

Teaching Topics

Patti's written her own material for retreats, conferences and workshops for over 35 years. She makes the stories of Jesus' remarkable goodness and love famous as she carries the good news and partners with Jesus in celebrating people's transformation. She stirs the audience's curiosity and desire to know God more. Listed below are a few topics she uses to extend an invitation to join the Family of God.

- **Adversity.** There are blessings that cannot be obtained if we cannot accept and endure suffering. There are joys that can come to us only through sorrow. We are perfected, matured and refined through sufferings – not in the absence of suffering.
- **The Alabaster Women.** I want to be like the Alabaster woman when it comes to my service to the Lord. I will either annoy him or anoint him.
- **Bloom where you are planted.** Stop fighting with the gardener.
- **Bouncing back from defeat.** Victory isn't about being undefeated. Victory is about knowing God in all areas of life; good, bad or ugly.
- **Cancer doesn't scare me anymore.** Diagnosed at age thirty-eight with a rare stage three breast cancer and after fighting for her life for five intensive years she now lives joyful from year to year as she faces her cancer screenings.
- **Woman of character.** I used to be a *character* - foolish, timid and shallow. Now I'm a woman of character; wise, bold, I have depth and discernment.
- **Ephesians.** Has it ever dawned on you that nothing ever dawns on God? He knew everything before the world began. The book of Ephesians is a survival manual. It equips believers to thrive in a world that hates the message of Jesus Christ.
- **Friendships.** If life were a cookie my friends would be the chocolate chips. How to make and keep friendships fresh.

- **Misplaced faith.** When your faith is in what you want God to do for you instead of just wanting Him, it is misplaced.
- **Growing up in abuse and surviving.** There's a real enemy of our soul and he's been after us from the beginning. But we have a *hero* more powerful than this enemy! A God who knows us by name.
- **When life hits you head on.** Patti survived a head-on car crash and she knows beyond a shadow of a doubt that God saved her life that night. He didn't save her so she would be devoured by self-pity and anger. God asked her to glorify him in all things. She challenges her audience to make a resolve that they'll never let go of God's hand when life hits them head-on.
- **Homeless.** Her two-and-a-half-year journey through the waste land of homelessness after a divorce and foreclosure.
- **How do you do it, Patti?** Every believer who has someone watching their life needs to testify about the three elements that make any of us strong - our time in God's Word, our submission to His will and our grateful hearts.
- **The function of a lighthouse.** Rescuing people before their life's hit the rocks. The lighthouse represents the believer's life, the sea represents the world, the ship represents the people in our paths and the storm represents sin.
- **The margins in your life.** The open space in your mental day-planner is designed to give you a place of relax and rest, where you have a chance to breath. They're also a space where God wants to rest his presence upon you.
- **Called to pray like women.** We are called to pray like women, not girls. We're called to live like war horses, not pretty ponies.

- **The power of your personal influence through mentorship.** Mentoring is biblical only to the point of being the very heart beat of Jesus. He was very personal with his influence. He affected every one's life who met him.
- **The Serenity Prayer.** The complete prayer not just the first four lines.
- **The Sermon on the Mount.** It's not a manifesto on how to get to heaven and avoid hell. It's a manifesto on how to live given your right standing with God.
- **The songs of our life.** We sing songs in different seasons of our lives. The child's song of self-perception, the big girl's song of honesty and then the women's song of authority.
- **Our spiritual garments.** We'll take inventory of our emotional closet, experience a make-over when we remove the sackcloth and graves closes. Remove the stains and tares from the past and let God robe us in value again.
- **Spiritual single.** Holding onto God while being married to an unbeliever or to the prodigal child. Letting God love you along the way.
- **Stand still.** It takes a great deal of strength and confidence to be still and not let Satan move you from your obedient stance while you wait on God to deliver you.
- **Taming the tongue.** If our words are the vehicle through which we communicate our thoughts, the tongue is the driver.
- **Thriving – not just surviving.** Daniel's example of why hope, humility, and wisdom matter in a godless culture.

- **The touch of Jesus.** What type of people did he associate with? Who did he consider important enough to touch? Some reached out to him, he reached out to them all. No person is beyond the loving touch of Jesus.
- **Transformed - not transplanted.** Transformed from the inside-out is not the same as transplanting yourself to another location.
- **Be a vessel God can use.** We need to understand the potter, embrace his design for us and then attentively keep our vessel clean for use.