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Women close to God, close to one another

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INSPIRING STUFF !!!

Who would have thought that there would be a day when more than 200 women would gather Down South to experience a day of worship, teaching and inspiration that would impact their hearts and many others for a long time to come! The day was filled with laughter and fun, women sharing the journey together, surprise gifts, inspirational worship, challenges for everyone on every level.

Nancy Beach [from USA] delivered messages that were convicting yet deeply personal. Many commented on her warmth and the way she connected with people. I am reminded of how important it is to never lose touch with what really matters. We are on this Earth to love God and love people...that's the bottom line. When you experience a day like we had at the INSPIRE conference in Busselton, you realise the richness of those two things.

How are you going on the 'inspiration barometer'? Sometimes we can become complacent and day follows day with regular monotony...yet we were made to experience life and life to the full. [John 10:10] Sometimes that is going to require to put aside a day and join with others in an event that will lift our hearts, but sometimes it may just require us to get moving wherever we find ourselves. God Has an abundance of opportunities and blessings just waiting around the corner and He is longing to guide us into them. There are new people to meet, new experiences to have, new depths of faith to experience...yet so often we settle for what we have always known.

The apostle Paul says it like this: "So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace." 2 Cor 4:16 [the Message]

You and I were made for such a time as this and there are riches to experience with God's grace in full measure. May you walk in that way today.

With love

Karen Wilson
Baptist Women's President WA



Karen is the WA President for Baptist women. She is currently working for Willow Creek, USA as an Executive Director for GLS Asia. She has a husband and two children [21 and 18] and has a strong desire to see people live and minister out of a place health and passion.



Prayer for today

Lord,
Thank you that you have given me other women to do life with.
When I am feeling low, they are there to support and encourage me onward. Your plan is that we do life in community and I am so grateful for who you have placed around me.
May I be as much a blessing to others as they are to me.
Amen

FEEDBACK from INSPIRE ...Down South

It was a fantastic weekend and was great to be a part of what God is doing in the West. We moved here three and a half years ago from over east and while we were there got to go to conferences like Colour etc which was great, but when we came over here I really sensed God say to me that I was not to keep going back over East to conferences like Colour but was to sow into and plant where I was....so for me the weekend was really exciting and confirmed what I'd sensed some time ago. God is on the move here and I'm sure that Inspire and Fresh will grow as you and your team continue to follow the promptings of the spirit.

Thanks to the whole team that put the day together, it was a most lovely time and it was lovely for me to bring a lady along who saw the whole day through 'fresh' eyes and was totally blown away by not only the message of the day, but the ambience and professionalism, which I know is a big part of the teams goals when bringing these events together.

I wanted to thank you - and the other ladies - for all the work you did to make the Saturday conference with Nancy Beach happen. You did an amazing job ... One of the highlights was driving back to Perth in the car with the people who came with me, talking about what we got out of the day - and how we could apply it. It was such a stimulating, challenging, thought-provoking, encouraging day - so thank you!



Your Stories:

My Little Miracle From God

In just a week or so I am about to give birth to my first baby, a boy who is an absolute miracle from God and a result of endless faith lessons and prayer.

Falling pregnant was a 2 year journey for me where I have spent countless hours on my knees believing and trusting God that he would grant me my heart's desire. For a time I was quite angry with God for not giving me what I wanted as I felt I had done everything right as a good Christian woman. Yet as that anger dissipated I began to search scriptures about faith and to learn how to believe in the promises that God gives us.

One verse that particularly spoke to me was from Hebrews 11v 1: "What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot see." Every time we had a disappointment I would read this verse and cling to God's promise believing that we would have a child.

After a year of trying for a baby my husband and I decided to act on this promise so we began to seek fertility help. This was a frustrating journey but we felt we needed to be doing something other than just waiting around. I also began seeing an occupational therapist who was a Christian and who had a big positive influence in my life.

During this time I attended a ladies retreat with my church and as a whole group they prayed that I would be blessed with a child. Two months later our prayers were answered and I found out I was going to be a Mum!

During this faith journey, which has been a huge rollercoaster ride of emotions, the one thing I knew was that God was going to give us a family. It was just when it would be God's perfect timing for it to happen. Now we are about to meet our son and are very thankful to God for entrusting us with this special gift.

Angela Angelos

Please pray for Angela and her little baby boy.

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LAST WEEK TO REGISTER



Winter Warmer 2010
for women in ministry

This is your personal invitation.

Winter Warmer is specifically designed for **women in ministry** in their local churches or organisations. Ministry in the local church can take a lot out of you and at this event you will have the opportunity to re-charge your batteries and meet others who are experiencing the same successes, failures and challenges as yourself.

Things to expect: Plenty of time to allow God to speak, the opportunity to develop friendships with other women in ministry in WA, prayer and encouragement, tools for surviving the ministry experience, great food, beautiful scenery, comfy beds and rooms shared with friends, treats and gifts to pamper you.... and a night around the campfire is an annual highlight!

If you are a pastor, married to a pastor, on staff in ministry in your local church or leading a Christian organisation, then register today for this wonderful weekend away. I look forward to seeing you there and being able to connect with you at this year's Winter Warmer.

JUNE 25-27 [Friday night until Sunday afternoon]

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