

## Oregon Christian Men's Conference

“What does it mean to be a real man?” was the primary question Dan Matthews led the men in wrestling with during the 2009 Oregon Men's Conference. He shared from both his personal life and from the Bible about being “Kingdom Men”, especially in men's roles as husbands and fathers.

In addition to Matthews' three presentations, there was a general session on pornography. This session was led by a panel primarily comprised of the Oregon Conference's Men's Ministries Team, which had planned the weekend. This session was made up of five fast-paced components: one man's personal testimony; another man's overview of an effective resource for dealing with pornography; a panel discussion; another man's general testimony on finding victory through Christ; and a season of prayer.

“I never would have attended a seminar on pornography,” several men commented. “However, this was a powerful presentation, and I needed it. Thank you for addressing this difficult subject in a general session.”

As a surprise bonus, the men enjoyed the opportunity to read dozens of messages written to them by women who had attended the women's retreat three weeks earlier. Messages included:

“Thank you for being our men and for standing strong in this world...”

“Men of God are a true treasure! We need you...”

“We girls are going to heaven – you guys come too!”

Those messages were posted in the back of the auditorium and generated some significant interest.

“We want to write messages to the women,” some urged, and so the appropriate papers were distributed, and many notes were written with the promise that they would be posted on the conference website. Some of the messages the men wrote to the women were:

“There is nothing on earth that is more wonderful than a godly woman...”

“Thank you for being the symbol of the Holy Spirit in our homes...”

“Catch us in the act of doing something right!...”

To read all of those messages and to see photos from the conference, visit [www.oregonconference.org](http://www.oregonconference.org) and click on “Departments” then “Men's Ministries”.

Each participant was also able to choose two of the following break-out topics: “*Her Needs: How to Give a Woman What She Wants*” with Kathy Corwin; “*The Five Love Languages*” with Stan Beerman; “*Beyond Boundaries*” with Scott LeMert; “*Spiritual Leadership in the Family*” with Lynn Bryson; “*Men of Integrity*” with Tracy Wood; and “*Angry, But No One Gets Hurt*” with Dr. Craig Montgomery.

Excitement is already building for the 2010 Men's Conference which will be held November 12 - 13 in Gladstone with Pastors George Gainer and Gary Parks teaming up as our featured speakers.

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OR, you could say:

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