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Christine Wyrzten To Lead Daughters of Promise Conference

By Susan F. Craft



Columbia area women will have an opportunity to learn how they are “Cherished by the King” at a Daughters of Promise Conference to be led by Christine Wyrzten April 12.

Living cherished by God can be an everyday reality, not just an inspirational thought that makes you feel good on any given day. Christine, recording artist, author, and director of the Daughters of Promise ministry, teaches women how to connect with this truth so they can live freely, creatively and resiliently.

“How Jesus loves women!” says Christine. “We are serious about our faith, willing to step out onto new ground, and eager to discover our real identities and callings. It’s tied up in allowing God to restore our broken trust and recover our childlikeness. It’s in discovering who we would be—had we been raised in the Garden with God as our Father. This journey enables us to shout, ‘Long live the child!’ We can discover we are daughters in the kingdom.”

Christine, who has 15 albums and two books to her credit, and who has been known as a musician and writer for over 30 years, was nominated for the Dove Award. She is currently working on a CD, *Alto Flute Christmas*, which will be released next December.

About her life’s work Christine says, “I can’t believe I get to do this. I have a ministry I’ve only dreamed of. And to think that ten years ago, I nearly quit.”

Why did she nearly dissolve her ministry?

Christine explains that after two decades in ministry, she faced one of the darkest times of her life. She had just emerged from a season of depression and was burned out spiritually, emotionally, and physically; 22 years on the road—with nearly 150 scheduled concerts a year for as long as she could remember—finally took their toll.

“I’m not sure any person could sustain such a punishing schedule for so long, but add to that the fact that my relationship with God was sterile,” says Christine. “I lived on one inspirational moment after another;

heartwarming stories from the pulpit or a song I heard on the radio. The pressures I faced in daily life were not adequately fueled by such meager sources of spiritual food. I did not know

“Real and deep, gentle, graceful, yet powerful. That’s what I thought the first time I sat by Christine as she played her piano. And years later, the grace and power are still there!”

—Joni Eareckson-Jada



how to connect with Jesus as a person and experience His words as life-giving. The Bible was just a textbook. Had it been different, I might have avoided depression completely.”

Christine had just gotten back on her feet from the burnout, when she experienced a personal betrayal that left her shaken to the core.

According to Christine, “This was the last straw. Disillusioned, I remember telling God, ‘I quit! Something has finally done me in. No more.’”

This resignation proved to be just the beginning. She was confronted with the truth that she didn’t know how to hear God’s voice, experience His presence, and receive His love in a way that brought His grace to her neediest places. She devoted the next three years to spending mornings with God.

“I asked Him to take the scales off of my eyes so that I could see Scripture for what it was,” says Christine. “I began studying the Old Testament voraciously. As I force-fed myself, I discovered that I was ravenous. Margins in my Bible were marked up with observations, dates and times, prayer requests, and light bulb moments.”

Christine says she didn’t see change right away. Slowly though, instead of having seven bad days out of seven, she would have one good day. The proportions improved with time, though it took a while for God to re-write her internally.

“Every morning I presented my heart as a clean slate upon which He could write. All personal beliefs were up for grabs, to be confirmed or adapted as His Spirit saw fit. I can tell you today that His word literally re-created me from the inside out. I’m not the same person. I cherish Scripture, and there aren’t enough words on a page to convey the depth of that sentiment.

“In the middle of the desert, God woke me up in the middle of the night with the name of my new ministry, *Daughters of Promise*. The message was clear. He was teaching me that I was a daughter of promise, and as I internalized that completely and allowed Him to do a complete spiritual makeover, I would become a passionate teacher of the process.”

The cumulative effect of such time spent with God cannot be overestimated. Through that period and through the practice of new spiritual disciplines, Christine adopted a contemplative way of life that she adheres to—to this day.

“When I am on the road, in ministry, I give it everything. I love reaching out to women and helping them embark on the same journey which changed my life. But when I’m home, I am strict about the quiet lifestyle that continues to empower this ministry. I can tell you now that I am grateful for the wilderness. Hosea wrote about it beautifully when He spoke God’s words, ‘I will allure you, bring you into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to you there’ (Hosea 2).”

“I love stories,” says Christine. “When I was four years old, I used to put on a pair of red glasses. I would tell my friends, who also couldn’t read yet, that my glasses were special. They enabled me to read any book. I wove stories by the hour while my friends listened in amazement. Later, I would learn that most of Jesus’ sermons were stories. I believe that stories are effective because they provide a way for truth to enter through a back door into a person’s heart.

“I also love music. I remember a friend who came home with me one day after school when I was only nine. She surprised me with this unusual request: ‘May I lie under your piano and will you play for me?’ That was the day I recognized my call into the ministry. I watched her beneath our grand piano, hands laced behind her head, and witnessed her countenance change as she literally ingested the music. People have been lying under my piano, figuratively, ever since.”

Christine speaks daily to the hearts of nearly 5,000 women who subscribe to her devotionals available through her website, **daughtersofpromise.org**.

“Communicating with women and awakening them to the love of our Father is my heart’s passion,” Christine says. “I teach women how to live life in a perpetually childlike manner so that they can become resilient daughters of our heavenly Father.”

“Christine is a woman who has been tested... refined as silver... and who in her music and in her life so beautifully reflects her Master, the Lord Jesus Christ.”
—Kay Arthur of Precept Ministries



Promo picture for the album “Person to Person,” 1989.

Christine recording
in Nashville, late 70s.



Christine with Steve Green while recording "For Those Who Hurt" in Nashville.

About Christine

She has been married for 33 years to Ron Wyrzten. They have two adult children and two grandsons. She loves to cook, is an avid journal maker, gravitates to the colors of a Country French décor, loves cats, especially grey tabbies. Her favorite three pets? Portabella Anabella, Hermen Ebenezer, and Charles Dickens. She lives contemplatively between conferences, guarding her privacy and quiet time. She believes that any power in ministry is the result of a "listening lifestyle."

Christine Wyrzten's latest venture, Personalized Prayer Mapping, may well be her greatest challenge and lasting legacy. Through teaching others to harness the power of Scripture, she impacts their prayer lives, creating dynamic effects not only advancing God's kingdom, but thwarting the agendas of the kingdom of darkness. Christine's passion for the transformation of women only grows with the years. For more information about this prayer outreach, contact Elizabethguthrie@bellsouth.net.

Daughters of Promise is more than a women's ministry; it is also the name of a syndicated radio feature, aired daily on over 700 radio stations. Christine's two-minute messages are rich with stories and biblical illustrations. This daily feature is available on SkyLight, Moody Broadcasting Network, American Family Radio Network, Sky Angel Network, and compiled on CD.

Daughters of Promise conferences are custom designed just for women to provide heart food, spiritual renewal and restoration. When leading these conferences, through her original music and songs, as well as her dynamic presentations, Christine offers words of encouragement to women and gives them an understanding of what it really means to be a Christian woman. She equips them with tools that enable them to live more empowered and teaches them how to experience God as a person, how to hear His voice, and sense His presence.

This life-changing event, sponsored by the Women's Ministry at Northeast Presbyterian Church (NEPC), will be held April 12th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at NEPC, 601 Polo Road in Columbia. NEPC cordially invites women to experience this special day of music, worship, teaching, and fellowship.

To register, please visit www.nepresbyterian.org, download the form, and mail it along with the \$35 registration fee to NEPC. The registration fee includes conference materials, all sessions, and a box lunch. Registration deadline is Monday, April 7.

For more information about the conference, please call Cheryl Mallett at 803-788-5298, extension 131, or e-mail her at cmallett@nepres.com.

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"Most of us live our lives under the 'heavy hand' of doctrine, law and rules, missing the essence of the Christian faith. Christine moves you from the treadmill of knowledge and law to the wings of grace, mercy and love."

—Steve Brown of Key Life Network