

SOMOS ESTE

GUARDING OUR GENERATION

CAMP 2022

This year our youth will **ARISE!** Camp is coming soon on Nov. 25-27. Register now at ajecre.com

GLORIMARI HERNANDEZ

Glorimari expresses the importance of being focused on God and be alert for the distractions of the enemy - pg. 9-10

ESTE FIRESIDE

Set a reminder for our next episode and check out recordings of our last episodes only on Facebook & Instagram.

LESLIE DEJESUS

Leslie goes in talking about the temptation of worldly music and how she learned she has too big a purpose to give in to worldly music. - pg. 3

**THE CREATION OF
SOMOS ESTE
MAGAZINE IS FOR THE
SPIRITUAL
EDIFICATION OF THE
YOUNG PEOPLE OF
AJEC RE. MAY THIS
MAGAZINE SERVE AS
AN INSTRUMENT FOR
GOD TO GLORIFY
HIMSELF AND FOR
YOUNG LIVES TO BE
CHANGED
EVERYWHERE.**



1 REGIÓN ESTE

REGIONAL BOARD

ESTER ALMONTE
PRESIDENT

JENNIFER ROMAN
VICE PRESIDENT

JOY Z. GUILLEN
SECRETARY

ELI DEJESUS
SUB SECRETARY

CYNTHIA COTTO
TREASURER

WANDER SANTANA
SUB TREASURER

RUTH RUPERT
VOCAL I

GLORIMARI HERNANDEZ
VOCAL II

DEPARTMENTS

LESLIE DEJESUS
DIR. OF JUVENILES

JOHNNY LAPORTE
DIR. PRAISE & WORSHIP

HENRY LOPEZ
DIR. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

BRANDON COTTO
DIR. PUBLIC RELATIONS

2

VERSE OF THE MONTH

3

HEAR NO EVIL
LESLIE DEJESUS

5

CAMP 2022 -
OFFICIAL FLYER

6

GIVE YOURSELF
TIME - RUTH
RUBERT

8

WATCH EPISODES
ESTE FIRESIDE

9

DISTRACTIONS
IN DISGUISE -
GLORIMARI
HERNANDEZ

11

JOIN AJEC RE PR

12

FOLLOW US

S
T
N
E
T
N
O
C

1 TIMOTHY 4:12

**"DON'T LET ANYONE
LOOK DOWN ON YOU
BECAUSE YOU ARE
YOUNG, BUT SET AN
EXAMPLE FOR THE
BELIEVERS IN
SPEECH, IN
CONDUCT, IN LOVE,
IN FAITH AND IN
PURITY."**



Hear No Evil

By Leslie DeJesus

Growing up, I never understood why I wasn't allowed to hear secular music, even when the artists didn't curse. I could not understand why all my friends in school were allowed to hear the music, and go to the concerts, and I was only allowed to listened to Christian music. I felt like I was missing out on something big. It wasn't until I went to my first Christian concert and realized that I am actually part of something bigger! There is power, freedom, deliverance and breakthrough when we sing christian music to God, but have you ever thought what exactly happens when we sing and dance to ungodly secular music?

The world wants to fool us into thinking that music is just sound, however there are thousands of quotes out there and actual scientific proof that can attest to the power that music can have on ones mind, body and soul.

"Music doesn't lie. If there is something to be changed in this world, then it can only happen through music." - Jimi Hendrix

According to research done by students at John Hopkins University " ..listening to music can reduce anxiety, blood pressure, and pain as well as improve sleep quality, mood, mental alertness, and memory." The reason why music has such an effect to our being is simply because music was not an earthly creation. Music was created by God, in heaven, for a single purpose and that is to worship. When we are signing, dancing, moving to the beat and bopping to the rhythm, we are worshiping in our own ways. Now, the question is - Who are you worshipping?

SOMOS ESTE





Songs about drugs, alcohol, killing, stealing, and suicide and then question why we cannot sleep at night.

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.”
John 14:27

We would like to think that when we are listening to secular music it doesn't have an effect on us. Let's just put it in perspective for a quick moment, when we listen to this music all week long and then we make it to church on Sunday what happens? Do we go in and worship God with that same devotion, do we surrender our all to him? Do we even have anything left to give? We've been "worshiping" all week long but we've gained nothingness because we didn't give Him our all.

Let's stop feeding our souls with the hollow faithless words of these songs and then wondering why our lives are in shambles. We are reapers of what we ourselves sow. If we are listening to music that has to do with sex and desires, how can we then be shocked when we are constantly tempted by the desires of the flesh? We listen to songs about adultery and seduction and then wonder why our relationships never work out.

I would like to challenge you all to a music fasting, where all you will listen to is godly/ church music. I will guarantee that you will find peace, joy, hope, power, freedom, and deliverance. Let's be mindful of all that we are listening to, and let's feed our soul songs with the purpose to lift us, teaching us, helping us grow, and ultimately helping us help others find their breakthrough.





5

ARISE

EPHESIANS 5:14

NOV. 25-27



WORSHIPPER
NICOLE
ASTACIO



IN THE WORD
PASTOR PATRICK
WINFIELD II

REGISTRATION

AFFILIATED: \$135

NON-AFFILIATED: \$155

TUSCARORA INN & CONFERENCE CENTER
3300 RIVER RD. MT. BETHEL, PA 18343

GIVE YOURSELF TIME

We have all heard and been asked this question, "Where do you see yourself in 5 years?" For me, this question sat so heavily in my heart because I wanted to fulfill society's standards of what it was to be "successful and happy" by the age of 25. When I was 18 and freshly graduated from High School I

decided to go to college and study to become a nurse. In my mind, I stated that by the age of 22 I would have a bachelor's degree in science, be married by the age of 23, and possibly have a child before the age of 30. However, as we all know our plans are not like the plans that God has for us.

After being in college for 2 years an inconvenience happened. My family and I had to move various times until we were situated in Massachusetts. It was difficult for me to get back on my feet and inclusive I was already feeling like I failed in Life. Fortunately, I was able to go back to college to study another

profession in medicine. Although the plans I had in mind were not carried out the way I wanted, God reminded me not to rush through life and enjoy the small moments with family and friends.

I had to learn that we all make mistakes and it was a hard pill to swallow. However, we decide if we stay on the ground feeling defeated or if we arise and trust that God has a greater plan for our lives. I am currently 24 years old and although I did not fulfill what I personally planned to see happen in my life, a lesson that I learned and truly value is - Give yourself time.



RUTH RUBERT

Now I'm starting to see God's purpose and plans being fulfilled in my life. It will never be too late to go back to school and be educated in the profession we so desire. Regardless of society's expectations of what a happy and successful life looks like, what truly matters is enjoying each process and seeing ourselves grow and become the best versions of ourselves through Jesus Christ.

Jeremiah 29:11 says "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." We need to keep in mind that the plans that God has for us will always be for the greater good. In other words, our plans can lead us astray and separate us from God. Yet the plans that God has for you and me are greater than we can imagine. Not only it keeps us close to his presence but it truly fills our lives with peace and joy even in the middle of any circumstance. Give yourself time, I know it may seem that you probably failed or that you're not good enough, but that is not true! A wise woman once told me that good things take time and waiting on God is better for your future.

Give yourself time and keep believing in You!



ESTE FIRESIDE

LIVE



HAVING THE CONVOS WE NEED TO HAVE



**STREAMING
WEDNESDAYS
ON IG & FB**

8:00 PM

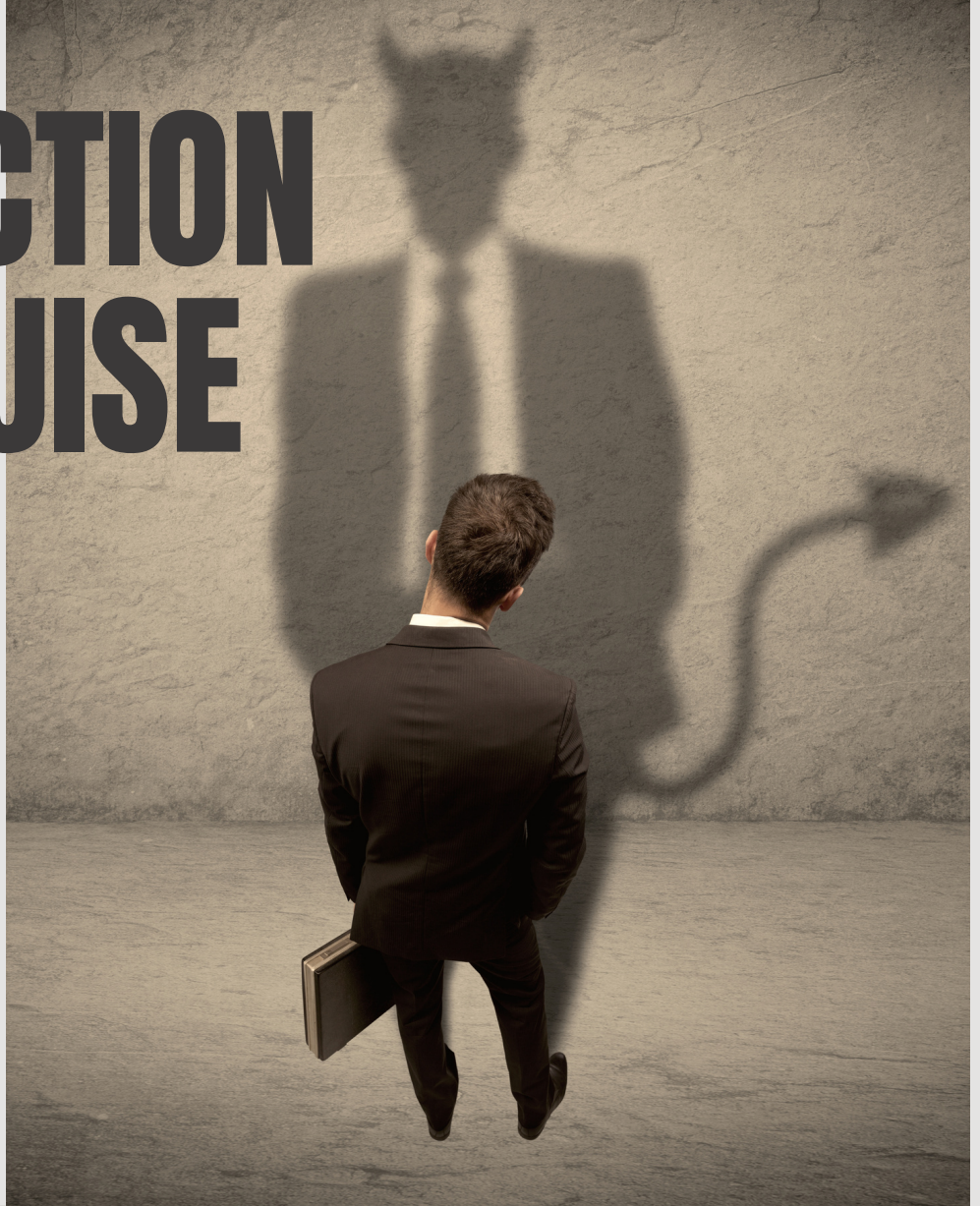
WATCH OUR EPISODES @AJECREGIONESTE

8

DISTRACTION IN DISGUISE

Glormari Hernandez

As Comer mentions in his “The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry,”; Satan does not appear like an evil being with a pitchfork, horns, and a gravelly smoker voice. He’s far more intelligent than we give him credit for. Today, you’re far more likely to run into the enemy in the form of an alert on your phone while you’re reading your Bible or a multiday Netflix binge or a full-on dopamine addiction to Instagram or a Saturday morning at the office or another soccer game on a Sunday or commitment after commitment after



Glormari Hernandez

commitment in a life of speed.”

We will not encounter Satan in the most conspicuous ways but rather in forms we least expect. If we do not have an intimate relationship with God, the enemy can skillfully use anything to divert us from maintaining a close relationship with our Lord.

The book of 2 Corinthians chapter 11 says that “even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.” This verse refers to Satan’s sly strategies to lead us to spiritual drought. For instance, Satan can come disguised as a new job offer with an extensive list of benefits. However, it requires you to work on Sundays. You suppose it’s a terrific opportunity and that

not attending the congregation on Sundays will not be a great deal. Though over time, you discover your relationship with God declining; you encounter yourself so overwhelmed by the workload that you now also find yourself missing from the church during weekday services. Without realizing it, you do not pray like you used to because you hardly have time. The enemy utilized what appeared to be a promising job opportunity to detour you to a decline in your intimate prayer life with God and church attendance. Satan did not have to show up in a big red cape for you to notice him.

In 1st of Peter, chapter 5:8-9, it declares to be alert and of sober mind. And it then adds that the devil prowls around like a

Phillipians 3:14 "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

roaring lion looking for someone to devour. So the enemy can come concealed as a profitable job to destroy you without catching on. And that is why 1st Peter 5:8-9 mentions the significance of being alert and sober-minded so that we can detect the enemy's masked darts of distraction.

If I tell you I have not fallen victim to distraction, I would be lying. It is so important that we have our eyes fixated on our maker at all times. It is pivotal that we remain focused at all times, pressing toward the goal of winning the prize for which God has called you and me heavenward in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:14). God has been speaking to me clearly on this topic in diverse ways. It's been a concern in my heart for our generation of young people and those following after us. God has placed the matter heavily on my heart and has caused an urge and stir within me to seek Him and pray with intensity for our young people.

Furthermore, many people, young and old, have fallen into the trap of distraction. So many of us are seized with the hurries of life to an extent where we no longer encounter

ourselves pursuing God in the secret place like we used to. God desires us to return to the place we left Him. May we ask Him for discernment so we can identify with clarity the things taking our time away from our intimacy with God. As God has brought a sense of conviction and reflection to my life, I hope this article also instills a conviction within you.

Recap: You won't catch Satan with a pitchfork and horns as you think.

- Be alert
- Be vigilant
- Be sober

Truth is time is ticking, and Satan knows his time is running out.

- Wake up
- Discern
- Cast out distraction
- And return to the secret place.



AJEC RE PR Department



JOIN OUR TEAM

HELP WITH PHOTOGRAPHY,
VIDEOGRAPHY, WEB DESIGN,
AND MORE!

CALL 631-526-2659 FOR
MORE INFO

Follow Us on Social Media



REGION
ESTE



Get Connected With Us On Your Favorite
Social Media Platforms



on Facebook @ajecregioneste



on Instagram @ajecregioneste



on YouTube - AJEC REGION ESTE



AJECRE.COM

