



Proverbs 31 Ministries *She Speaks Conference*

July 22-24, 2011 • Concord, North Carolina

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Doubt almost kept me from signing up for She Speaks, but with butterflies the size of vultures I did.

I began to write letters. Talk with friends and family. Letters. Blogs. Conversations. Prayers. Belief. Thanksgiving. Penny after penny. Dollar after dollar. Check after check. It wasn't overnight. It wasn't easy or painless. It didn't fall from the sky. But it did come.

I've had the privilege of attending She Speaks three times. It isn't cheap, but you get what you pay for. And the truth of the matter is...it has changed my life. My ministry. My walk with God. Me.

The information alone is worth it, hands down. The knowledge and passion of the speakers, the staff and the people that attend with humble, inspire and empower you.

The friendships you start are God-knit. Mine have stretched over years now...they are my sisters, mentors and friends.

The details are prayed over. The groundwork the P31 ladies do for your encounter with God is priceless. His feeling is palpable. Jesus walks those conference rooms. He breaks bread with His girls. He wipes tears offered in worship and prayer. And He waits in the prayer room.

Find a way. Raise those funds – letters, emails, tweets, blogs, sell your stuff on eBay, have a yard sale and bake sale. However you raise money, remember to share your why. It is God's vision in you that inspires others. Don't hide it.

Believe Him for the whole thing. Work for every penny. And remember, He'll meet you there...

Wendy B.



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After pondering over She Speaks for years, God made it perfectly clear I was to attend.

I knew I could not afford it alone, so with guidance from Proverbs 31 Ministries, I reached out to friends, family and my blog followers. I was incredibly nervous asking for money. But I felt reassurance knowing I was not asking any one person for all the funding. And the donations were a tax deduction.

Once I knew this was the route I was taking, I felt tremendous peace and knew God would provide. In a series of postings on my blog, Facebook outreach, Twitter blurbs, good old-fashioned email and prayer requests in Bible study, donations came in. Every time Samantha sent an update, I was blown away by the generosity from so many different people.

In addition to listening to God's call, I believe two things helped secure financing from friends and family. First, prayer. Every time I felt angst or uncertainty about the conference, I prayed. Every time, God reassured me this was His plan and He would provide. Second, using the outreach tools mentioned above, I provided updates. In particular, I noted what percentage of my goal I was at. Every time I did this, more people responded.

I highly recommend She Speaks and the sponsorship option. It was one of the most beneficial investments I've ever made. So much so, I am praying over attending again this year!

Patti H.



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When I found the She Speaks Conference online, I knew God wanted me there. Upon contacting Proverbs 31 Ministries, I registered for the conference and trusted the Lord to provide. I mailed out 25 scholarship letters to those who encouraged me regarding ministry. Within three weeks my entire registration was paid!

I signed up again the next year, believing the Lord wanted me to attend under a different track. I sent out letters and once again, gifts came in that covered every cent of my registration! The Lord also gave me boldness to ask a gentleman from church if he would give me airline miles for this trip. Two hours later his wife called and scheduled my flight.

This conference is top notch. It was a launching pad for me. The Lord re-established my confidence for speaking and writing. It's also given me a much clearer vision and direction for ministry. Three words describe She Speaks: Encouraging, Empowering, and Equipping!

Hester C.