

Introduction for Sessions at *I Am Woman—Servant of God* Retreat

(Woman II comes in clutching purse)

Woman I: It's time now to look in depth at areas of our lives that concern us as Women of God. Here comes Kathleen. Good morning, Kathleen. You look a little concerned. Is there anything we can help you with?

Woman II: As a matter of fact, yes! With the state of the economy, I'm worried about my money.

Woman I: From the way you're clutching that purse, you'd think you had all your money with you.

Woman II: I do! It seems like the safest thing to do these days. I always want to have enough for me.

Woman I: You know, Kathleen, let me suggest that you go to the break-out session on handling our finances. I just know Mamie Johnston will have some great suggestions for you.

Woman II: Why, thank you. See you there. *(Moves to the other side of the stage)*
(Woman III comes carrying one child, trying to keep up with the other)

Woman I: My! Here come my grandchildren. Aren't they precious? Oh, yes, this is my daughter, too.

Woman III: You know, this is so embarrassing in front of all these "godly" women. *(Older child runs around quite uncontrolled)* Will!

Woman I: It's okay! These women understand what its like to keep up with children. Maybe some of them like you will want to know more about raising godly children in the Faithful Family session with Rachael Sciretti.

Woman III: I don't feel too godly, but I can use all the help I can get. Come on, Will!

(Woman III herds her kids to a spot next to Woman II)

(Woman IV comes in with a sack of candy and a box of popcorn and is actively eating a candy bar)

Woman IV: What time is lunch! It seems as if I can't stop eating. I'm starving!

Woman I: Oh. There's another hour until lunch time. We're going to break-out sessions now.

Woman IV: I have a problem with that. I can't decide which session to attend.

Woman I: May I suggest the session on addictions?

Woman IV: Oh, but I have no problem with alcohol or drugs.

Woman I: Well, maybe eating? There's all kinds of addictions—just think about it. You may want to hear Sonja Word in the session called The Many Faces of Addiction.

(Woman IV looks at group as she moves—eating!)

Woman I: And then there's grief! Anyone who has gone through the painful experience of losing a loved one is invited to the break-out session entitled The Gift of Grief with Beth Kilpatrick and Courtney Drew. As a matter of fact, it could be the loss of a job, a child gone wrong, or many of the other losses we experience in life.

There you have it—a session on finances, a session on raising Godly children, a session on the many faces of addiction, and a session on grief. I'm sure all of us can find a session that will make us stronger Women of God!

