

Iron Rose Sister Ministries Newsletter

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Good News to Share!

- Webinar with attendees from 7 countries!
- Called to Listen Destination Retreat, next book, and weekly study
- Check out our audio, video, and online resources

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Who Has the Last Word? in Denver, Colorado



Above: Linda Murphy (IRSM Board Secretary), Sarah, and Rachel

Front row: Dawn, Lauren, and Cynthia
Back row: Melanie, Pam, and Leslie

Groups of women across the U.S. are learning to Recognize the lie, Replace the lie with truth and Remember the truth through the Lie/Truth Charts in *Who Has the Last Word? Cutting through Satan's lies with the truth of God's Word.*

Author, Michelle J. Goff, was able to be there for the kickoff of the Wednesday night study at the **Northwest Church of Christ in Denver**. The previous Sunday, she was also able to teach a class to the Hispanic sisters at that congregation.



Delight and Joy in Knoxville, Tennessee



Shannon, Kendi, Tami, and Dana

"I will be sharing every single verse and point from the second class with my daughter as soon as I get home. She needs to hear how much God delights Himself in her right now. Thank you!"

"What a true JOY to delight in the Lord this weekend. The world is so negative and we need to remember our true source of joy."

Joy and delight are not as the world would define them. And Satan would rather we remain entrapped in the lie that God does not love us. **The Lord delights Himself in you** (Zeph. 3:17) and we are called to **delight ourselves in Him** (Ps. 37:4).

Seventy ladies from the **Hardin Valley Church of Christ in Knoxville, Tennessee**, gathered at a ladies retreat March 31–April 1, to learn about true joy and delight—as only can be found in Christ.

Visitors, Christian sisters, and friends were able to explore the verses Michelle taught and discuss the topic in small groups.

Here are a few quotes from women after the retreat concluded on Saturday:

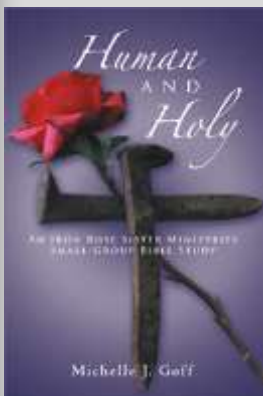
Karen, Gwen, Carroll, Shelagh, Judy, and Emily





In God's Right Hand is a 6-week study of the characteristics of **God's right hand**

"Thank you for sharing from your own experience as a single woman, serving God faithfully!"
 -WINGS attendee



Human AND Holy is a 13-week study on the life of Jesus—His example of how to be human, living holy

Called to Listen—Destination Retreat and Devotional Book

Our Heavenly Father has a message that we have each been called to hear, but are you listening? In the midst of a noisy world, listening has become a lost art. We know that **"anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand"** (NLT). But how should we listen? What is God saying?

We may never experience God's voice through a burning bush like Moses, but we *can* hear His voice through His Word, through nature, through Christian brothers and sisters, even through silence... But again, the

question we must ask ourselves is, **"Are we listening?"**

Iron Rose Sister Ministries (IRSM) will provide multiple opportunities to listen at its second **Destination Retreat, September 15-17, 2017**. Join us for a weekend away from the noise of your life in the beautiful state of Arkansas, as we come together as a group of women, **Called to Listen**.

The IRSM Destination Retreat will also serve as the kick-off for *Called to Listen: 40 Days of Devotion*.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Destination Retreat 2017
"Called to Listen"
 near Conway, AR
 September 15-17

Reserve your spot today!



Single and Lovin' It, Mostly—Content and Complete in God



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WINGS (Women in God's Service) is an women's retreat hosted by Harding University each spring.

Michelle was invited as one of the breakout speakers and shared with women about her **"Tiny House"** with elastic walls.

Harding students and other single women of all ages heard Michelle's testimony about **Single and Lovin' It**,

Mostly. They explored biblical answers to the question **"Why are you still single?"** and how to support one another in that time.

Content and Complete, Singly with God was the 2nd class—an opportunity to affirm our place in service to our Lord.



Webinar Interviews about Women's Ministry Resources

TIBI (Texas International Bible Institute) facilitated the February 18th event, in Spanish, attended by 50 individuals from 20 locations in seven countries.

As IRSM strives to **equip women to connect to God and one another more deeply**, webinars are a great opportunity to inspire others in that goal and offer long-distance resources.

Michelle was the last of the four women interviewed, as each shared stories from the women serving in their local churches.

Claudia Inglés, Bogotá, Colombia; Silvia Acuña, Quito, Ecuador; Jannacoelli Gonzalez, Houston, TX; and Michelle Goff, Searcy, AR.



Conquerors in Marble Falls, Texas

The Parable of the Sower illustrates what happens if we are not **grounded in faith**. We can be overcome by doubt, trials, and temptations.

“For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith” (1 Jn. 5:4).

As a **women’s retreat in Texas**, a state with a large Hispanic population, part of IRSM’s role at



Ret’s Retreat is a nonprofit promoting girls retreat programs



the retreat was to introduce women to the ways in which **bilingual worship and teaching** can be incorporated into existing events. The video of this bilingual song (pictured left) is available on our website and YouTube channel.

Janae and Michelle lead bilingual worship

2017 Calendar

Apr 21-22—Women Walking With God, Wichita, KS

May 2-5—Pepperdine Bible Lectures (classes in Spanish and booth)

May 17-20—Baxter Lect., Tegucigalpa, Honduras

May 27—Honduras Hope, Tegucigalpa

June 3—Bilingual Ladies Day, West Broward CoC, Miami, FL

June 6-7—Ladies Classes, Eng. & Span., Holly Hill CoC, Daytona Beach, FL

June 21-28—Santiago, Chile

June 28-July 5—Lima, Peru

July 19-21—Youth Retreat,

Springdale, AR (Spanish)

July 23—Ladies Class, Southside CoC, Rogers, AR

August 3-9—Cuba

Sept 24-27—Harding Lectureship

Oct 22-28—Conexiones (in partnership with Great Cities Mission)

“What a joy to worship in two languages at once. I feel like I got a little taste of what heaven will be like.”
Ret’s Retreat attendee

Online Resources, Video and Audio Available

As a **bilingual women’s ministry resource** that reaches across the Americas, IRSM strives to make many of its **resources available online**.

Michelle records the classes she teaches at each of the conferences, which are available as **MP3 downloads** on our website.

An **ePetal study** (sample single lesson about Ruth and Naomi as Iron Rose Sisters) is a free download.

We are adding more **videos** to our **YouTube channel**, which can also be accessed through our website. Ex: webinar interview, bilingual worship, a few lessons, etc.

Don’t forget the daily blog posts, and a copy of our Annual Report!



Michelle expressing her JOY in Knoxville, TN



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Women's Ministry Resources in English and Spanish:

- Facilitate Christian sister relationships that will be like iron sharpening iron, encouraging and inspiring each other to be as beautiful as a rose in spite of a few thorns
- Provide **women's Bible studies simple enough for anyone to lead and deep enough for everyone to grow**
- Conduct **seminars, ladies' days, women's retreats, etc.** teaching, empowering and inspiring women on their journey as Iron Rose Sisters
- Create **a network of Christian women and women's ministries across the Americas**

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A note from Michelle: My favorite study right now, Listening in Spanish

Wednesday afternoons, you will find me and my things spread out on a table at the Starbucks on Harding University's campus. I get there early in order to reserve enough spots for the group of girls that gather to study the Bible together in Spanish.

We are a group of native speakers and young ladies studying Spanish—all striving to grow in **"Listening," our theme for the semester.**

This is one of my favorite times each week and here are the top five reasons why:

- **Mentoring young women**, giving them the opportunity to teach and to learn.
- **Time in the Word, listening to God... and it's in Spanish!**
- Deepening friendships and relationships as **Iron Rose Sisters.**

- Watching each of us **grow** and be **transformed** by our listening.
- **Coffee, Christian sisters, Bible study... what's not to love?!**

Two of these young ladies will be working with me to a greater extent this summer. **Mackenzie Lancaster** is our summer intern.

Megan Albers and her parents will be joining me and Mackenzie in Lima, Peru, for that portion of the summer trip.

What a blessing to be able to **mentor and train these young women** as they serve the Lord now and wherever He calls them to serve

in the future.
May we each keep listening to the Father and His guidance for our lives.

Thank you for being a part of making it all possible!

Love, Michelle

Leahndrea, Elizabeth, Michelle, Mackenzie, Megan, Rosa, Débora (not pictured: Kassy)

