

## Women in the Word Conference Tennessee

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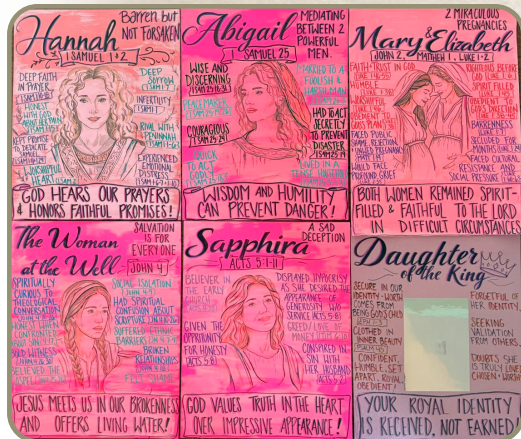
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What a privilege to gather together for over three days of Bible study and sweet fellowship at the ninth annual DM2 Women in the Word conference! We studied verse by verse through the lives of various women in the Bible via the DM2 Women of the Word curriculum.



A few highlights from the study include seeing how Eve fell for Satan's lie that God was withholding good from her; walking with Hannah through her struggle with barrenness and her joy at the Lord's blessing of Samuel; being encouraged to be a better wife through "Lady Wisdom" as personified in Proverbs 31; and recognizing Mary's profound privilege to be the mother of the Messiah, her faithfulness to God during the period surrounding Jesus's birth, and the gracious encouragement she received from the Lord through Simeon, Anna, the shepherds, and the Magi.



We also had the privilege of hearing from Dr. Abigail Van Huss, an archaeologist in Israel, who presented a timeline of the ladies we were studying, as well as several artifacts from each time period in Israel's history. During breaks in the seven hours of study each day, we enjoyed the outdoor property at the beautiful Woodlands Retreat (formerly known as Five Star Retreat) in Nunnelly,



Tennessee: swimming in the pool, kayaking on the lake, and walking the nature paths. Fellowship with the ladies was especially encouraging as we discussed what we were studying and shared in each other's lives.

A personal highlight of the conference for me was that all four of my daughters attended the conference with me. What a joy to study the word of God with not only a room full of God-fearing ladies but also with members of my family! I would encourage you to join us next summer at the women's conference as it is a refreshing experience soaking in God's word.

--Amy Ward

### POSTCARD COMMENTS:

Reagan Ward (19yo): I enjoyed the women's conference immensely. I liked going through the Women of the Word curriculum and seeing how the women in the Bible influenced key men. Usually we think of the Bible with men being key figures, so studying the women who supported those men was enlightening. I enjoyed learning about Ruth and Rahab, how they were Gentiles, and how after becoming believers they were able to help the Israelites through different scenarios, with Rahab hiding the spies and Ruth becoming the great grandmother of King David, thus progressing the lineage of Messiah. I had a wonderful time and look forward to next year's conference.

Hannah Ward (16yo): It's hard to put into words how much fun the conference was. It was fun to meet new ladies and spend time with them and to learn more about women in the Bible. The Proverbs 31 woman was especially helpful in learning how to become a better woman. Kayaking on the lake during the breaks was a lot of fun, too. I would love to attend the conference again next year.



Abigail Ward (15yo): The conference was awe-inspiring because not only did I get to hang out and bunk with a lot of ladies, I also got to spend the majority of the time in God's word learning about the women and that even the best have moments of failure. The coolest part was the group prayer on the last night. I especially liked it because I never experienced that before: ladies willing to share their struggles and praises no matter how big or small.

Lydia Ward (13yo): The women's conference was fun. It was fun hanging out with a lot of ladies and the teaching was encouraging. Even the best of the ladies in the Bible can fail. That encourages me because that means there's hope for all of us.



Marci Arsenalt: This year was my second time teaching at the WITW conference. I'm beyond blessed to be part of it. I think one of the beautiful things is to see God meet the individual needs of each of the ladies. He provided the teaching, or fellowship, or discipleship that we each needed at this moment in our lives, in ways we could not have planned. Once again, He showed us His love for us. He has works prepared for us, and we walk in them by faith. Praise the Lord!

Julie V. Browning: This is my fourth year attending the Women in the Word conference and every year has been a wonderful deep-dive learning and fellowship experience, being among like-minded, Bible believing ladies who sharpen one another as we grow in Christ. You will not leave without new sisters in Christ and a deeper understanding of God's word.

Debbie Horine: I have been attending the WITW conference for 8 years now. Each time I have felt blessed. This time, the Holy Spirit convicted me to teach. I had been given the opportunity in our local church (TBC) to teach the DM2 curriculum to the youth. The workbook makes it easy to follow as you can emphasize each point and dive deeper if you choose to do so. I learned so much this year about the women in the Bible, their struggles, and their faith. From Sarah to Mary, this study helped me to see that as daughters of the King, we are equipped to live a life of faithfulness. Something I have struggled with all my adult life. I am so grateful to everyone who taught, and more than that, I am grateful to each lady and how I can see the Holy Spirit working in each of their lives through grief, pain and hard trials. Through God's grace, we can live abundantly through and in Him.



Victoria Sigmund: Studying through God's word is always a blessing and even more so with other like-minded women. I was especially encouraged this year reading through Hannah and Elizabeth in the Bible and being able to talk with others about them. I'm excited for next year's conference!