

Brenda Pace SPEAKING TOPICS

Most of these sessions were designed as 40-60 minute talks. Brenda can provide handouts or notes and she includes interactive activities that often utilize props and multi-media visuals. Each of these talks may be modified and used for a single talk. Additional talks for special events or specific topics can be arranged. Contact Brenda for more information.

RETREATS

WHERE IS S.H.E.? A WOMAN'S QUEST FOR SIMPLICITY, HUMILITY AND EXCELLENCE*

SESSION 1 Simplicity—This first session presents the idea that a simple Christian life is one that is lived with right priorities and characterized by simple faith in Christ. Women will be challenged to look at what clutters their lives and keeps them from a life of singular focus on Christ.

SESSION 2 Humility—Session two encourages women to recognize that humility is a life lived with right relationships. Humility is motivated by submission, maintained by honest assessment and modeled by Christ.

SESSION 3 Excellence—In this session women will recognize that excellence is the integration of talent and commitment. Excellence is motivated by commitment, maintained by godly effort and modeled by the Father. The Christian life is not a works based faith, but one that is characterized by offering our best to bring glory to God.

*(*This retreat has also been used with the title BEE-coming a Woman of Excellence)*

HIS BUILDING IN YOU

SESSION 1 Building on a Firm Foundation—Women will recognize Christ as the FOUNDATION of salvation. They will recognize His work in their lives as they see themselves as His 'building'.

SESSION 2 Building Up One Another— Women will acknowledge the role of encouragement in the life of a believer. They will acknowledge their individual responsibility to encourage each other.

SESSION 3 Building Up or Tearing Down? — Women will appreciate the important place the words they speak have in the ministry of 'spurring one another on toward love and good deeds.' They will recognize the difference in words that build and words that tear down. They will accept the responsibility to be good stewards of the work that Christ is building in and through them.

PREPARE FOR THE BRIDEGROOM

SESSION 1 Prepare for RELOCATION—Women will be challenged to live life with an eternal perspective. This message focuses on heaven and what it means

for the Christian here on earth.

SESSION 2 Prepare for TRANSFORMATION— Women will understand the need for spiritual transformation. The necessity of living a life characterized by Godly character will be emphasized.

SESSION 3 Prepare for OCCUPATION—Women will understand what is meant when Christ said, “Occupy until I come.” We are to be actively waiting for the bridegroom’s return as we serve him through evangelism and discipleship.

SESSION 4 Prepare for PROCLAMATION—Women will understand the meaning of proclaiming the *kerygma* (*Good News*) of the Gospel. It is to be proclaimed expectantly, urgently, soberly, biblically and relationally.

HIS PATCHWORK IN MY LIFE (Quilt theme)

SESSION 1 Called to His Glory—Women will understand that we are called to be vessels filled with the glory of God! We are called to be women of depth and substance. (The definition of glory is “weight.”)

SESSION 2 Comforted by His Love—Women will understand that even when circumstances confuse the message of God’s love, it is sure and constant.

SESSION 3 Covered with His Peace— Women will understand that God’s peace can be theirs regardless of their past mistakes. Through a study of the life of Jacob in Genesis 28:10-22 they will see God is working for us, God is committed to us and God is accessible by us.

MySPACE AT THE REDEEMER’S FEET (based on Ruth)

SESSION 1 The space of WEEPING

SESSION 2 The space of WORKING

SESSION 3 The space of WAITING

Through the life of Ruth we explore such topics as sacrificial relationships, joy following suffering, an empty life filled with renewed purpose, God’s sovereign involvement in the life of a believer; Christ as our Kinsman Redeemer.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

SESSION 1 A Spiritual Warrior STANDS Against the Enemy

SESSION 2 A Spiritual Warrior STANDS Alert to the Battle

SESSION 3 A Spiritual Warrior STANDS Armed for Battle

SESSION 4 A Spiritual Warrior STANDS Alongside Others

A HARVEST OF GOD’S GOOD WORK IN MY LIFE (Based on Galatians 6:9)

SESSION 1 God’s Good Work in My Life Will Yield Godly Character

SESSION 2 God’s Good Work in My Life Will Yield Godly Service

SESSION 3 God’s Good Work in My Life Will Yield Godly Words

SESSION 4 God’s Good Work in My Life Will Yield the Gospel Message

ROOTED IN LOVE, GROWING IN CHRIST (EPH 3:17-19)

SESSION 1 Your Roots are Showing (The Varied Roles of a Woman)

SESSION 2 Being a Courage Planter (The Ministry of Encouragement)

SESSION 3 Deep Roots in Christ (Cultivating Spiritual Growth)

SESSION 4 Watered, Growing, Overflowing! (A Closer Look at Eph 3:17-19)

What's this thing called UNITY?

SESSION 1 TIED Together

SESSION 2 United or Untied?

THE PRINCESS AND THE P'S (A RETREAT ON CONTENTMENT)

SESSION 1 The Peace of a Princess

SESSION 2 The Priorities of a Princess

SESSION 3 The Passion of a Princess

SPIRITUAL HOUSECLEANING

SESSION 1 Standing in a Dirty House

SESSION 2 Standing in a Dark House

SESSION 3 Standing in a Clean House

SINGLE SESSIONS

THE CHALLENGE OF FORGIVENESS (based on Colossians 3:13-14)

This message looks at these points: The basis of forgiveness; The Obligation of Forgiveness; The Direction of Forgiveness; The Yield of Forgiveness

BECOMING A COURAGE PLANTER

What does the ministry of encouragement look like? The word encouragement means to put courage into someone. Hebrews 3:13 admonishes the Christian to encourage others daily. Do you have a green thumb when it comes to encouraging others?

BASKETS OF BLESSING

The Bible provides some wonderful examples of God's blessings that came packed in a basket. This message shares the lesson to be learned about God's providence, provision and protection—all from a basket.

A RIGHTEOUS NATION?

What does it mean to be a righteous nation? Does a Christian citizen have any responsibility in the process of making a nation 'righteous?'

THE GIFT OF TIME

A good message for the beginning of a new year, this message is based on Ephesians 5:15-16: *"Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."*

GOING for the GLORY (Christmas)

A Christmas message based on the journey of the Magi.

RESURRECTION BOUTIQUE

Based on Colossians 3:5-17 this message takes a look at what the Christian woman is to wear when she is spiritually transformed.

A WOMAN'S FIELD SURVIVAL GUIDE

Based on Ephesians 6:11-18 this message looks at the equipment we have been given to fight our spiritual battles and the tactic of prayer we are to use for victory.

DEEP SPIRITED FRIENDS

Philippians 2:2 in the Message reads: *"If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if His love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care—then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be **deep spirited friends**."* What are the characteristics of deep spirited friends and why are they important in the life of a woman?

THE SEASONS OF A WOMAN'S LIFE

Age does not limit service to God. The scriptural principle found in Psalm 92 is that we are to celebrate the process of growing older, increasing in usefulness to His Kingdom and growing stronger because of deep spiritual roots. It is necessary to maintain strong spiritual roots in every season of life. Young or old, a woman is to fulfill God's purpose in whatever role she finds herself.

BEATING THE BLUES

Winter has arrived and often accompanying the season is a feeling described as *the blues*. The most often prescribed physical remedy includes diet, exercise and light therapy. We can beat the winter blues more effectively when we address both physical *and* spiritual needs.

"PURSE"UING HIS PEACE

Philippians 4:6-7 states, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." God's Word is clear: peace can be ours! In this world of conflict and struggle, peace is too often elusive and seems to be out of our grasp. Many of us have become accustomed to describing ourselves as 'stressed out' and 'anxious'. The Old Testament character Jacob has much to teach us about this most desirable fruit of the Spirit.

YOUR DELIGHTFUL STORY...SPIRITUAL JOURNALING

God takes great delight in writing the story of our lives. When we accept Christ as our Savior we become part of His story! Each of us has a part of the greatest story ever told. Through the discipline of spiritual journaling we can clarify our

story, which can lead to greater intimacy with God, victory in our Christian walk and motivation to share our story with others.

THE MESSAGE OF THE YELLOW RIBBON

Yellow ribbons dot the landscape of every American community. It has become a mark of hope for the return of a loved one. But, are there deeper lessons we can learn from this symbol of hope and hardship?

SESSIONS ESPECIALLY FOR A MILITARY AUDIENCE

THRIVE OR SURVIVE (DEPLOYMENT)

Can stand-alone or can be used for a ½ day-1 day retreat

A woman who THRIVES is Thankful, Hopeful, Resilient and Involved Everyday.

A CHANGE OF DIRECTION (A DEPLOYMENT/REINTEGRATION RETREAT)

SESSION 1 Concede the Reality of CHANGE

SESSION 2 Communicate the Affects of CHANGE

SESSION 3 Commit the Consequences OF CHANGE

LEADERSHIP RETREATS AND SESSIONS

ARE WE THERE YET?

Leadership teams travel together toward the goal of completing a journey mapped out for them. On the road there may be obstacles that could derail the success of the team. This session will direct leadership teams to remember the destination and stay on course.

FINISHING STRONG

Does your leadership team need a dose of encouragement in order to finish strong? II Timothy 4:7-8 gives a strategy for finishing your leadership tenure with assurance you have fulfilled God's purpose.

PROGRAMMED TO LEAD

SESSION 1 A Leaders Hard Drive—Prepared for a Spiritual Power Surge! We're not given power in leadership for personal use (Ephesians 3:7-20)

- 1) Power to serve—influence
- 2) Power to stand—commitment
- 3) Power to share—Vision/investment
- 4) Power to soar—immeasurably, more than we ask

SESSION 2 Downloading Leadership Software

- Building a Team
- Delegation

- How to Plan
- Communication

SESSION 3 Ministry Themes are more than Screen Savers
How to Develop a Meaningful Theme