

## TALK TOPICS

All talks listen in the “Encouragement,” “Living Victoriously,” and “Overcoming Life’s Challenges” can be adapted to audiences ranging from middle school kids to senior citizen groups.

### ENCOURAGEMENT

From Failure to Celebration – overcome discouragement and failure, then celebrate victory!

Forgive? How? – learn to accept God’s forgiveness, then forgive yourself and others.

Happiness is ... – happiness is...knowing God, appreciating ourselves, reaching out to others.

Hope for Hard Times – hope in difficult times through Jesus, our Prophet, Priest, and King.

Why this Road, Lord? – know and grow in grace through life’s tough times.

Joyful in Hope – how to be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

No More Lone Ranger – What is loneliness?, What causes it? What overcomes it.

Ordinary to Extraordinary – how ordinary people can make an extraordinary difference.

P.O.W.E.R. of Prayer – appreciate anew the awesome power of personal prayer.

Prescription for Peace – how to find inner peace in a turbulent, stressful world.

### CELEBRATE LIFE

Called to Care – encouragement for leaders based God’s enabling grace.

Power Walk – how to find intimacy with God through prayer, meditation, and the Bible.

God’s GPS System – discern God’s will for our lives and keep on course.

Dare to Be Elijah – emulate Elijah by being people of prayer, vision, and passion.

Dare to Make a Difference – stop listening, start listening, and step out of your comfort zone.

Walk on Water – Experience the Miracle – why stay in the boat? Learn to walk on water.

God’s ‘A’ List – accept God’s providence, adopt his priorities, anticipate his promises, apply his principles.

G.R.O.W. in God – four vitamins for healthy spiritual growth.

New Attitude – emulate Jesus’ attitudes of harmony, unity, humility, and servanthood.

Power to Press On – persevere victoriously by overcoming three personal obstacles.

Radically Committed – change yourself and the world by being radically committed to Christ.

Run for the Prize – II Timothy 4:7–8 tells how to live a victorious Christian life and win the prize.

Trust? Obey? ME!? – trust God, His promises, and His plan. Submit your whole life to Him.

The Weakest Link – Celebrate our unity and diversity by our strongest link: God.

### STRENGTH FOR LIFE’S CHALLENGES

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## **TALKS FOR TEENAGERS**

To Date or Not to Date – a Christian perspective on dating's purpose, components and expectations.

Sex was God's Idea – why wait? How far is too far? How do I wait? What if I've gone too far?

Reaching out in Relationships – cultivate friendships through affirmation, communication, vulnerability, and listening.

You Have the Power – use your social and spiritual power to make a difference in friend's lives.

## **TALKS FOR PARENTS**

Faith Development in Children – encourage and assess faith development from infant to adults.

What's your parenting style? – are you a helicopter, drill sergeant, consultant?

Teens in Transition I – identify the 7 essential goals of teenagers.

Teens in Transition II – the adolescent roller coaster: physical, intellectual, emotional, relational, spiritual, and value changes.

Self-esteem and teenagers – understand the struggle for self-esteem and how to build health self-worth.

Peer pressure and teens – the essential role of parents in overcoming loneliness and promoting healthy friendships.

Teenage sexuality – a biblical perspective on talking to your kid about sex.

Conflict resolution – healthy communication techniques and ways to resolve conflicts.

## **SPECIAL OCCASION TALKS**

Mother/Daughter (talks in the Encouragement and Celebrate Life sections can be adapted for Mother/Daughter banquets)

Gifts to Give – three gifts girls can give to their moms and three gifts moms can give to their daughters.

### **Valentine's Day**

God's Gift of Love – appreciate the gift of God's love and give the gift away.

### **Christmas**

Four Gifts for the Child – listening, talking, worshipping, and serving.

The Jesus Gift – and receive peace, joy, hope, and strength

Gifts to Give – learn to give three gifts that everyone needs.

Christmas Expectations – Christmas is about a Person, not traditions

Who is this Baby? – this little baby is the reason we are loved, have a purpose, and belong.

### **Lent**

Hope of Lent – Jesus' suffering and sacrifice give us hope in tough times.

Eyes on the Cross – a fresh outlook at the last 24 hours of Jesus' life.

The Fellowship of Sharing – know the power and joy of sharing in Jesus' suffering.

## **CHAPEL TALKS**

Absolute Adventure – three reasons a Christian life is an absolute adventure.

Created for Friendship – explore friendship with yourself, God, and others.

Finding Joy – real joy comes from knowing you are loved, have a purpose, and belong to a family.

In His Steps – overcome the fears that prevent you from walking where Jesus walked.

Get out of the Boat – why stay in the boat? Learn to walk on water.

Getting Along with Parental Units – understand parents as real people and relating to them.

Living on the Edge – use the power of the Holy Spirit to make a difference in the world.

Overcoming Power – know God's power to experience peace, joy, hope, and perseverance.

P.O.W.E.R. of Prayer – appreciate anew the awesome power of personal prayer (condensed version of above talk).

Radically Committed – change yourself and the world by being radically committed to Christ (condensed version of above talk).

Removing the Mask – remove the mask: you are God's workmanship, created in Christ to do good works.

I'm Worth It – what is the REAL basis for your self-esteem?

Who are You? – God says the answer is...

Why are You Here? – Three important answers to this essential question...

Wings of Hope – Jolene's testimony about overcoming difficult childhood experiences and living happily for Christ.

YOU Have the Power – use your social and spiritual power to make a difference in friend's lives (condensed version of above talk).