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# Workshops 2015-2016:

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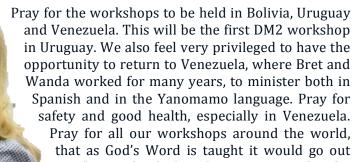
VENEZUELA: Romans 1-5 (Yanomamo), Romans 1-8 (Spanish)

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that as God's Word is taught it would go out not "in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction" and that "in every place [their] faith toward God [would go] forth, so that we have no need to say anything." 1 Thess. 1:5, 8

# December 2015





When Rachel Musser asked me if I would consider teaching at the Women of the Word conference in Spokane, I was a little hesitant. Teaching God's Word is a big deal, and I had no experience with even leading a Bible study or teaching Sunday school. Going from zero experience to teaching in front of people seemed like too large a leap. I felt supremely unqualified, but I knew I wouldn't be the first unqualified person God used, so I decided to help teach. My assigned section was the story of Hannah.

What followed was an amazing experience that helped me more than I thought it would.

The two weeks before the conference, I was deluged with school work that took a serious toll on my strength, self-esteem, and sleep – and it was all my own fault for not planning ahead. I desperately wanted to let go of my worries and trust God to help me through them, but I felt that He had no reason to – I was the one who messed up, so shouldn't He just let me stew in my misery to ensure it didn't happen again? It was a draining two weeks, but at the end of them, I had the workshop in Spokane, and I had the story of Hannah.

Hannah faced a situation far worse than mine, but she was able to trust God. As I repreped for the lesson, I realized that a sizeable section of it was dedicated to how and why we should put our trust in God. The section included Psalm 9:10 –"And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for you, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you," and it focused on the attributes of God and the importance of trusting in Him. As I read through the verses, I kept writing, "YES!!!" in the margins because it seemed like the section was written specifically for me and my situation. That lesson helped me to let go and trust God with my worries, even if I had brought them upon myself.

This trust helped me later on as I stood in front of everyone and taught. I asked God for peace, strength, and words to speak, and He gave them to me. For the first time ever, I gave a presentation without feeling nervous in the slightest.

This deepened trust is helping me even now. Right now, I'm going through a mini-version of those two weeks, but this time I'm able to trust God with my worries. I don't feel stressed, everything's turning out okay, and I feel closer to God. I feel like I've been given a do-over to do it right this time!

God is so good. Even when I was worrying, not trusting, and not being faithful, He was always faithful, caring, and looking out for me. He took my difficult situation and lack of trust and used it to draw me closer to Him. He made sure I got assigned the teaching section I needed, and He used the conference to grow my trust in Him. He is so faithful, and I am so grateful for what He's done in my life through these experiences.

Lamentations 3:22-23: "The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."

# Women of the Word Workshop

## **LAURA LINDELL**

I was introduced to DM2 in 2012. Since then I have seen and heard of DM2 Bible studies being formed and conferences being held all over the country and the world. These conferences have influenced many lives and have encouraged attendees to pass on to others what is learned of the truth of God's Word. The Women of the Word conference in Spokane was no exception.

It was a time of learning, edification, and fellowship with other believers and those interested in learning more. Each and every lady did an outstanding job in presenting "her" woman of the Word. I enjoyed the fact that people came from other cities and even states to attend. It was amazing knowing that what we learned that day would be taken back to so many different places and mission fields. It was encouraging to hear stories of joy and suffering, remembering that we are all soldiers fighting side by side in this ongoing spiritual battle. The women of the Bible came from different times and backgrounds but their stories were those of trust and worry, obedience and disobedience, success and failure. They were real people and so we can relate to and glean from their lessons. I am thankful I was able to attend this conference. The eagerness and enthusiasm present were truly inspiring. It was encouraging to see so many little lights shining away in this dark world of ours along with the potential for more! But above all else, God was glorified.

#### LINDSEY MURRAY

If someone had told me one year ago I'd be teaching at a biblical conference for women, I would have had a good laugh. I'm terrified of public speaking and there was no way I was qualified to teach anyone about the Bible after all. But in the last year I've learned a lot about who God uses to share His good news.

As it turns out, God isn't looking for the most qualified to spread the Gospel; He's looking for the willing and the faithful. When my friend Rachel Musser asked me to teach at a Women of the Word DM2 workshop she gave me this verse in 2 Timothy 2:2 to consider: The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

This verse was so encouraging to me. I almost had no choice but to say yes. Something inside of me knew that even though it would be scary, I needed to do it because God's Word has been entrusted to me.

Now that the workshop has come and gone and the fear has passed, I couldn't be happier to have participated in such a significant day. I know lives were impacted and the true Gospel of grace was entrusted to even more faithful women. That right there makes it all worth it!

## **FAYE OLSEN**

The Women of the Word workshop at Spokane Bible Church this year was my first introduction to the ministry of DM2. Because of the design of the materials, I found the Word of God to be accessible, engaging and encouraging. Fellowshipping around the Scripture for a day was a real treat. I could easily imagine using these materials either with a group or with an individual. For me it was great to see ladies of various ages taking turns leading the study. I had invited a young lady from a class I'm auditing at the university and was able to get to know her more as the day unfolded. The day was made extra special by the behind-thescenes work of a group of ladies at church who decorated, organized and served the food around which all in attendance could relax and visit. I am already looking forward to the spring when we meet again.

#### **NICOLE SCHEURMAN**

On October 24th a Women of the Word Part I workshop was held at Spokane Bible Church in Spokane, Washington, and it was wonderful! Women of all ages were able to attend. We were able to go through five women of the Bible and see the presence of the Lord in their lives. I was able to teach the conclusion "What Now?" to wrap up the day.

No matter the year, culture, government or situation, we are all faced with the same temptations. We learned that every single woman is weak apart from the Lord and the single difference between us and these women of the Bible was their trust in the Lord. We were continually encouraged by the histories God has provided for us in His Word. We are so excited for Part 2 of the workshop!

## **KRISTI FRAHM**

I greatly enjoyed the Women of the Word workshop at Spokane Bible Church. I learned about women I had not known and more about others with whom I was already familiar. I learned that no matter their circumstances God used them and they were faithful.

What was most encouraging and hopeful was the young women who came together and attended and all the young women who taught. It is so wonderful that there are young women who love the Lord, who study His Word and are willing to teach others about God. It made my heart glad. I was amazed at their knowledge and found myself eager to learn.

I also was encouraged by getting to know women of all ages. It was fun to eat, talk and learn about women in the Bible together. No matter our age we all have the Lord in common and we all came together to learn more of God's Word.

#### **CAREN MUSSER**

I was blessed to participate in the DM2 Women of the Word workshop in Spokane, Washington. Not only did I attend the workshop but I was also asked to present one section on Eve. I enjoyed preparing. Eve was a woman of distinction, created perfectly for Adam. I also enjoyed the other presentations as we learned about women then as well as women today.

It was such a joy for me to see all the young women who presented. They had all studied and were prepared. I was so encouraged to see women aged 19-26 sharing the grace Gospel clearly. But the greatest joy of all was watching my

daughter Rachel as she organized and taught at this workshop. There is no greater joy than seeing your children grow up and walk with the Lord.

The whole workshop was a blessing. It was a blessing to study the women of the Bible together. We had wonderful fellowship as we shared about our lives and even had a tea party.

#### AMBER WALKER

When Rachel first asked me if I would teach at the upcoming Women of the Word conference she was planning, I was a little hesitant. I didn't really consider myself qualified to teach because I'd never taught at any sort of conference before. I also figured there would be people who knew more than me so I didn't seriously consider it. I beat around the bush until finally I had to give a committed answer. Then I decided why not? So I said, "Yes." It helped when Rachel assured me she would be willing to help me prepare and answer any questions I had. She reminded me to rely on the Lord's strength and not my own.

I genuinely enjoyed the preparation process and really researching and understanding my topic. Soon enough, the day of the conference came and I was excited to learn that a lot of the other teachers were first timers as well. One of the teachers, Lorelai, made a great comment in the teacher's meeting before the conference. She said, "God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called." With that extra boost in confidence, I looked forward to presenting. After my session a few people said they thought I did a great job. Thank you to those ladies! I was so encouraged by this conference and I learned that with God's help, teaching is something I can do. I am now looking forward to possibly teaching again at the next Women of the Word conference. I hope you can take encouragement away from this that you too can teach others and be a disciple maker.

