

## Judie Amen: A Legacy of Admiration

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It is always significant when a husband recognizes the value of his wife. It is particularly special when a husband, like Dick Amen, acknowledges the great gift he has in his wife by honoring her in a way that blesses the next generation of women like her.

The Julia A. Amen Scholarship for Women (established in Judie's name) has been providing funds for women studying theology at Denver Seminary since 1999 as a way to continue Judie's passion for women to become all they can be for the Lord's glory.

Judie is a testament to a life well lived. She and Dick recently celebrated 60 years of marriage, and she continues her ministry of mentoring into her 80s.

### TAKE MY WORD TO MY PEOPLE

In her youth, as a child of the military, Judie moved 11 times before she entered high school. In the process of all that transition, she explained, "I had grown to understand and care about people—people who were lonely. People who were like me."

There were countless little instances of the Lord wooing, shaping, and refining Judie from a very young age, but it wasn't until she participated in a neighborhood Bible study at 31 years of age that she gave her life to Christ.

Several years after coming to faith, the Lord gave her a specific sense of calling during a quiet time. "I heard it clearly: 'I want you to take My Word to My people.'"

Soon, opportunities for her to speak across the country at women's groups, conventions, and retreats began popping up. The love God had given her for people was now touching hearts in ways that only

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He could accomplish. After an active 15-year speaking ministry, the Lord called her to step into another phase of outreach as the minister of women at her home church, Galilee Baptist, in Denver.

From time to time, the pastor would ask Judie to speak from the pulpit on Sundays, which paired her gift of speaking with her passion for God's Word. During this new season of ministry, Judie took several classes at Denver Seminary. She wanted to deepen her own knowledge as she helped others grow in their collective pursuit of Christ.

### EQUIPPING THE NEXT GENERATION

Dick came to know the Lord a handful of years after Judie, but all through their life together, he was supportive of her calling and gifts. He recognized her ever-growing passion for God's Word and His people in the way she constantly poured into the lives of those around her. As Judie's retirement approached, Dick formed a plan to honor his amazing wife.

"Without my knowledge, my husband partnered with Denver Seminary to establish a scholarship for women in my name—the Julia A. Amen Scholarship for Women," Judie shared. "Once it was all finalized, he surprised me with it."

As a way to enjoy the ongoing experience of the scholarship, Denver Seminary coordinates yearly luncheons where Dick and Judie can meet the scholarship's recipients. Although Judie can't travel and minister to women as she once did, this scholarship equips women from Denver Seminary to carry on the legacy—to go where she can no longer go, to do what she can no longer do.

After 17 years, the scholarship has helped dozens of women pursue theological education, allowing recipients to become teaching pastors, worship pastors, discipling pastors, and more. The one thing they all have in common is a desire to minister to people in despair and to inspire them to live the life to which God has called them.

"Dick and I praise God for the vision Denver Seminary has for its students and the world," said Judie, "and for the opportunity they have given donors to pass on the legacy through the lives of students who have the passion to take God's Word to people, to change lives, and to give hope to a lost and dying world."

At some level, the goal of every church is to grow its members into ardent followers of Christ—disciples who care about what the Lord cares about, and who are equipped and ready to multiply that passion and purpose in others. How to go about doing this is another question. One solid answer to that question, which has been tested and refined over the last 40 years, is the Perspectives on the World Christian Movement course.

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