited to make it a really good party afterward?

December: Hospitality is in the _____ *(Due, Sunday, November 18th)*

Tattered rags, dirty dishes, laughs over coffee, and girls night out. Hospitality comes in many forms. Why, When, Where, and How can we fill that incessant need for time together sharing love and laughter? From locker rooms, grocery stores, and homes: Who have you felt hospitality from in the least likely of places?

January: Taking Care of the "Temple" Once & For All *(Due, Sunday, December 9th)*

New Year's Resolutions come and go. What have you found that has worked for you? Whether in health, work, or family. Change never comes easy, habits are hard to break, but they happen all the time. Let's celebrate what you *did* accomplish this past year and encourage others to find the same success in 2013.

February: Love & Temptation: The Greatest Battle of All Time & How to Win it *(Due, Sunday, January 13th)*

Your spouse, your friend, your family and chocolate truffles: the temptation to fall away from what matters most. Is love more than a feeling? Can it be found? What does it look like and how do we know we have it? Is it worth keeping? How do we keep it? How does Love really win out? Is it possible to love someone forever? Is it possible to be loved forever?

SPECIAL: March Madness: My Top Technology Must Have's

March: Grace based Living: What it really looks like *(Due, Sunday, February 10th)*

From prayers to presidential speeches, the word grace has been misused over the centuries. Grace is something to be understood, but never fully realized; something to be desired, but something we rarely find from others in the world. Grace, more precious than the most prized possession, is found in the least likely of places. What is grace? Why do we need it, how do we get it, and how can we share it?

SPECIAL: Death and Taxes

April: In Whom Do I Trust? *(Due, Sunday, March 10th)*

Trust is something we choose to do and not do everyday without even realizing it. What does trust look like? How do you know who to trust? How can *you* be trustworthy? What does building trust look like? Once broken, once lost, can it be regained? How do you know it isn't just wishful thinking? Share what trust looks like to you in your home, on your team, with friends, in your workplace and even with God.

SPECIAL: Time, Space, and God

May: Making Time for God, Our Family, & Others Last Forever

(Due, Sunday, April 14th)

Is there ever enough time in the day? Or do our priorities need re-alignment? How can we possibly make time for all of what life brings? Can you? How do you know what is the most important thing to tackle in a day and how do you let your boss in on that secret? Whether a kid, a parent, a boss, or friend, we all struggle with time commitment. What's the key to making it a struggle no more? How do we make a lasting impact on our family?

SPECIAL: Blooms worth Buying

June: Overcoming Fear Forever *(Due, Sunday, May 12th)*

Toddlers don't have it and adults are full of it. Fear of heights, fear of love, fear of failure, or fear of spiders. Where does fear come from? Is fear ever good? When is it bad and how do we overcome it? Have you ever been let down when you faced your fears? Share what "fruit" overcoming fear can bear. Share your story, even if you are afraid to.

SPECIAL: Fear & Faith in Action

July: Faith that Moves Mountains *(Due, Sunday, June 16th)*

What is faith? Is faith only for the religious? Is science a faith based religion? Why are there so many different faiths? What does a faithful person look like? Why is that a desirable trait? Does faith really move mountains?

SPECIAL: Making Memory Loss a Family's Gain

August: Forgiveness and Forgetfulness *(Due, Sunday, July 14th)*

Is forgiveness really necessary? How do we forgive those who aren't sorry? Should we? Can we really forgive and forget? You'd like to forget that old boyfriend, that bad grade, that nasty thing you said, and why you shouldn't. Can we really find freedom in forgiveness? Let's see what you think.

Possible Future Themes for 2013-2014

If $E=mc^2$, then why does my body not stay in motion?

Worry

Making Goals Stick

The DNA of Putting Other First

Peer Pressure

Gratitude

How to Find the Right Coach

Living Frugally

Patience for the Driven

Balance beyond Belief

Power Filled Prayers

Intimacy in marriage

Loving a flawed person

Dunking Doubt

Secure our Insecurities

Coveting: Don't Do It!

Taming the Tongue

Loving Our Families

What We Can Learn From Fairy Tales

The Three Little Pigs were over-confident, apart from the third one. Little Red Riding Hood never gave in to gullibility. Hansel and Gretel knew how to find their way when faced with adversity. Take these fairy tales (and more), and extrapolate them to today. What could we, or our leaders, or bosses, etc, learn from fairy tales? Let your mind go wild here.