

T.D. Jakes' 'Woman, Thou Art Loosed' Conference Celebrates 20 Years

Celebrating the 20th anniversary of his popular women's conference, "Woman, Thou Art Loosed!," Bishop T.D. Jakes is hosting the annual event at Phillips Arena in Atlanta, Thursday through Saturday.

Some 25,000 women from around the world, a record attendance for the event, will travel to Atlanta to learn how they can use their strengths, gifts and abilities to overcome any obstacle and transform their lives in a positive and exciting way.

"Woman, Thou Art Loosed!" is an annual three-day conference. This year's line-up includes Jakes, First Lady Serita Jakes, Pastor Sheryl Brady, Cindy Trimm and Pastor Paula White.

Musical guests include Grammy Award Winner Ann Nesby, Joy Hill, Gaye Arbuckle and The Woman Thou Art Loosed Praise Team. This year, Jakes conducted a search for the next big gospel music star via a contest on Facebook. The yet-to-be-announced winner will perform at the conference on Thursday, before he preaches.

The theme from this year's conference is taken from Pastor Sheryl Brady's new book, *You Have It In You!: Empowered to do the Impossible*. Like the annual "Woman, Thou Art Loosed!" conference, Brady's book encourages readers to embrace their gifts, muster up courage, define their purpose and pursue it heartily.

20th Anniversary Book Announced

A special 20th anniversary edition of Jakes' best-selling book, *Woman, Thou Art Loosed!*, which began as a Bible study

series and has since launched into the book, stage play, film and conference series, will also be available at the conference.

The conference will also feature the annual "Girl Talk" panel discussion, which will be held on Friday, Oct. 5, at 9:30 a.m. at Phillips Arena. This "for ladies only" session uses "real talk" to address various issues relating to women such as health, mental wellness, empty nest syndrome, career mapping and starting anew.

The "Woman, Thou Art Loosed!" conference seating in Phillips Arena is sold out, however limited overflow seating is available in the Georgia World Congress Center.