# Chic Chats 2016



# Reflection

Can you think of a time that you were the "smell of death" as you witnessed to an unbeliever (whether with words or just through your actions)? How about a time when your example or encouragement was the "fragrance of life"?

"For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life." - 2 Corinthians 2: 15-16

## Reflection

How is my faith being stretched as a parent? How is my faith being stressed as a parent?

"Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck." - Proverbs 1: 8-9

## Reflection

"Sometimes the girl who's always been there for everyone else, needs someone to be there for her." Author Unknown

Am I feeling this way right now? What is causing that feeling? Who do you have in your life that you could ask to "be there" for you?

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." - Philippians 2:3-4

#### Reflection

Œ	What quality do you think is most important in a marriage? What do you value the most
	about your husband and what he contributes to your marriage or does for you?

"In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church." - Ephesians 5: 28-29

## Reflection

Have you ever been the recipient of a loving gesture or gift? How did it impact your life?

"He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done." -Proverbs 19:17

## Reflection

Do you take up responsibilities at church out of fear that no one else will? Do you attend activities or events because you feel that, as the pastor's wife, you must?

How can you balance the feelings of obligation with a healthy desire to serve the Lord joyfully in all you do?

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen." - 1 Peter 4:10-11

### Reflection

Since everyone looks to the pastor when they need spiritual counseling and encouragement, where does the pastor go for counsel? Who is there to help him and his family?

Where do you and your husband find pastoral care?

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." - 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

# Reflection

In my life I have many different roles. Sometimes that leads people to judge me. I've acquired different kinds of labels from people. Some labels I actually believe and find myself bound and tied by them. (e.g. I'm a "helper", "miss perfect", "hard worker", "leader", "healer", "the perfect wife/mother", the "pastor's wife")

Have I struggled to move past the labels I have had in my life? How can I begin to see myself with only the label "child of God"?

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" - 1 John 3:1