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A Woman of God Ministries

Thelma Wells



*"In Christ, you can
BEE the best!"
Philippians 4:13*



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From times of singing in a dark closet to the founding of a national women's mentoring ministry, Thelma Wells' life has been a courageous journey of faith. The name on her birth certificate read simply: Baby Girl Morris. Thelma's mother was a severely deformed teenager with no husband and no place to go, since her own abusive mother insisted that she take the baby and leave the house. So when the baby was born, her unwed teenage mother found work as a maid cleaning "the big house" while living with her baby daughter in servants' quarters. Eventually, the baby went to live with her great-grandparents, who called her Thelma Louise Smith and loved her dearly. They took little Thelma to church, where she learned to love the hymns and praise songs.

On those occasions when Thelma was taken to her grandparents' home, her grandmother abused her, just as she had tormented Thelma's mother. She was locked in a dark, smelly, insect-infested closet until just before her grandfather came home when her grandmother would bring her out of the closet, clean her up, and act as if all was well. In spite of her deep fear, little Thelma spent her time in the closet singing every hymn and praise song she could remember. She would sing herself to sleep in that closet, and the Lord received this little girl's innocent praise and rewarded it with an abundant life of joy, protecting her from feelings of anger or bitterness.

Thelma grew up to become a trailblazer for black women, a prominent international speaker and author, and a wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. As a student at North Texas State University in Denton, Texas (now the University of North Texas), she was a member of the first group of girls to integrate the school's dormitories. She earned her Bachelor's degree there and eventually received a Master's of Ministry from Master's International School of Divinity in Evansville, Indiana. In 2002 she became the school's first black female professor.

In 1980 Thelma became the first black woman in the South to organize her own international speaking and consulting corporation. During this phase of her life, she travelled globally speaking to corporations like IBM, Texas Instruments, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Internal Revenue Service, Baylor Hospital, Coldwater Federal Penitentiary, University of Michigan, Lutons Bank - United Kingdom, The Electricity Supply Company of Dublin, Ireland, and The University of Oxford in England.



Her natural talent for public speaking and storytelling attracted the attention of the Women of Faith Tour, and in 1996 she became the first black core speaker for the organization. The past 13 years has been dedicated to inspiring women to BEE THE BEST through organizations like Women of Faith, and Extraordinary Women as well as countless other women's groups, workshops and conferences.

She has authored several books, including her latest entitled, Ready to Win Over Depression, Mama T Says, "Rise & Shine" and Don't Give In - God Wants You to Win. In 2009, she began her own conferences entitled, "Ready to Win" Women's Conferences. At these she focuses on the importance of knowing how to fix your hair, pad your heart, tighten your girdle, and put on your stomping shoes to combat the daily trials that come against us. Many women throughout the world have heard her story and know that she's fought many battles and won.

At 61, Thelma earned a master's degree and became a college professor. In 2006, she was awarded an honorary doctorate, but still she pleads, "Don't call me Dr. Wells. I'm your Mama T." Women all over the world seek her wisdom, knowledge, entrepreneurial expertise, candid advice and motherly love. And she delights in sharing her experiences - good and bad - to inspire, encourage and uplift them no matter their age, race or nationality. "She's like a mother standing before her daughters speaking words from her heart. And I've seen first hand how they receive her with open arms," says Babbie Mason.

Thelma has been married to George Wells, her best friend, supporter, and encourager, for over 45 years. The couple lives in Dallas, Texas, and has three children, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.



ABOUT THELMA

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Our PURPOSE: A Woman of God Ministries was founded in 1994 after speaking in the corporate arena since 1978 by Thelma Wells after she felt God's leading to establish a ministry to women of all ages, races and denominations. The purpose of the ministry is to lift up the Name of Jesus Christ and to provide a "safe place" for those who have been wounded by the world so that they can be saved, healed, set free, and matured in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Our VISION: Our vision is quite simple. We believe God has birthed this ministry to cause effective, positive change in the people we serve, their families and their communities, by motivating and encouraging them to be their best for God. We believe that we have been raised up, in part, as fruit to teach, preach, and be an example of the Titus 2:3-5 and Proverbs 31 woman. We have the vision to see as many people healed, saved and delivered by God's grace, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to do the work for which God called them.

Our MISSION: Our mission is to travel globally extracting diamonds out of people's dust. We believe that all people have so much good in them -- talent, skill, life experiences that can help them live an abundant life. We intend to take people a message of hope, inspiration and encouragement to motivate people to look deep inside themselves and realize their potential, and extract from them the strengths that can help them achieve their purpose in life. All of us are frail as dust. But, when given the opportunity to achieve and excel, we become stronger with each success.

Our PASSION: To help women leave a legacy of faith, hope and love.

Our Motto is:

"In Christ, you can BEE the best!" Philippians 4:13

By God's Help we Can:

Bee Aware of who we are
Eliminate the negatives
Strive for **E**ternal Value
Have overwhelming **S**uccess!
B+E+E=S



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Thelma states that she's lived long enough and been through enough to tell it like it is and graciously be called by many, "Mama T." Her accomplishments are many.

At North Texas State University (presently The University of North Texas) Thelma was one of the first group of girls to integrate the dormitory (Oak Street Hall) after living for one year off campus in the Black section of Denton, Texas.

She received a Master's of Divinity Degree in Pastoral Ministry from Master's Divinity Graduate School in Evansville, Indiana. She was ordained into the gospel ministry and received an Honorary Doctorate Degree from St. Thomas School of Divinity and Theological Seminary, Jacksonville, Florida on the same day, December 16, 2006 at the age of 65 years old.



Thelma's Firsts

Thelma Wells is a trailblazer in the community and corporate America. She has been the first black woman to open doors in the following professions and organizations:

1964 - First black woman hired in the Southwest as a secretary at the John Deere Company, Dallas, Texas.

1978 - Recognized in newspapers and magazines as the first black woman to become an Assistant Vice President of a commercial bank, NorthPark National Bank, Dallas, Texas.

1980 - First black Woman in the South to organize her own international speaking and consulting company customizing eighteen different programs for corporations, governmental agencies, universities, and Luton Bank of England. Thelma received the Small Business Administration's Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

1996 - First black woman to become a core speaker for the largest Christian Women's Movement in the world, the Women of Faith Conference.

2000 - First black woman to find and implement a national mentoring program for women in ministry - The Daughters of Zion Leadership Mentoring Program. This program has graduated fifty women and has two DOZ Mentors (one in the State of Delaware and another in the city of San Antonio, Texas).

2002 - First black woman to become a professor at Master's Divinity School and Graduate School in Evansville, Indiana. A Women's Issues Department was created as a result of the books and programs she developed.

2006 - First black woman in Dallas, Texas to receive an Honorary Doctorate and Ordination into the Gospel Ministry in the same ceremony on the same day, December 16, 2006.

2008 - The fourth recipient and first black woman to receive the coveted "Women of the Year" by the Extraordinary Women's Conference and the American Association of Christian Counselors.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Speaking Events

Women of Faith, 1996 – 2008, 30 cities
Extraordinary Women, 2008 – 2009
First Friday Event – Hankins Theater - Southlake, TX
Crossroads Bible Church – Flower Mound, TX
The Church of the Brethren – DuPont, Ohio
Women Pastor's Convention – West Park, FL
Women Alive – Vancouver, Ontario, Canada
Evangelical Covenant Church - Junction City, KS
Exceptional Women – Dallas, TX
Christ for the Nations - Dallas, Texas
Liberty University – Lynchburg, VA
Prestonwood Baptist Church, Plano, TX
Just God Church, Houston, TX
Zoe Life Family Bible Church, Houston, TX
Heritage Church of Christ, Ft. Worth, TX
Babbie Mason's Music Conference, Atlanta, GA
Templeton Tours Cruise - Bahamas
Warm Beach Christian Conference, Stanwood, WA

"42 Cities in
the U.S..."

Thelma's Host Conferences

Picnic at the Lake · Bluff Dale, TX
Ready to Win Cruise with Thelma & Friends · June 13-18, 2009
Ready to Win 2-Day Conferences · 2009-2010

Television

Life Today · James & Betty Robison
The Joni Show · DayStar TV
Trinity Broadcasting Network
FamilyNet
Good Morning Texas · Dallas, Texas
KBIQ 102.7 FM · Q Morning Show · Colorado Springs, CO
Joy TV · Women in Christian Media
WTLW-TV 44 · Lima, Ohio
SkyAngel Network
Channel 34 · Access Media · Dallas, Texas (Thelma's own "Bee the Best" show)

Radio

Mo2vational Moments · Internet Radio · www.womensradio.com
Along the Way · KTIS 900 AM · Kim Ketola
Dallas Gospel Connections · E-Zine · www.DallasGospelConnections.com
MomCast LIVE · Jill Hart & Diana Ennen · www.blogtalkradio.com/momcast
WMBI 903.1 FM · Steve Miller · Chicago, IL
KBIQ 102.7 FM · Q Morning Show · Colorado Springs, CO
WDLM 906 AM · Still Waters · Valley & Davenport, IL
WLGT · Internet Radio · The Christian View · www.blogtalkradio.com/welovegirl
WDYF 90.3 FM · The Meeting House · Montgomery, AL
WKTO 88.7 · The Noon Show · Smyrna Beach, FL
XM Radio · Walking the Journey with Nina · National
105.9 Shine FM · Dean Jones · Calgary, Canada

Print

Significant Living
Family Christian Publications
Charisma Magazine
Today's Christian Woman
BeautifulOne Magazine
You Can Live Again
Christianity Today
InTouch Ministries Magazine
Dallas Morning News

On-line Exposure

www.thelmawells.com – Primary Website
www.iquestions.com – Expert Panelist
www.webtv4women.tv – "Bee the Best"
Inspirational E-TV Channel

Thelma's Signature Programs

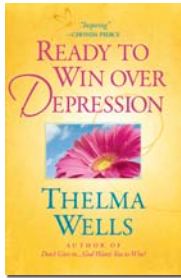
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(NTB Network)
Mama T Says...1 Minute Inspirational
Radio Spots
Mama T Says...Magazine Column



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PUBLISHED BOOKS



Ready to Win Over Depression

Every year depression strikes more than 35 million in the United States alone. Thelma Wells knows firsthand how difficult depression can be. She provides powerful tools readers can use to successfully battle depression. With her trademark action-based, faith living, Thelma offers powerful real-life stories, medical facts, and biblical truths.



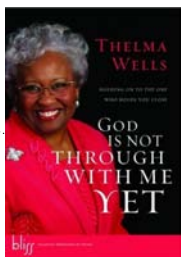
Rise and Shine

In this uplifting devotional, popular speaker and author Thelma Wells offers readers help for overcoming adversity and finding hope. When faced with problems, from unpaid bills to loved ones experiencing illnesses, people often hear, "You just need to trust God." But how do people grasp that truth when their world is going haywire?



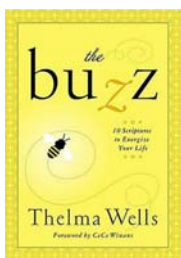
Don't Give In... God Wants YOU to Win!

Written to inspire readers to fight the good fight of faith and win the raging wars that they battle each day as the enemy tries to steal their joy, kill their hopes and dreams, and destroy their lives. *Ready to Win* will cause readers to understand that the battles they fight are really not theirs. Those battles belong to the God of "Peace, be still," who will give them the strategies and courage they need to resist Satan's tricks.



God is Not Through with Me Yet

Written after God led Thelma into dark valleys—including an almost fatal illness—as part of His plan to deepen her firsthand knowledge of Himself as the Great I AM. This rich experience is what she shares with you, along with plenty of smiles and laughter, in *God Is Not Through with Me Yet*.



The Buzz: 7 Scriptures to Energize Your Life

Using her signature bumblebee analogy (bees are scientifically not supposed to fly!), Thelma Wells buzzes through the Scriptures, capturing special meaning for women who are struggling to find hope and purpose in life. She teaches that women can BEE what ever God calls them to BEE, no matter what their circumstances.

What People Are Saying About Thelma Wells

"When Thelma Wells speaks, I listen. When she inspires, I grow stronger. And when she smiles, well...no one smiles like Thelma Wells

Max Lucado
Bestselling author and senior minister of Oak Hills Church, San Antonio, Texas



"Anyone knowing Thelma Wells would not have questioned that this wonderful woman of God was already perfected in the Lord. But, if anything characterizes Thelma, it is her transparent honesty. As this internationally acclaimed woman of God faced the harsh realities of a devastating physical trial, she discovered that God was not yet through with her

Dr. Dennis D. Frey
President, Master's International School of Divinity

"Thelma Wells is a modern-day prophet. Impassioned, profound, and unmistakably poignant in delivering this life changing message: 'Never give up on God. He is right in the middle of every storm you are in, ready and able to comfort and deliver.' Amen, Thelma—we're listening, keep on preaching it!"

Dr. Gary and Barbara Rosberg
Speakers, authors, and cohosts of a nationally syndicated, daily radio program

"When I think of Thelma, she makes me smile, she's like Jesus with skin on...she's a constant reminder of God's grace. Thelma is an epistle of Christ written not with ink, but by the spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh that is of the heart."

Mike Hyatt
President and CEO of Thomas Nelson publishing the parent company of Women of Faith

"Thelma is a tremendous blessing to all who hear her. Even when hurting, Thelma has found the Peace that passes understanding, and she's passed that opportunity to have that peace on to others."

James Robison
Christian TV host of Life Today

"Thelma is a woman of character, of talent and distinction. She always knows how to connect and communicate with the audience--with a Christian spirit, an intellectual mind and a gifted soul. I congratulate Thelma for the ability to connect with human beings, to minister and help them, to be the kind of steward with which our Lord would be very happy.

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"Thelma's words are like rain from heaven...they refresh parched hearts. So leave your umbrellas home and get ready for showers of blessings."

Patsy Clairmont
Women of Faith Speaker, Author of Dancing Bones

"Every time I hear Thelma speak I am reminded that God is in control of all things, at all times. She lifts my heart and my spirit and reminds me to worship my way through any storm. It is a joy and an honor to call her my sister."

Sheila Walsh
Women of Faith Speaker, Author of God Has a Dream for Your Life

"Thelma is utterly captivating, charming and winsome. She communicates those characteristics within moments of meeting her. Her speaking and writing encourage me to rest evermore fully in the love of Jesus. As I study scripture, I see Thelma living it out. She is an inspiring example of one whose life reflects God's life."

Marilyn Meberg
Women of Faith Speaker, Author Free Inside and Out

"Thelma Wells is a woman of great strength and Christ-like humility. She's been through more adversity than one woman should have to endure, but I've never seen her without joy. It's woven into the very fabric of her colorful clothes and spirit. In short, she's one of the more remarkable women I've ever known."

Nicole Johnson
Author of Fresh Brewed Life and dramatist for Women of Faith

"Thelma brings a wealth of wisdom, humor, and the keen ability to communicate biblical truths out of a heart that understands the issues and challenges that women face everyday. She has an instant connection with the audience."

Julie Clinton
President, Extraordinary Women Association



ENDORSEMENTS



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