

Thriving Women's Conference 2012

"Join The Conversation"

Workshop Descriptions

For Teens and 20's Only: Becoming a Woman of Influence

Becky Tirabassi, This year's Keynote Speaker.

What would it take for you to see yourself as a strong leader and a young woman of influence? This workshop will empower you to live your life with passion and conviction in your school, home, and community. Wherever you've been, whatever you've done, it is never too late to turn around, start fresh and live a life of integrity and purpose.

Available Morning Session Only

For Teens and 20's Only: The Guys Perspective

Panel led by Robi Quick, Teaching Pastor and College Director, Bayside Church

Ever wonder what a guy is really thinking and feeling? Though they may not tell you, they definitely have opinions and thoughts! Come discover the unique way guys are wired, why they do what they do, and how to better communicate with them. All of which will help you better understand guys and how to build healthy relationships with the opposite sex.

Available Afternoon Session Only

Conversations Every Parent Must Have with their Teen

Curt Harlow, Teaching Pastor, Bayside Church

After nearly 30 years of working with teens and twenty-something's, and the father of two teens himself. Curt knows the common questions today's youth ask about faith. His relevant and humorous teaching style is as solidly Biblical as it is real-world practical. He will be sharing on the five "must have" conversations every parent must have with their teen, and how to talk with them in a truly engaging way.

Available Morning and Afternoon Sessions

Discovering and Understanding Your Spiritual Gifts

Mariann Eitzman, Director of Small Groups, Bayside Church

Have you ever had the feeling that you were meant for something more? That you still have some untapped potential, something new to discover about yourself? God created you with special gifts and unique passions. Come discover your top 3 spiritual gifts. Learn how to begin using them and unleash your true potential. Workshop includes a spiritual gifts assessment and uses Biblical characters as an example of each gift. Join Mariann for this dynamic workshop that is all about you and how much God loves you!

Available Morning and Afternoon Sessions

Getting Published: Writers Panel

Vicki Newman, Author of "Chip on My Shoulder",
Barbara Wilson, Author of "The Invisible Bond" and "Kiss Me Again"
Ginny Yttrup, Author of "Words"

Has God done something amazing in your life that He is inspiring you to share with others? Are you passionate about a message that you feel God has called you to write? Then this is a workshop you don't want to miss! Come and hear from published authors Barbara Wilson, Ginny Yttrup and Vicki Newman. They'll share their journey from beginning to end. Come and discover how to turn your story into a message that others want to read and publishers want to publish.

Available Afternoon Session Only

Hope that Transforms Hurt to Healing

Mindi Russell, Executive Director Law Enforcement Chaplaincy, Sacramento

Scars are reminders that we have been wounded, hurt, or broken but have found healing by God's touch. Scabs are a hard covering over a wound of hurt and pain that continually breaks open and infects us over and over again. This workshop will offer hope and show us how lasting healing can come through the transforming power of God's love and truth.

Available Morning and Afternoon Sessions

How to Stay Married Without Losing Yourself

Sharol Josephson, FamilyLife Canada Director

NO COMPROMISE. Most of us think that compromise is the way to a happy marriage and that conflict is to be avoided. But what if the opposite true? What if compromise is killing our marriages? In this workshop, FamilyLife Canada Director, Sharol Josephson, turns conventional thought upside down and takes a personal and Biblical look at how to stay married without losing yourself.

Available Morning and Afternoon Sessions

How to Study the Bible on Your Own

Bonnie Christensen, Speaker and Bible Study Teacher

Whether you are brand new to studying the Bible or want to learn how to interact deeply with God's Word, this class is for you. You will discover key components to interpreting Scripture, practical Bible study methods to use on your own, and study resources that will not only deepen your love for God's Word, but empower you to live it out.

Available Morning and Afternoon Sessions

Impacting People Through the Art of Conversation

Rachel Johnston, Pastor of Women's Ministry, Bayside Church

Words are a powerful thing! Learn how to turn an ordinary conversation into a meaningful and memorable experience. Be confident in starting a conversation and making a positive lasting impression. Learn to share your faith in an engaging, non-threatening way. These skills are great at home or work, with friends and even perfect strangers. Hear humorous real-life examples, relatable personal stories and discover tools that will help take your conversations to a whole new level.

Available Morning and Afternoon Sessions

Intimacy with God

David Harris, Thrive Conference Director, Bayside Church

Do you long for an intimate relationship with God that is so sweet and personal that it transforms you from the inside out? What ideologies, fears, hurts and misunderstandings do you need to overcome to experience this? This workshop will help you breakdown the barriers that keep you from knowing the heart of God and will free you to share a life of closer intimacy with Him.

Available Morning and Afternoon Sessions

The Invisible Bond: Breaking Free from Your Sexual Past

Barbara Wilson, Speaker and Author of "The Invisible Bond" and "Kiss Me Again"

One of Satan's greatest lies is that our sexual past doesn't impact us today. Released from a past of her own, Barbara combines scientific research with Scripture to offer insights about what sexual bonding is, why it's harmful, and how to move freely into the future.

Available Morning Session Only

Knowing and Hearing God's Voice

Daren Laws, Pastor, Bayside Church

One of our greatest needs is to feel connected soul-to-soul, spirit-to-spirit with someone. Too often our busy world gets in the way. We long for relationship not just with one another but also with our Creator. Some Christians literally walk with God for years without learning how to hear His voice. The good news is that every believer can connect deeply with God. The Bible is full of ordinary people like you and I who have discovered the joy of knowing and hearing God's voice. In this workshop you will learn how to communicate with God in a deep and intimate way.

Available Morning and Afternoon Sessions

Living Victoriously through the Power of Prayer

Shelly Juskiewicz, Pastor to Women, Mariner's Church

We have the Creator of the Universe within us and have been given the ability from Christ to live in victory and freedom. Yet our daily lives often look and feel as if we are living a life of defeat and frustration. Explore the power of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us, and the position we have in Christ to overcome the challenges, frustration and disappointment that life often brings.

Available Morning and Afternoon Sessions

Understanding and Unleashing the Power of the Holy Spirit

Libby Vincent, Adjunct Professor Fuller Theological Seminary

Have you ever found yourself wondering exactly *who* the Holy Spirit is? And what role is He supposed to have in your life? In this workshop, you're going to find out just who the Spirit is and how - when we tap into the power of the Spirit - your life will forever be changed!

Available Morning and Afternoon Sessions

Women of the World: Living a Life of Real Wealth

Kim Bordisso, Associate Director of Global Outreach, Bayside Church

What does it mean to be rich? Is it all about material possessions or is there a richness of life that feeds our inner soul? Kim Bordisso has met women all around the world who appear to be in the worst of all situations and yet they shine. They're experiencing an internal value and joy that can't be bought. What can we learn from women who have been abandoned by their husbands, left with AIDS and have nowhere to go? Women who live in the slums and don't want to leave? Come to this session and gain life-changing nuggets of truth that can help you live a life of true wealth no matter what situation you may be in.

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