

WOMEN OF HOPE

Objective:

Hope shows us what is possible. Through drama, music, storytelling and scripture to encourage women in their lives of faith by examples of biblical women and twenty-first century women who lived lives of hope even when things seemed hopeless.

Concert Overview:

"Women Of Hope" is a one, two or three day retreat led by Christian retreat leader, dramatist, singer, storyteller and songwriter Sam Kauffman, a roster artist of NEAG.

Retreat Program:

Introduction Introductions - Prayer Service

Session One Drama - The Outcast
Woman With the Hemorrhage - Woman of Hope

The Drama is followed by time for quiet reflection using prayer pathways, biblical reflection journals or questions for personal prayer time and reflection

Session Two Old Testament Women of Hope
Sarah - A Woman of Promise and Laughter
Hannah - A Woman of Hope Found in Prayer
Small group discussion

Session Three New Testament Women of Hope
Mary - A Woman of Faith Led by Hope
Elizabeth - A Woman of the Covenant
Small group discussion

Session Four Twenty-First Century Women of Hope
Hope is a verb - an up-rising of hope in women of the 21st century based on Hebrews 10:25

Session Five Closing in Prayer

Retreat Outline

Introductions and Prayer Service

The retreat is started with a prayer service. During the prayer service the participants write on a slip of paper a something they “hope” will happen during the retreat. As the participants introduce themselves, they come forward with their “hopes” and put them in a basket at the front of room or chapel.

Session One

Presentation of “The Outcast” Drama

Based on the story of The Woman with the Hemorrhage

Time for quiet reflection

Session One

The women are introduced to Sarah and Hannah - two Old Testament women of hope.

Sarah - Woman of Promise

A wealthy woman poorer than the poorest woman of her time

Hope lived in Sarah as a result of her “covenant” promise from God

Hope impacted by “waiting” - Sarah takes matters into her own hands

Laughter and the coming of the promise.

Hannah - Woman of Prayer

The love story of Hannah and Elkhannah

Hannah hope is centered in prayer

The answer to her prayer is a promise

Hannah’s faithfulness - God’s faithfulness

Small Group Discussion

Session Two

Elizabeth - Woman of the Covenant

“I Can't Get My Husband to Talk with Me!”

Hope Births in the Coming of a Child

My Cousin Comes to Visit - “Mother of My Lord”

The Forerunner and the Messiah - The Living Breathing Covenant

Mary - Woman Led By Hope

“Behold, I Am the Handmaid of the Lord”

Led in Faith to Bethlehem - Encountering the Divine

The Hope of Nations

Hope Still Lives Even In a Tomb

Session Three

21st Century Women of Hope - The New Priscilla's - The New Phoebe's

Carrying Hope Into Our World - The Color of Hope

Echoes of Hope - The Voice of Hope

God's Promises

Waiting

Prayer

Faith

Hope In a Cynical World

The Call to Hope

Hope Shows Us What Is Possible

Hope is a Gift

Hope Is Not

Wishful Thinking

A Christmas List

Hope Moving Us Toward God

Hope as a Choice

Trust and Hope

Hope as a Painkiller

Hope Is a Verb

Small Group Discussion

Session Four

Closing Prayer Service

The Eternal Season of Hope