

CCWF Challenges Women to Understand Themselves through Biblical Women in Forum Featuring 2 Prominent Bible Study Authors

The California Catholic Women's Forum exists to introduce women to Church teaching on who women are and who they are meant to be. This is True Feminism for Real Women! Over the past several years 5 forums have covered topics from Pope John Paul II's letter, *Mulieris Dignitatem, On the Dignity and Vocation of Women*.

April 25, we continue to delve into this important Church document by looking at ***Women of the Bible: Trailblazers for Life!*** Pope John Paul II writes:

In every age and in every country we find many "perfect" women (cf. Prov. 31:10) who, despite persecution, difficulties and discrimination, have shared in the Church's mission. . . Even in the face of serious social discrimination, holy women have acted "freely", strengthened by their union with Christ.

Michele Coldiron, Executive Director, asks, "Today Catholics are confronted with many challenges and difficult decisions as they wend their way through the maze that is life. How can we better arm ourselves against the inevitable trials that occur?"

The Bible has the answers, and in this forum, the CCWF has invited two prominent women authors of Bible studies to speak to us of their own trials and the Women in the Bible who help them on their personal path to holiness.

Gail Buckley founded *Catholic Scripture Study International*, a series of highly acclaimed Bible studies that are read in 40 countries around the world. Gail will speak of how she gave God the reins, allowing her to pull herself off her comfortable couch and build the dream she had tucked away in her mind. She will help you find your voice to bring the Word of God to a new generation of Catholics.

Yvonne Florczak-Seeman spent "40 Years in the Desert" and has an amazing story to tell as to how she, with the grace of God, was able to change her life 180 degrees and become an advocate for life. Her Bible study, *A Time to Heal* focuses on 12 women in the Old Testament who help us understand our purpose in life so as to live happier, more fulfilling lives.

Come April 25, 8:30 am – 1:00 pm at the Sheraton Hotel, Sunnyvale. Feed your mind, soul and heart. Learn how you too can put your dream into action. This exciting opportunity will energize you in your faith and give you ideas on how to share that faith with others. If you participate in a Bible study, invite your group. Visit www.ccwf.org for information on our other forums and to register.