

The Amazing RACE

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“Holy Homes” Marriage Conference—February 27th

Holy Homes. The concept is simple, but it takes some work. It takes commitment. It takes willingness and sacrifice. It takes sharing and caring. It takes faithfulness.

Look at those words again: commitment...willingness...sacrifice...sharing...caring...faithfulness. Do these words sound familiar? They should. They are the exact things that every bride and groom promise to each other and to God.

Consider “Holy Homes” to be a series of little reminders of the big promises we have made. And be reminded of the great blessings that God offers to anyone who follows Him closely.

You are not going to want to miss out on this conference. “Oh, no, not another one of those,” you might be thinking. “Oh, no, it’s not one of those conferences!” Is what I am here to tell you! Clay and Renee Crosse will be leading a

marriage conference at Topeka Bible Church on February 27th. That’s right, Clay Crosse, the Christian singer/songwriter and his wife will be sharing about their marriage. Their ministry, called “Holy Homes,” has two purposes:

- 1.) To encourage Christian homes to come back to a close relationship with Christ.
- 2.) To encourage non-Christian homes to come to know Christ.

Clay Crosse is a husband, father, singer/songwriter and an ordained minister. He has been honored four times with Dove Awards including 1994 New Artist of the Year and 2000 Inspirational Song of the Year “I Will Follow Christ.” He has toured extensively and been in the center of contemporary Christian music.

Renee Crosse is gaining the reputation as a powerful, dynamic and authentic author, speaker and

teacher. This has not always been the case though. “I find it very interesting that God has placed me in this position of leadership and put me on a platform for His message.” She had never done any public speaking before, so it was a step of faith to step on stage. Renee says, “I came to the point where I had to ask, ‘How can I NOT share this amazing message?’ There are just too many families out there that need to hear about the healing and hope that God is offering!”

You don’t want to miss this! The doors will open at 9:00 and will run from 9:30-4:30. The event is free, but there is a \$10 cost for lunch per couple. No child care will be provided, but babysitter names and numbers will be provided at sign-up time. You can sign up at the welcome center on January 31st, February 7th, 14th, and 21st. Call Val Barkley at 234-2626 for more information or if you would like to help!

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Upcoming
Dates to
Remember:

- Espresso—
February 9th,
March 9th,
April 13th
- Holy Homes
conference—
February
27th
- Beth Moore
Simulcast—
April 24th

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Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the RACE marked out for us. Hebrews 12:1

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TBC women go “Deeper Still”

Twenty-one TBC gals joined the 9,000 women from 30 states and Canada for the “Deeper Still” Event with Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer, and Kay Arthur. An amazing time was had by all. Here are some of things that impacted our women who attended this life-changing event in Oklahoma City...

Many of the women including Clara Gamache, thought that Beth Moore's teaching on discernment was very clear and insightful.

The truth that hit Janie Chestnut was how “Sin affects three to four generations, but loving and living for God affects a thousand generations.”

Bridget Aeschliman, liked the stories that Priscilla Shirer shared about her three little boys. And the encouragement to look not at the problems in our lives but to look to Jesus.”

Val Barkley appreciated the worship with Travis Cottrell and his worship team. Priscilla Shirer's teaching on not limiting God was excellent. Priscilla said to ask God to go “beyond” in answering our prayers and to believe that He wants to do more than what we could ever think to ask.

Other favorite teachings and discussions had to do with single women. Beth Moore put it into perspective. “A carnal

date makes a carnal mate.” She also went on to discuss that we shouldn’t hurry into marriage. She said those gals who can’t wait to get married should think again. She said that being single isn’t the worst thing in the world. What is even worse is being married to a man and being lonely in your own home.”

Go ahead and ask anyone who went what, “Beyond, beyond, beyond” means! Think you missed out? There’s another chance to see Beth Moore right here at TBC! See below for more information!

“So Long, Insecurity!” Beth Moore Simulcast

Since Eve ripped the first leaf from the tree in the Garden, insecurities have plagued the female gender, and as our world has expanded, so have our insecurities. Today's women, both young and old, churched and unchurched, rich and poor alike are suffering from deeply embedded wounds that most don't even know how to identify.

Ever wish you could “kick” those insecure thoughts? Ever want to just be satisfied about being you? If so, we have an event for YOU!

Make plans to attend and invite a friend or two (after all, who *doesn't* have insecurities?) to what could be the largest one-day gathering of women in churches across the continent on **Saturday, April 24th**. Beth Moore will be speaking and teaching from her new book that is being released in February. The book is called, “So Long, Insecurity,” and will be featured in this exciting event for women. In this one day simulcast women will learn to conquer fear and doubt and will discover the liberating confidence and security that can

only be found in Christ. Plans and prayers are taking place as we speak in order to fulfill the purpose Beth has, to transform women's lives. The cost of the event is \$15, which includes a light breakfast and lunch (or \$8 for simulcast only which can be paid for at the door). The simulcast will run from 8:30am to 3:30pm at TBC. Doors will open at 8:00am. Sign up at the welcome center beginning April 2nd. Or, you can call Val Barkley at 234-2626.

Pit Stop—Inductive Bible Study



Having been raised in a Bible believing and teaching church, I understood from an early age that the three most basic disciplines of a Christian are prayer, Bible study and sharing your faith. However, how to accomplish those basic, yet essential tasks somehow eluded me for many years. Prayer seemed more obvious to me as did sharing my faith, but how to handle the entire word of God and make sense of it seemed an overwhelming, if not impossible task.

I would read passages randomly and inevitably stumble over something that was confusing to me or even worse, something troubling. Often I came away with a sense of failure or inadequacy in being able to comprehend God's word for myself and as a result was reluctant to share my faith

since I knew I could not adequately support with scripture the faith I wanted to share. There were times of course when passages spoke to me and ministered, but I still knew there was much more I needed to know about scripture, yet did not know how to access it.

Finally, after many years of struggling to do God's word justice, a friend began telling me about the Inductive method of studying scripture. I was interested, so I found an inductive Bible study class, joined it and we studied the book of Genesis for 9 months. Still somewhat skeptical and undisciplined, I barely touched the homework and yet as the course progressed and I listened to the discussions and teaching I found that I understood more about Genesis, about God, His character and His ways than I ever knew or thought possible. More importantly, I saw myself being changed internally as I was fed the pure milk of His word in context, letting scripture speak for itself, letting scripture interpret scripture and studying line upon line and precept upon precept. For the first time in my Christian walk I experienced the Words of God transforming me and renewing my mind as I fed on it regularly and saw it being handled accurately.

I was now anxious to learn this method for myself, so I

pursued training through Precept Ministries which taught me how to use the steps of the Inductive method applied to bible study. Over time as I continued to study more whole books of the Bible, the method itself became second nature to me and took a backseat allowing my mind to thoroughly engage with the text. The method is not particularly complicated but it is a logical, tried and true way to study any subject. Inductive study does not interpret scripture for you, rather, it teaches you to let scripture speak for itself and to interpret itself. Some of the tools include asking questions of the text such as "Who?", "What?", "When?", "Where?", "Why?" and "How?". Marking obvious things like people, places or events and making simple lists of what you learn about each can then reveal new things in the text that were not initially visible. As you physically handle the text by marking, listing and pondering, more and more becomes obvious to you. Soon you begin to see repeated words or phrases that seem to be key to the text and this is just the beginning. There is much more to the method, but just these first simple tools begin to give you a framework for the context of the book and the author's purpose in writing.

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-Sandy Taylor

Pit Stop continued...

Continuing to observe the text carefully, leads to interpreting it accurately and then to application that is life changing!

I love the analogy that depicts God's Word as an elaborate banquet of spiritual food laid out for our continuous nourishment.. Each of us who belong to God has a chair at the table with our name on it and an ongoing invitation to "come and dine". Yet sadly, most of us spend our Christian life rarely sitting at and eat-

ing directly from the banquet, but rather, we crawl around on the floor picking up crumbs from someone else's meal. These crumbs can be tasty and some are nourishing, but they are never meant to be a substitute for sitting and feeding directly and deeply on the Word of God – our necessary food!

May I humbly challenge each of you to equip yourself with the tools that will enable you to become a serious student of God's

Word. It will enable your roots to grow down into Christ so deeply and firmly that no wind or wave of man's doctrines can sway you. And, Scripture itself commands us to do so...

"Study to show yourself approved unto God; a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth." (II Timothy 2:15)

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