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*“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).*

**Matthew 1:23 – NIV**

**Winter**

When you look at nature, the winter season seems like a period of darkness, aridity and deadliness.

Seems ... because in this period a lot happens after the crop has been given and the leaves have fallen. Underground, a tree puts energy into making new hair roots and will so strengthened be able to come back to life and bloom in the Spring.

Our life can also resemble a winter season, with aridity and darkness due to things we experience or worries we have. Today's world may feel that way too.

But underground God has been at work. He has laid the foundation for a new Spring - he has given a new young life on which we can build our own lives. With the birth of Jesus Christ the darkness, barrenness and deadliness of the world is broken. He is the Light of the world – I wish you His light, to go strengthened your way with Him.

Someday it will be Spring!

Wishing you Christmas blessings and hope for A.D. 2023.  
Wilma Aalbersberg – National Coordinator



**Impact of studies**

The studies of Christian Living, are very important for me. It helps me to focus on the core of being a Christian. It stimulates me to expect more of God. This gives certainty in God, and certainty and confidence to live in this world.

**Yvonne**

From the study of Job: We may pour out our burdens to God. It is encouraging to know that when I go through hard times, God has the final word. He is almighty. Suffering can also bring me closer to God.

**Marika**



### **Impression Leaders Day – Making choices, and then ...**

On November 5, we had an inspiring Leader's Day for women with 21 leaders. The location was the 'Eemlandhoeve' in the countryside in Bunschoten, a concept for inspiration and relaxation.



A day with varied activities to meet each other and to be equipped: the day opening from Psalm 84 – a bingo to get to know each other – Bible teaching by Judith Gerkema – discussions and prayer in small groups – an interactive and creative afternoon session led by Judith – a training on how to make a practical Wrap-Up – a video greeting from our Europe Coordinator Antti Ronkainen – a song sung and recorded for the English speaking groups and contacts abroad – and delicious organic food (lunch + dinner) and drinks.

In the morning, Judith reflected on women in the Bible who made very conscious choices. The consequences of the choice were often intense and far-reaching, but always with God. In the afternoon, the theme was given an active interpretation by various forms of processing. Judith also had a nice syllabus for everyone to read everything again at home.



We look back on a good day. Our wish is that at the next conference there will be even more leaders!

Annet Boersma – Conference Coordinator

### **New study: Christian Leadership.**

A new study is available: Christian Leadership. A study in 12 lessons going through 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus.

### **Vacancy: Board members F/M**

Do you want to use your administrative gifts 'to help people become disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ', as stated in our mission statement?

In practice, CBS works at this by (helping to) set up and supporting (interdenominational) Bible study groups. Together with the other board members, take on new paths and challenges and thus support the executive team and in this way serve all the participants in our country.

If you want to think along and contribute to this, we would like to get in touch with you. Please mail to Erik: [voorzitter@cbsi.nl](mailto:voorzitter@cbsi.nl) or [info@cbsi.nl](mailto:info@cbsi.nl) .