



Yvonne Ortega's Long Speaker Bio

Yvonne Ortega speaks with honesty and humor as she shares her life and struggles through presentations that help women find peace, purpose, and power. Her background as a licensed professional counselor gives her a unique perspective into the heart of women. Her counseling experiences in jails, prisons, and outpatient services add depth and humor to her presentations, as do her years of teaching mostly high school and college Spanish. Her presentations are interactive and down-to-earth with plenty of application for the audience.

For Yvonne, hope and healing are more than theories from a textbook. She has survived and thrived after breast cancer, divorce, single parenting, car accidents, and multiple family losses within seven months of one another including the loss of her only child.

Yvonne is also a speaking and writing coach and the owner of Moving from Broken to Beautiful®, LLC. She is the author of four books: *Finding Hope for Your Journey through Breast Cancer*, *Moving from Broken to Beautiful: 9 Life Lessons to Help You Move Forward*, *Moving from Broken to Beautiful® through Forgiveness*, and *Moving from Broken to Beautiful® through Grief*.

Based in Virginia, Yvonne holds an undergraduate degree in Spanish and English, a Master of Arts in Teaching with a Specialization in Spanish from Alliant University in San Diego, CA, and a Master of Education from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA.

Yvonne is a member of the Advanced Writers and Speakers Association (AWSA), the Christian Author Network (CAN), the National Speakers Association (NSA), where she serves her third term as secretary in the NSA Virginia Chapter, and Toastmasters International, where she served as an Area Director for District 66, and is the president of her local Toastmasters club.

For three years, she served as Regional Speaker Trainer of Virginia for Stonecroft and in Kairos Prison Ministry.

In her free time, Yvonne loves to go to the beach, walk barefooted in the sand, and listen to the waves. She also enjoys reading and traveling.