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FLOURISH WOMENS  
CONFERENCE 2024

# Schedule

**8.30-9.00**      Arrival and Registration

**9.00-10.30**    Session 1

**10.30- 11.00**   Morning Tea

**11.00-12.30**   Session 2

**12.30-1.30**     Lunch

**1.30-3.00**      Session 3

## **Our Speaker, Maaike Prins**

Maaike is passionate about working with christian women to encourage, inspire and teach them how to better understand the truths of God's Word in order to live joyful, abundant, purposeful lives that bring great glory to God. Maaike honed her ministry and leadership skills as a CMS Gospel Worker in Cambodia for more than 17 years with her family and on return in 2021 worked on staff at TTG Anglican Church with women and children.

Maaike is now using her gifts in the classroom as a secondary school teacher and is also launching a christian coaching practice to teach christian women the tools of renewing their minds and getting unstuck from whatever is holding them back from living abundantly for Christ.

You can find her at Abundant Life School on Facebook.

**Welcome** to Flourish Conference – we are so pleased to have you with us today. We pray you will enjoy this special time to reflect and grow in your walk with Jesus alongside your Christian sisters here.

Each one of us is deeply beloved by God, created by him for love, and to love. As God pours out his immeasurable love on us in Christ, his Spirit then empowers us to love one another. May you be assured of God's love today, and may he speak deeply, tenderly to your heart as Maaïke teaches us from his Word.

We pray that you will be encouraged and inspired as we learn, grow, sing, and share the joy of being together as women who love Jesus.

## Book Recommendations

**Identity Theft: Reclaiming the Truth of Who We Are in Christ**

*By Melissa Kruger, editor (The Gospel Coalition, 2018)*

**Love Walked Among Us: Learning to Love Like Jesus**

*By Paul E. Miller (NavPress, 2014)*

**Being the Bad Guys: How to Live for Jesus in a World That Says  
You Shouldn't**

*By Stephen McAlpine (The Good Book Company, 2021)*

# Songs

## **He is Our God**

*by Bob Kauflin, Jon Althoff*

## **You Stand Alone**

*by Neil DeGraide, George Romanacce, Dale Bischof*

## **From Everlasting (Psalm 90)**

*by Lacy Hudson, Lisa Clow*

## **Christ Our Hope in Life and Death**

*by Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Matt Papa*

## **God So Loved**

*by Ed Cash, Scott Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, Andrew Bergthold*

## **This is the One**

*by Alanna Glover and Liv Chapman*

## **Lead Us in Your Truth**

*by James McDonald, Alanna Glover, Philip Percival*

## **Jesus is Alive**

*by Michael Farren, Tiarne Tranter, Jaywan Maxwell, Jesse Reeves,  
Niki Shepherd, James Tealy*

## **Here We Stand**

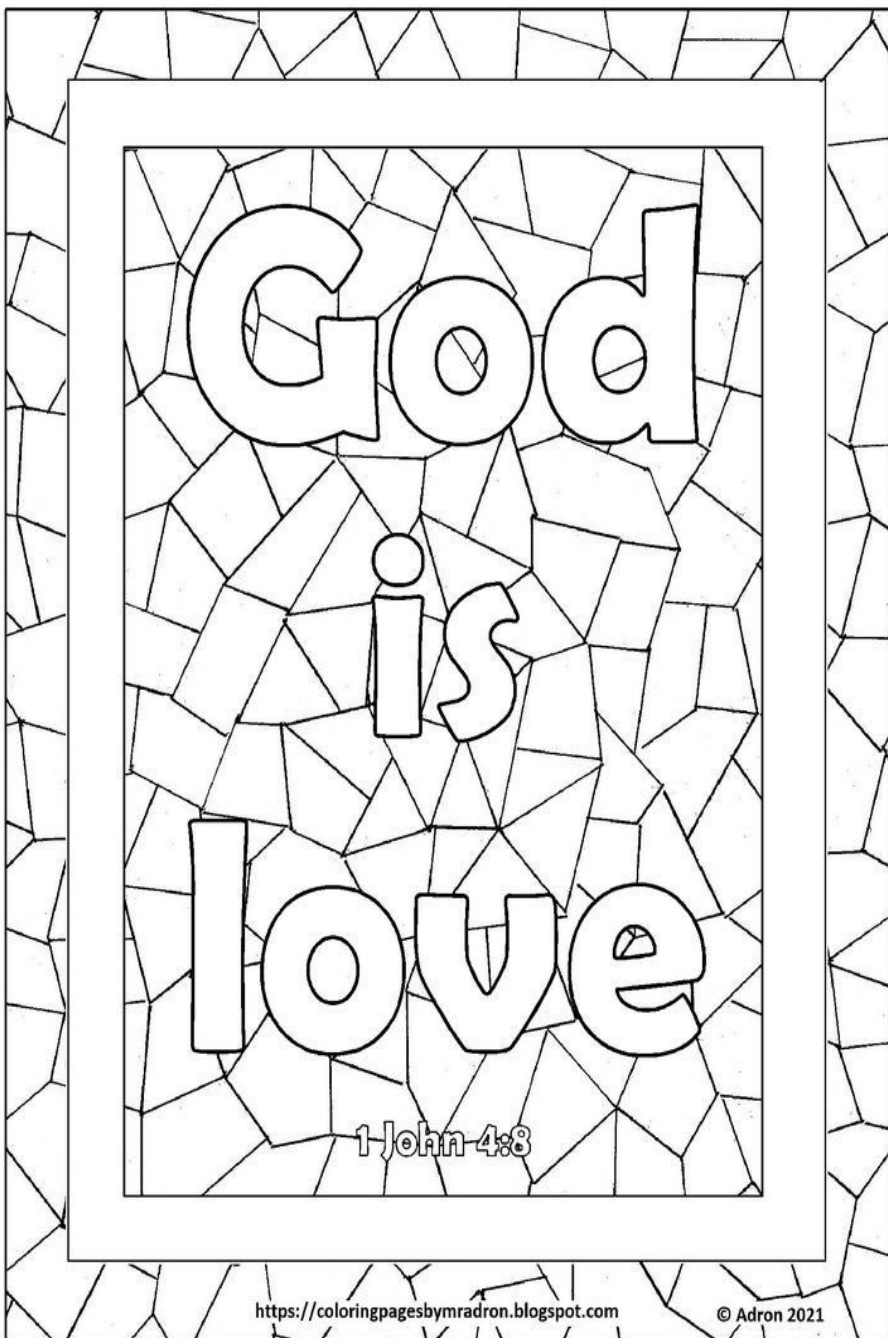
*by Sam Brewster, Niki Shepherd, Alanna Glover, Tom Brewster*

## **We Are One**

*by Claire Williams, Alanna Glover*

## **Lead Us in Your Truth**

*by James McDonald, Alanna Glover, Philip Percival*



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# 1 John 4

**4** Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup> This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup> but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

<sup>4</sup> You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. <sup>5</sup> They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup> We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

<sup>13</sup> This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. <sup>16</sup> And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. <sup>17</sup> This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

<sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister. NIV®

# **SESSION #1 - Created BY love**

## **THE LOVE OF THE FATHER**

Scripture focus - 1 John 4:8-16

### **INTRODUCTION**

The spirit of the age

The context and background of 1 John

An eye witness



## GOD IS LOVE

What does that even mean?

1. Love is \_\_\_\_\_ to God's nature

2. God's love is \_\_\_\_\_ love

3. God's love is \_\_\_\_\_ love

4. God's love is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ love

# **WORKSHOP TIME**

## **OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST**

## SO NOW WHAT?

1 Be INTENTIONAL

2. Be CONFIDENT

3. Be OBEDIENT and REPENTANT

4. DESIRE God

5. WORSHIP GOD

## Romans 5:12-21

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

<sup>13</sup> To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law.

<sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

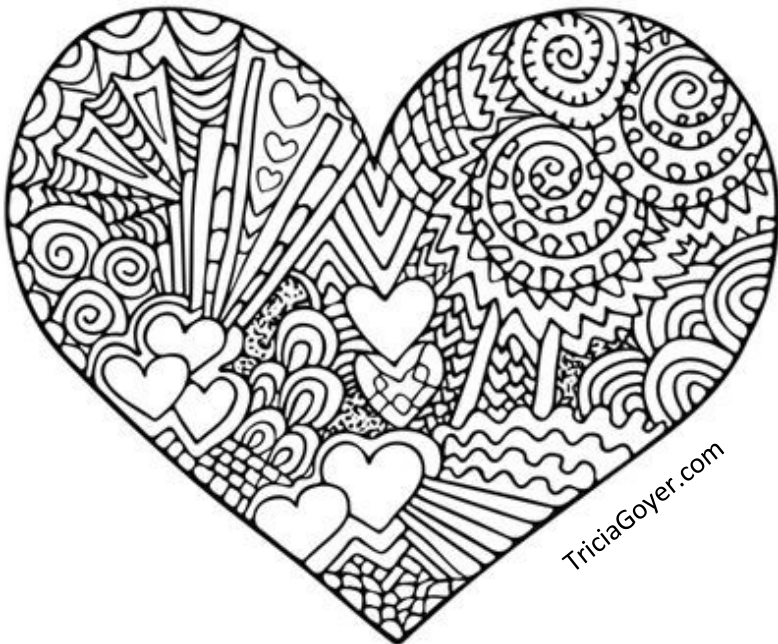
<sup>15</sup> But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! <sup>16</sup> Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. <sup>17</sup> For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

<sup>18</sup> Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

<sup>20</sup> The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, <sup>21</sup> so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. NIV®

## Romans 8:1-4

**8** Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. NIV®



# No Condemnation

# SESSION #2 - Created FOR love

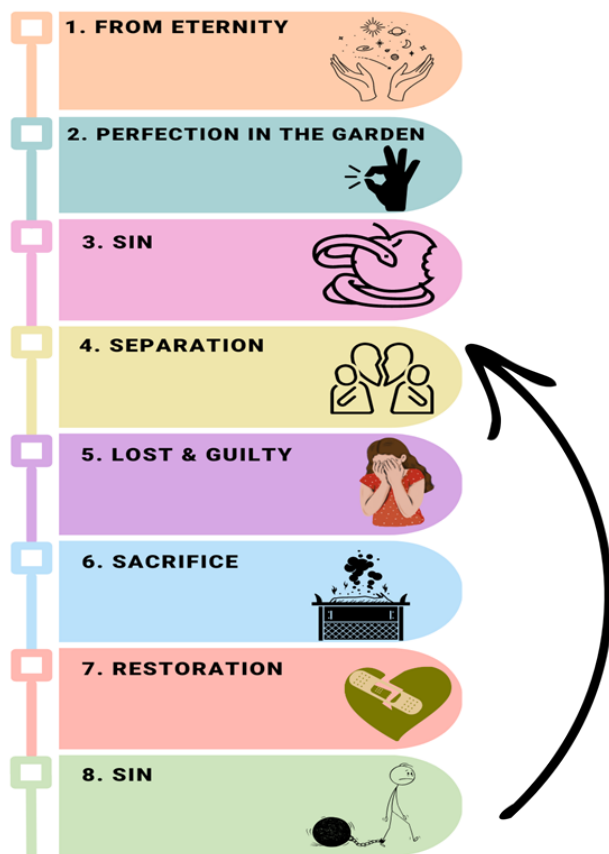
## THE WORK OF THE SON

Scripture focus - 1 John 4:11-12, 19-21

Romans chapters 5 & 8

John 3:16

### OLD TESTAMENT TIMELINE



# **WORKSHOP TIME**

## **THE REALITY OF THE COST**

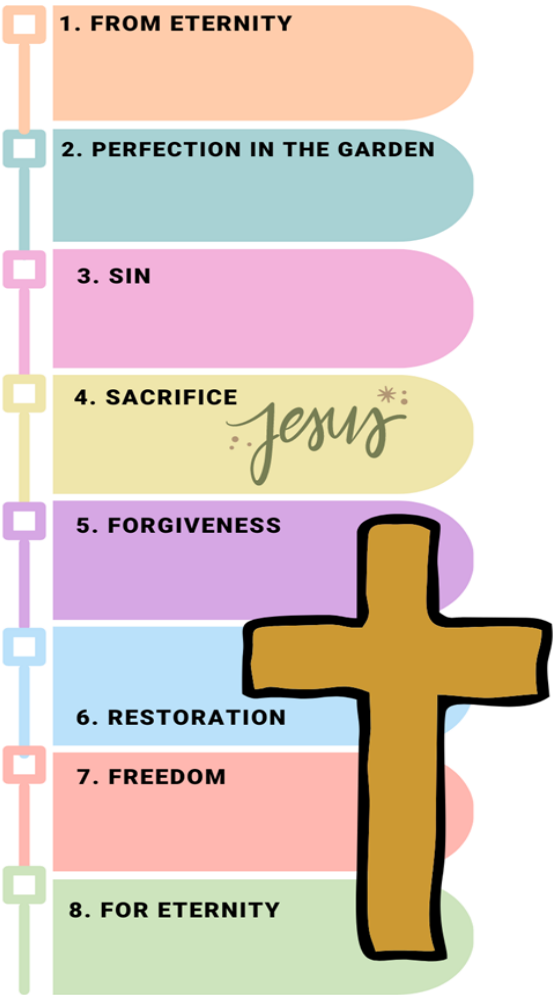
As a group around your table take some time to share your thoughts about the reality of what you've heard so far. Possible things to discuss might be:

1. What is uncomfortably confronting about the sacrificial system?
2. Why did the sacrificial system have to include the shedding of blood and the death of the animal?
3. Can you imagine the reality of that bloody, noisy, intense scene as the animals were sacrificed? What might we be missing today in our understanding of the sacrifice of Jesus?

## **OTHER THOUGHTS**

AND THEN JESUS

NEW TESTAMENT  
TIMELINE





# WORKSHOP TIME

## THE REALITY OF THE COST

Discuss together in your groups

### ***The love of God rescued us from the wrath of God***

You may choose to use the following prompts to get you thinking.

- In what ways is this hard to understand?
- How does this show you better how much you are loved by God?
- How does this fact help you to love God more?

## SO THEREFORE ...

1. You have infinite \_\_\_\_\_
2. You have a clear \_\_\_\_\_
3. Assurance of \_\_\_\_\_
4. You have an incredible \_\_\_\_\_
5. Nothing can \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_ to God
8. Hope; \_\_\_\_\_ and for \_\_\_\_\_

## Galatians 5:22-26

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other. NIV®



# 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**13** If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

<sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

<sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. NIV®

# **SESSION #3 - Created TO love**

## **THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Scripture focus - 1 John 4: 11-12 and 19-21

Galatians 5:22-23

1 Cor 13: 1-8a

### **Created to love God**

### **Created to love others**

## **WHAT IS IT?**

Four categories of loving others

1.

2.

3.

4.

## **WHY DO WE LOVE OTHERS?**

In obedience to God's command

As an expression of God's love for us

To demonstrate that God exists in the world

## **HOW IT IS GENERATED?**

## **WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE?**

SACRIFICIAL

COSTLY

PRACTICAL

UNDESERVED

UNCONDITIONAL

## **SOME PRACTICAL THINGS TO ACTION (from John Piper)**

- 1. Have the mind of Christ**
- 2. Offer Christ's welcome**
- 3. Speak the words of Christ**
- 4. Show the love of Christ**
- 5. Give the grace of Christ**

# WORKSHOP TIME

## PUTTING LOVE INTO PRACTISE

Discuss the talk together in your groups. You may choose to use the following prompts to get you thinking.

What is the most challenging of the 5 action items for you personally? Why do you think that's the case?

When have you been the recipient of one of these and how did you experience love through it?

Which of the action items do you think is the most important one in your church context right now? Or in our Christian world today?



## CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

## **These church ministries may interest you:**

### **Sunday Church**

**8.30am** traditional service

**10am** relaxed family service (creche, Kids Church)

**6pm** evening service

Livestream links at [ttganglican.org.au](http://ttganglican.org.au)

### **Bible Study**

We have various women's groups who pray, study the Bible, and grow by applying it to our everyday walk with Jesus. These groups provide close Christian friendship and support. Tuesdays 9-11.30am includes a female Bible speaker, small study groups and creche. Tuesday evening runs from 7-9pm, and Wednesday from 10-11.30am. All are held at the church. Contact: Danielle Maude on 0422 878 330

### **Women's Art and Craft**

A friendly supportive group, we provide teaching in various mediums for women of all ages and skill levels. We meet each Thursday in the church hall: alternating 10-11.30 am one week, 7.30-9pm next week. Come for whichever time or art project interests you - bring a friend! Contact: Carole Weller on 0402 056 093

### **SWAT Youth**

Runs 7-9pm Fridays, during school terms. Welcoming youth in Years 7-12, we enjoy games, supper, Bible talk and time to hang out together. Contact: Dave Brown on 0403 723 953

### **Kids Club**

Runs 3.30-5pm Fridays, during school terms. Kids in Years R-6 have fun together with games, afternoon tea, Bible talks and crafts. Contact: Gabi Maude on 0437 993 245

## THANKYOU!!

A big thankyou to all who helped organise Flourish Conference and to those who served us so willingly today.

Special thanks to Gabi and the wonderful music/tech teams, Kylie for the beautiful catering, Sally-Jane and Iris for our show bags and for so many admin tasks behind the scenes, and Maaike for the prayer, preparation and love poured into our teaching sessions.

Thankyou to our MCs, Bible readers, book reviewers and those who shared testimonies of God's love in their lives.

Amy Colangelo is the talented creator of the beautiful crocheted hearts we've each received – you can see more on Instagram: [@thecraftydragonsapothecary](https://www.instagram.com/thecraftydragonsapothecary).

So many women had a hand in bringing us together today. You are all very much appreciated, and God has used your gifts and servant hearts to bless us!



