



# Yvonne Ortega

Moving from Broken to Beautiful™

Yvonne believes as long as we have breath, there's hope we can move from broken to beautiful. With honesty and humor, she shares her life and struggles to help women move from broken to beautiful.



Yvonne serves in Stonecroft Ministries as the Regional Speaker Trainer of VA and as a speaker. She also serves on the Advisory Board of Christians in Recovery and formerly served on the board of Kairos Prison Ministry at the Virginia Correctional Center for Women.

Yvonne's background as a licensed professional counselor gives her a unique perspective on the heart of women and adds depth and humor to her presentations. She speaks from experience and always draws her audience back to God and the Bible.

She is the author of ***Moving from Broken to Beautiful: 9 Life Lessons to Help You Move Forward*** and of ***Finding Hope for Your Journey through Breast Cancer***. She has taught writing at the Colorado Christian Writers Conference, the Greater Philly CWC, and others. Yvonne is a member of the National Speakers Association and the Advanced Writers and Speakers Association. She is a graduate of the Advanced Speak Up Seminar, the Christian Communicators Conference, CLASSeminar, and Proverbs 31 Ministries She Speaks Conference.

## What People are Saying

*"Yvonne Ortega delivers a passionate message of deliverance and forgiveness. Her journey through divorce, breast cancer, and the death of a child have strengthened her faith and resolve in a way that will encourage and motivate you to stand up and shout for Christ."*

**-Sherry Boykin, Adjunct Faculty, Baptist Bible College and Seminary, Clarks Summit, PA**

*"As a survivor of breast cancer and domestic abuse, Licensed Counselor Yvonne Ortega understands the deep heartaches of life. But when she stands to speak, you see a beautiful spokesperson, not a broken victim. Her powerful messages of hope and healing are filled with the truths of God's Word skillfully delivered with transparency, practical application, and a dash of humor."*

**-Vonda Skelton, Speaker & Author and Founder, Christian Communicators Conference**

*"Yvonne Ortega is a lady of passion and commitment, who relates to her audiences at a deep and meaningful level. I was honored to share a speaking platform with her and hope to again in the future."*

**-Kathi Macias, Author & Speaker, California**

*"Yvonne Ortega is an amazing example of God's love. We have been blessed by having her speak at our women's events and look forward to hearing her again at our upcoming retreat."*

**-Katherine Pope, Women's Ministry Coordinator, Seaford Baptist Church, Seaford, VA**

*"What an awesome, powerful and inspiring message on how God takes our lives and makes them whole, and how very much He loves every one of us."*

**-Bonnie L. Alford, Chair, Rocky Mount, NC Christian Women's Connection**

*"Yvonne Ortega was so uplifting in how she explained how the Lord carried her through the trials of life and made her stronger in His love. She was funny, clear and inspiring. I would recommend any group that wants the word spoken through a healed life to have Yvonne speak for them."*

**-Theresa Young, Chair, After Five Women's Connection, Virginia Beach, VA**

## Yvonne's Speaking Topics in English and Spanish

### **Moving from Broken to Beautiful™**

In an imperfect world with imperfect people, we suffer setbacks, sickness, and heartaches. Yvonne uses personal examples and the truth of the Bible to help women:

- ❖ Exchange their shattered dreams for the promises of God.
- ❖ Replace sadness and sorrow with God's joy.
- ❖ Live a life of praise.

### **Moving from Fear to Freedom in Christ**

Fear can paralyze us. It can also rob us of sleep and health. Yvonne uses examples from her own life and the truth of God's Word to encourage women to:

- ❖ Develop ways to identify their fears.
- ❖ Diminish their lack of confidence and embrace their identity in Christ.
- ❖ Reduce fear and doubt and increase God's power and peace.

### **Christmas: Get off the Emotional Roller Coaster and Celebrate Christ's Birthday**

Expectations and excesses can cause us to ignore the meaning of Christmas. Yvonne will encourage women to:

- ❖ Overcome their unrealistic expectations of others.
- ❖ Stop striving to be Wonder Woman in Disney World.
- ❖ Embrace the Christ of Christmas.

### **Moving from Broken to Beautiful™ through Forgiveness**

Since we don't have alligator skin and a heart of stone, people will hurt us especially those closest to us. We also make mistakes in life and hurt others. Yvonne uses personal anecdotes and the timeless truths of God to help women:

- ❖ Trade shame and guilt for God's grace to forgive themselves.
- ❖ Overcome anger and bitterness and with God's power forgive others.
- ❖ Gain the freedom of forgiveness and break free from the prison of the past.

### **Seeking God's Will**

Sometimes we mistake a need for God's calling. Other times we assume we know God's Will for us but have no assurance. Yvonne shares her life experiences and God's Word to challenge women to:

- ❖ Please God instead of people.
- ❖ Establish specific steps to seek God's Will.
- ❖ Experience God's best.

### **Stand Firm**

This presentation is a wonderful conclusion to a weekend retreat and allows time for the women to give testimonies of what God has spoken to them over the weekend. Always leading women back to God's Word, Yvonne challenges women to:

- ❖ Depart from the mountaintop and live in the valley.
- ❖ Evaluate how they give to the Lord's work at home and elsewhere.
- ❖ Switch their focus from earthly rewards to heavenly ones.

See Yvonne's website at [www.yvonneortega.com](http://www.yvonneortega.com) for other topics. Yvonne would be delighted to craft new messages for your group. Please allow four to six months advanced booking for her to do so.

Yvonne can present any combination of the above topics of your choosing as a weekend retreat or conference package.

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