



Boomer Babes with Brilliant Dreams

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(...as in "Rock-n-Roll!")

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1. As a baby boomer woman, what do you find most comforting about growing older?

I love being taken more seriously, especially by men in leadership. Perhaps my life experiences have provided credibility. I've been invited to speak to International groups and give input in church policies. I'm on the Board of Directors for Media Associates International and on the Advisory Board for Jerry Jenkin's Christian Writer's Guild. These invitations didn't start coming until after I turned fifty. When I was 48 we joined a start up church that attracted many twenty-somethings. My husband and I were the "old people". I like being "Mama Robin".

I also love the opportunities now open for more travel and adventure. I worked with a travel agent to offer a Sisterchicks Cruise in 2005 as a way of celebrating real life Sisterchicks friendships. We had an amazing time! About 70 women of all ages came. We laughed ourselves silly and at the same time, the group connected at life-changing levels during the Morning Mercies worship time and around the dining room table conversations. We've opened up the 2007 Sisterchicks Cruise registration and you're all invited! The dates are: October 19-22, 2007. Registration and information is available online at: www.sisterchicks.com or through Wendy at Valley Cruise and Travel: wendy@valleycruise.com 541.926-8851. We'd love to have all you Boomer Babes Rock the boat all the way to Mexico!

2. At what point in your life did writing become your career and did it find you or did you find it?

Storytelling circled my life from early on but when I was in my mid-twenties I'd been encouraged by so many people to write for publication that I started to bend my time toward that objective. My first article was published in 1981 and my first book was published in 1985. From then on I continued to craft stories but I still worked part time at a variety of odd jobs. My husband was a youth pastor and the girls in our youth group were the motivation for writing novels for teens. After the first Christy Miller books was published in 1988, I carved out time and space in order to keep writing.


3. As a little girl, what were the dreams of your heart and have you realized those dreams in some form or fashion as a woman?

One of my dreams was to visit exotic places. When I was eight my aunt went to Switzerland and brought me a music box shaped like a Swiss Chalet. I still have the sweet little treasure on my dresser. That music box ignited a longing to see how people lived in other parts of the world. The dream to travel has been fulfilled abundantly! We lived in Hawai'i for a year. I've been to Europe a number of times as well as to several remote islands including Capri, Ischia and the Canary Islands. I've fed a kangaroo from the palm of my hand in Australia and have gone swimming in the Bay of Islands in New Zealand. A few months ago I went to Brazil and spoke to thousands of young girls who had read the Christy Miller books in Portuguese. Yes, God has ABUNDANTLY fulfilled the dreams of my heart.

4. How important is it for us to listen to our heart and why?

Jesus told us to, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart. . ." (Luke 10:26) That was Christ's command to us. Not, "Be a good person" or "Try harder" or "Prove your value" or whatever other mandates our heads seem to tell us. No. Jesus said to love. Love with all your heart. And the thing is, when we obey this core command, then everything else comes. Loving God this way means our hearts must be cleaned out and our spirits unhindered. That's when we are at our truest, most simple and childlike level of trust and obedience and honesty. And that's when it becomes important to listen to our heart. Or perhaps more accurately, that's when we find we can more accurately hear what God is saying to us in our unencumbered hearts. Our communion with Him is at the heart level. It's such a magnificent mystery! Our ears should always be turned to our heart.

5. What single piece of advice would you give to a fellow baby boomer sister who decides she has not been listening to the dreams of her heart and wants to change course in midlife?

This is a topic my friend Cindy Hannan and I wrote about in our Sisterchicks devotional, Take Flight! The door of the cage was lifted when the stone was rolled away, so Baby, take that first step into freedom and watch what happens when you "take flight"! God has dreams for all His children. What if the Relentless Lover has dreams for you that haven't yet come true? Why don't you go ahead and ask Him. Ask for His Kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. Ask Him to teach you how to love Him and others with your whole heart. Stop letting fear make the decisions for you. Trust God with the same wild extravagance that He pours out His love on you. This is where the adventure begins. 

Robin's 2007 Book Releases

Take Flight! a Sisterchicks Devotional
Multnomah Publishers, January, 2007

Finding Father Christmas
FaithWords, October, 2007

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