



"The Lord your God is with you. He is a hero who saves you. He happily rejoices over you with his love, and celebrates over you with shouts of joy" – Zephaniah 3:17

PRESENTATION TOPICS

Nevertheless!

In the face of difficulty, the Apostle Paul reminds us to rejoice. Easier said than done, right?! In this presentation, Susan shares her personal testimony of how God birthed defiant joy from difficulty. Come hear how God taught her to live with a "nevertheless" attitude during this powerful presentation of one woman's story about being rescued from despair. This topic is appropriate for all audiences.

Clear Moments

Have you struggled with depression? Do you wonder if anyone really understands your heart? In this presentation, Susan shares how you can purpose to live each day in the joy of the Lord (Nehemiah 8:10). Susan offers her listeners more than just textbook answers – she shares practical solutions rooted in biblical truths designed to encourage the downcast. This topic is appropriate for all audiences, but is specifically applicable to women.

FROM THE AUDIENCE

"Susan's life experience gives her a dependency on God that most of us have never needed to try out."

"Susan has the desire to share God's blessings on her life. Listening to her story, you realize once again how great God is to his children."

"Susan is an authentic believer who has encountered God in the suffering of life. She has found Him to be good, and is eager to share that story with those around her."

Above All Else

"Above all else, guard your heart for it is the wellspring of life." This encouragement found in Proverbs is a bold call for us to focus on protecting our hearts. Join us for a time of encouragement as we learn about God's desire for guarded hearts that flow from renewed minds. This topic is appropriate for all audiences, but is specifically applicable to women.

Does your group need a specific topic addressed? Any of these presentations can be adapted to fit your group's specific needs and time requirements. Feel free to contact Susan with your request.



Susan M. Ward, Ph.D.

Everyone has a story to tell.

For Susan, the story revolves around how God has taught her to believe that the joy of the Lord is her strength. While she has faced the struggle of living through depression and other family illnesses, Susan desires to use the story of her struggle to point people toward the Source of hope. She longs for people to embrace the God who dances over them wildly with joy (Zephaniah 3:17). People have described her as genuine, friendly, practical, dynamic, and vibrant.

A native of the Midwest, Susan has lived on the east coast for more than two decades. Susan began her speaking career early in life as a high school and collegiate debater. She now speaks in a variety of different venues including churches, women's groups, and business organizations.

Susan has a doctorate in communication studies and is a college professor. She enjoys studying how our communication influences the behavior of other people. More specifically, as a child of a parent with a disability, Susan is intrigued by how such children communicate given the influence of disability in their families.

Personally, Susan is most at home when sharing a cup of coffee with a friend and talking about the stuff of life. She thrives on making new friends, can be wooed into singing any line from *The Sound of Music*, and is an avid collector of Jetsons' memorabilia. Thanks to her sixth-grade Latin America history teacher, Susan learned early where the Galapagos Islands are and was able to fulfill her lifelong goal of visiting this majestic place.