

Retreat Testimonials

Women's retreat was an opportunity to get away with a friend I don't see often. This retreat blessed me by shaking me up and forcing me to open up. It met me where I was. From the speaking, her many parables, stories and pictures that she shared that God had revealed, met me where I am.

Women's retreat to me is a special bonding time with God and with my sister's in Christ. When God shows up he bonds us together like nothing we humans could ever orchestrate. It is a time that is precious, life-giving and leaves me ready for more. Yes, the retreat has blessed me. The speaker has been a special lady in my life for a long time. I love and respect her. I took away many things from the weekend. But one meaningful thing she mentioned and talked a lot about is how God's mercies are new every day and each night we can thank him for his faithfulness. I love that and appreciate all the scriptures she gave to go along with that. I also was very encouraged by Gail's advice to take and look for a "nugget" of truth from God through my day or from a sermon, or book. Whatever it may be, not to be overwhelmed by all that is around me but to find the nugget in it that God would have just for me. My nuggets: "worry and anxiety is our call to prayer." "Thankfulness to God is a door that opens and gives God the way to deliver us."

Women's retreat means time out with God. Some lessons I took away were: "I need to go to God when I am weak, that's where he grows me if I let him." "Enjoy each day, don't let yesterday steal from today."

I loved the way Gail gave the messages quietly, calmly, peacefully- very different than the noise of our lives and yet the message was powerful. The word pictures were powerful: the banqueting table; He wants to unbind our grave clothes; the calling us from the shore to the deeper life with Him. All of this was a good reminder of the caring love of our Father. I was brought nearer to Him.