



# 2020 Conference Guide

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As you prepare to join us for the Lead Bold (Virtual) Conference, you're probably finding yourself in the midst of some uncertainty. Connecting relationally has changed. Family dynamics have shifted. Work has been modified. And chances are, your ministry world has been altered as well. For some, your ministry role has all but disappeared as churches and nonprofits have adjusted their programs. For others, your responsibilities have expanded in ways you never could have predicted. No matter where you find yourself, on either extreme or somewhere in the middle, my guess is that uncertainty is taking its toll.


So let me give you something you can count on...God will meet you today right where you are.

I believe we have an incredibly encouraging and "filling" day designed for you. I believe in the mission of Lead Bold to be a leadership community for women in ministry, just like you. I believe that if you invest in this conference and in this community, you will find the support that ministry leaders need. But more than any of that, I believe when we open ourselves up to receive what God has for us, He does "more than we could ask or imagine." Every. Single. Time.

So, thank you for trusting us with your time and for making the commitment to invest in your own leadership growth. Trusting with you that today will be just what you need.

Leading Bold With You,

  
Director of Lead Bold



Lead Bold is a community of leaders who live out God's call to ministry through their one-of-a-kind gifts, strengths and backgrounds. We are committed to walking alongside each other, supporting, co-leading, nurturing and challenging each other. Lead Bold is a space where women in ministry are emboldened to be the leader God invites them to be.

# Event Schedule

**9:00**

*Welcome : Liza Landrum and Andrea Coli*

**9:30**

*Session 1 : Carolyn Custis James*

**10:30**

*Small Group Discussion*

**11:00**

*Session 2 : Ministry Panel*

*Sharon Norris Elliott, Christine Ingebretson,  
Christine Youn Hung and Andrea Coli*

**12:00**

*Lunch Break (relax and rejuvenate)*

**1:00**

*Welcome Back: Liza and Andrea*

**1:15**

*Session 3 : Jodie Tey & Personal Reflection Time*

**2:15**

*Welcome Back: Liza and Andrea*

**2:45**

*Session 4 : Carolyn Custis James*

**3:15**

*Closing Words : Liza and Andrea*

**3:30**

*Conference Ends*

\*start times are subject change throughout the day

# Introducing Your Speakers



Keynote - **Carolyn Custis James** is an award winning author who thinks deeply about what it means to be a female follower of Jesus in a postmodern world. Her speaking and writing ministry is dedicated to addressing the deeper needs and issues confronting both women and men as they endeavor to extend God's kingdom together in a messy and complicated world. Carolyn is an adjunct faculty member at Missio Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and a consulting editor for Zondervan's Exegetical Commentary Series on the New Testament. She is the author of seven books including *Finding God in the Margins*, *Half the Church*, and *Understanding Purpose*. She and her husband Frank live in Pennsylvania and have one daughter and two adorable little grand-ers.



Ministry Panel - **Sharon Norris Elliot** is an award-winning author, speaker, and entrepreneur who is passionate about inspiring people to live significantly. She is a graduate of Biola University and holds an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree. She has authored 12 books including her most recent release *A Woman God Can Bless*; and through her company AuthorizeMe® she coaches writers toward their publishing goals. Sharon also hosts her own show on The Holy Spirit Broadcasting Network, and is featured on a number of other religious broadcasts. After 35 years teaching high school, Sharon recently retired, but don't make the mistake that she's slowing down! She and her husband James attend Christ Second Baptist Church in Long Beach, CA, where she serves as a licensed minister and Sunday School teacher. Sharon and James enjoy their Southern California empty nest, personal vacations, and travel to visit their children and grandchildren.



Ministry Panel - **Christine Ingebretson** currently serves at Foster the Bay as the Regional Director for South and East Regions. Her mission is to inspire, motivate and facilitate transformation that brings freedom and joy through the power of the Spirit. She is passionate about social justice and about followers of Jesus living out His mission in their everyday lives. Christine was privileged to do her undergraduate work at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, later earning her MA from Western Seminary and has been in pastoral ministry for many years. Christine travels around the Bay Area and beyond speaking to men and women of all life stages. She is wife to Doug, mama to Grace, 20, Kayla Joy, 12 and Isaac, 3.



Ministry Panel - **Christine Youn Hung** is a pastor, writer, speaker, and the Director of Pastoral Development for the Northern California District Church of the Nazarene. Prior to joining the Northern California District Staff, Christine served as pastor of Trinity Church Rowland Heights Campus, a multi-site, multi-ethnic church serving in the Los Angeles area. Christine also served as a missionary teacher in Taipei, Taiwan for three years. She holds a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Calgary and is currently pursuing her Master of Divinity at Nazarene Theological Seminary. She has written articles and devotionals for The Foundry Publishing and co-authored *Born the King*. Christine is the founder of NOW Movement, a Church of the Nazarene grassroots initiative coordinating efforts toward the pursuit of racial justice. She takes deep joy in her husband, Albert, and their 4 amazing children.





Reflection Speaker - **Jodie Tey** has a passion for people to learn what it means to follow Jesus according to how God has uniquely wired them for growth. She currently serves as the Associate Pastor at CrossWinds Church (where she has worked for the past 17 years) and serves on the teaching team and elder board. She is the founder and Executive Director of Creekside Center for Spiritual Formation. Jodie's love for study has led to an MDiv degree from Golden Gate Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Fuller Seminary. Jodie is married to Ernesto and they have two boys whom she adores: Ernesto and Sebastian. In her free time, she loves watching supercar videos on YouTube with her boys or spending time in the kitchen baking and experimenting with recipes!



Conference Co-Host - **Liza Landrum** has an enthusiasm for life, and her search to find answers led her to Christ, ministry work and, eventually, to Lead Bold. She is currently serving at 3Crosses Church in Castro Valley, CA as the Women's Ministry Director, where she has been active as a volunteer in various ministries for the past 8 years. She is passionate about being a bridge...connecting women to Christ, to resources that will grow their relationships with Christ, and to other women to support them in their walks with Christ. For Liza, Lead Bold is a unique place, where women leaders in ministry can connect, and be refueled and refreshed. Liza also has a passion for modern furniture and design, and she is the Bay Area Commercial Sales Representative for Design Within Reach. She is a single mom, and lives in the East Bay with her only son and the recent addition to their family, a Calico kitten named Kali.



Conference Co-Host - **Andrea Coli** is pleased to welcome you to the conference as one of your hosts for the day. With a background in improv comedy and degree in theology, she can effectively carry an audience from uproarious laughter to a moment of tender truth. She is the author of *Scriptless: What I Learned About God on the Las Vegas Strip*, chronicling her time as an improviser with The Second City. Andrea received her MA in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary. She is a sought-after speaker, a Teaching Pastor at CrossWinds Church and the Director of Lead Bold, a community for women leading in ministry. Andrea lives in Livermore with her husband Chris and their two daughters.

## Breakout Room Discussion Questions:

- Introduce yourself and share a little about your ministry.
- What are you hoping to get out of the conference?
- What are you learning/hearing so far?

# Self Reflective Guide

## AN INVITATION TO THE TEMPLE...

*Please know the Lead Bold team is praying for you as you enter into this experience! We are saddened by the fact that we can't be together for this conference, but know that we are united in spirit as we experience it together. We are confident that God has something amazing for you during this reflection time!*

Welcome!

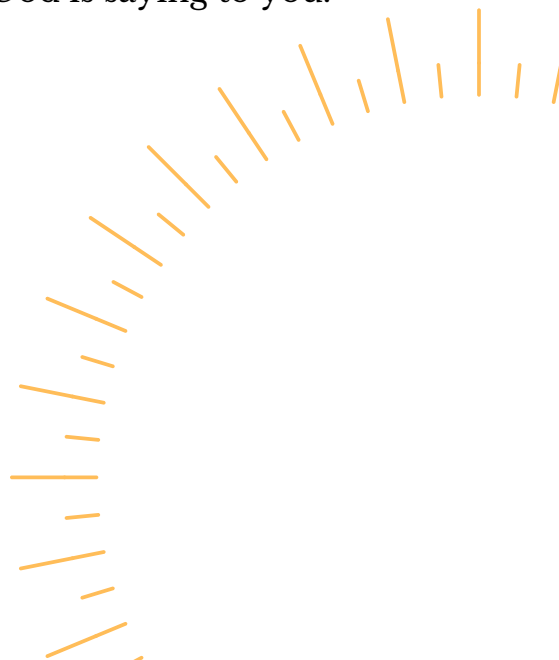
You are invited into your own temple conversation with Jesus - a place of sacred space and dialogue. Before you can receive all that God has for you during this conference, it's important to take inventory of where you are RIGHT NOW with God...so let's get ready!

First, find a spot to do this reflection. You can take it to your backyard and sit with it or you can go for a drive and park somewhere with a beautiful view. Or you can find a quiet corner of your home, perhaps with a cup of coffee or tea in hand, and settle in during this time you have been given (There will be another conference session after this so make sure you can access your device easily once you are done.)

Once settled into your reflection spot, start by letting go of the “swirling” lists in your mind: the “to-dos,” the “don't-forgets,” the “what-ifs” and the “need to's.” You might want to turn on some quiet music to help you settle in.

This time is for you! Don't rush through it. It should take about 45 minutes to complete. You might find yourself moving faster through some parts and slower through others. But give yourself the gift of “unhurried time” as you discern what God is saying to you.

As much as you can, release your agenda for what you want this time to be. It is easy to enter into this time with a list of expectations that you want God to address. But truly being open to God meeting you means laying these expectations at His feet. Allow HIM to decide what He wants for you as you create space to connect with Him. He knows what you need even better than you do and He will honor the time you take to deepen your experience with Him.



As you start, offer a prayer to begin this time. Invite Jesus to join you. Breathe deeply and allow Him to meet you where you are.

When you are ready and settled, take a few minutes to reflect on how you are entering into this ministry season. Write down what comes to mind.

As you look at the logo and the solid line around it,  
where on the line would you place yourself?  
Would you put yourself somewhere  
in the narrow part?  
(depleted, empty, running on fumes?)  
Or would you put yourself  
in the thick part of the circle?  
(I'm full and I just want more of God!)



What has gone on in your life and ministry that has caused you to come to that conclusion? List those things here:



You are now invited into the temple with Hannah. Listen to her heartfelt cry as she pours out her heart before God:



"9 Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the Lord's house. 10 In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. 11 And she made a vow, saying, "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

"15 I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. 16 Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief." **1 Samuel 1:9-11; 15-16**

At first it might sound like Hannah believed God had forgotten her. But in this context, the word "remember " means "to pay special attention or to lavish special care upon someone or something." Hannah was pleading with God to **PAY ATTENTION TO HER** and to lavish her with all of His goodness and special care. Even in her pain, she knew He was present, and she wanted to receive all He had for her! As you look at the picture, in what ways can you identify with Hannah's request for God to remember her?

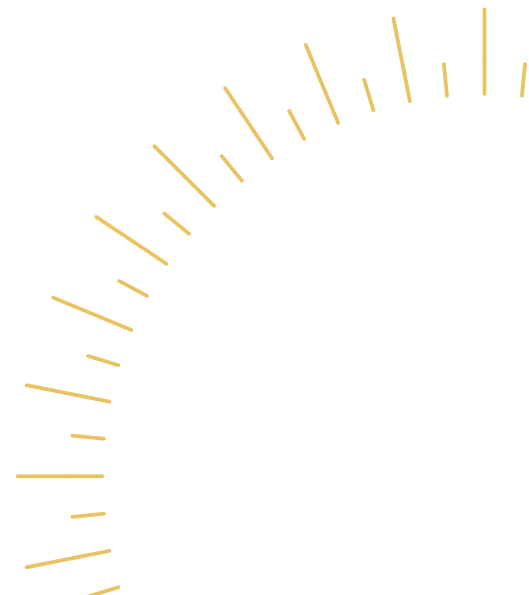
Now, use your imagination and picture yourself coming to the altar the way that Hannah did. What are **YOU** saying to God as you come to the altar? What do **YOU** need to say to Him?

- Do you need Him to see you?
- Do you need Him to remember you, too!?
- Do you need to know He cares? Something else?

Take some time and write out a prayer based on what you need from Him right now. How do you need Him to remember you?

My Prayer to Jesus:


Now picture that you are sitting across from Jesus and you have just poured your heart out to Him. What does His face look like as you say these things to Him? Where is He in proximity to you? What do you imagine Him saying back to you??



After Hannah poured out her heart to God, He gave her her greatest desire...a baby boy of her own. You have just done something similar. You have sat face-to-face and poured out YOUR heart to God...and guess what?? He wants to remember you lavishly! He wants you to receive His goodness. Are you ready to receive the way Hannah received?

What do you hope to receive from God today as you walk through this conference? (An answer? A promise? An affirmation? Something else?)

If God has something different for you, are you equally willing to receive what He has for you? Why or why not?



God wants to pay special attention to you and lavish His care upon you! Prior to this conference, you were sent a drawstring bag with a tag attached that says, RECEIVE. As you have gone through this reflection time, maybe God has shown you what He wants you to receive from Him. Or maybe you are waiting with anticipation to see how God will fill you with what He wants you to receive. Either way, as you go throughout the day (even days, weeks, months) find something that represents what God has shown you during this reflection time, and put it in the bag as a constant reminder.\*

\*If you have not yet received your Leader Loot, you can use any bag you would like to collect your reflection time memento. It can be a plastic bag or an ornate container. It's up to you! Use whatever is handy you feel represents the time you have just spent with God.





This bag represents God's lavish love for you and the hope that He can and will fill you. You might want to carry this bag with you or put it in a place where you see it everyday.

Use it to remember the promise that God sees you, loves you, and wants to pay special attention to you! He can and will fill you in His time and in His way - all you have to do is receive!!

End with a short prayer thanking God for the time you have just spent. Ask Him to bless it by giving you a peaceful mind and ears to hear what He has for your the rest of the day.



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# Stay Connected with us.

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Save the Dates for 2021:

Half Day Retreat  
April 24th

Fall Conference  
September 10-11th



Creating space for you to be refueled, revived and refocused as you gather with other women in ministry.



Equipping you to grow as a leader and a women called to ministry.



Inspiring you with insights from those in our Lead Bold community.



Connecting you to real-life conversations that will engage you mind, heart and soul.



*Meet-Ups*

Linking you to new friendships and ministry connections through casual monthly gatherings.



*Mastermind*  
**groups**

Supporting you in a peer-group setting to pursue your ministry and leadership goals.



*Spiritual Formation*  
**cohort**

Nurturing your inner life with God alongside other women in ministry.



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