NORM WAKEFIELD

Convention Keynote Speaker



Greetings Convention Speaker Coordinators,

I would like to introduce the ministry God has laid on my heart this year for families who are homeschooling their children. Alma and I began homeschooling in 1984. I've been speaking at state and international homeschool conventions since 1992. I am founder and Executive Director of The Spirit of Elijah Ministries International, whose mission is to build up the local church by equipping His children to live the gospel and turn their hearts toward God and their children.

Please take a few moments to read through the message descriptions on the following pages. The messages are grounded in Scripture and presented (by God's grace) in the power of the Holy Spirit. Each message comes from decades of experience with homeschool families and study of the Scriptures. They have been presented with life-changing results. I share from a pastor's and father's heart with an emphasis on and trust in a experiential relationship with Jesus Christ.

After the message descriptions, I have also included some comments from state homeschool convention coordinators with whom I have worked and who have had me as a keynote speaker.

For your information, I do not have a set speaking fee. Whatever honorarium you decide will go to Elijah Ministries rather than to me individually. I do ask, if possible, for my travel expenses, lodging, a booth space to be provided. However, if your budget does not allow for that, we will consider covering those expenses, trusting God to provide. Thank you for considering me as a speaker for your 2021 Homeschool Convention. You can learn more about me and Elijah Ministries at www.spiritofelijah.com.

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Message Descriptions



How to Build a Foundation of Faith in Your Children

One of the goals of Christian home education is to lay foundations for faith that will stand the tests of life. You'll learn how to teach your children to draw near to Christ and hold fast to the foundational tenets of the Christian faith.

The Transforming Power of Love in Your Home

The Apostle Paul wrote that the goal of his instruction was love, and that ought to be the same for our instruction at home. You'll learn the difference between the world's kind of love and God's kind of love as well as three powerful, relationshiptransforming thoughts about loving your children.

Homeschooling from a Heavenly Perspective

What makes Christian home education distinct from other educational philosophies is the perspective from which we teach and live-a heavenly perspective. You'll lear how to live in heaven while you are on the earth and bring the presence, perspective, and power of God near to your children as you live your life before them and teach them daily.

The Power of Humility in Parenting

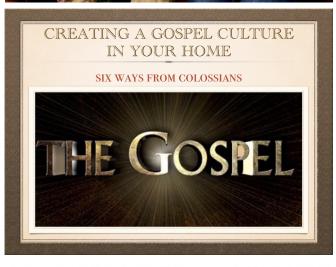
When parents display humility, their children are attracted not only to them, but to Christ. You'll be encouraged as you see the power of humility in the lives of Jesus Christ and the Apostle Paul. You'll learn how you can grow in humility and add tremendous value to your relationship with your children.

The Most Powerful Words





or husbands when they act like one?





The Most Powerful Words You Can Say

Do you know what the most powerful words are that you can say to your children? God said them to all of the Hebrew fathers. Then He said them repeatedly through His Son to His disciples. These words will encourage your hearts and fill you with faith as you homeschool and disciple your children. (By the way, it's not, "I love you.")

What's a Mom to Do with Teenage Sons?

Blossoming young men can be very challenging to a mother. What's a mom to do with her son's seeming disrespect? How should she correct him? Does there come a time when a mom can no longer tell her son what to do? Wives have similar questions about relating to their husbands. What's a mom or wife to do? Norm provides answers to these questions and more.

How to Create a Gospel Culture in Your Home

Every family has its own culture which is created by the parents. It consists of shared attitudes, values, goals, and activities. What kind of culture are you creating in your home? Is it gospelcentered? Norm shares 6 ways from Colossians that will help you create a gospel culture in your home.

The Calling Out of Sons

Dads, do you know how to call out your son into manhood? Why is it important? What happens if you don't do it? There are insights into how to call out your sons in the gospel. You'll learn how our heavenly Father calls out His sons which will give you vision for leading our sons.

Resources Produced

- Books
 - Live to Love: Experience Freedom and Joy in Relationships
 - Anchored in Christ: The Solid Rock in the Storms of Life
 - What's a Man to Do?: Wisdom from Above
 - 5 book men's study: Walking Worthy Series
- Audio/Visual
 - Equipping Men: Practical Tools for Life's Issues
 - Rising to the Call
 - Raised Up With Christ
 - Teenagers 101
 - Unshakable Faith
 - Marriage for God's Glory
 - Making Much of Jesus in Marriage
 - Looking Up: A Study of 1 Peter
 - Becoming Like Christ: A study of John 13-17
 - On Fire for the Gospel

Recommendations from Homeschool Leaders

"It has been our family's pleasure to have known Norm Wakefield and his family for nearly 24 years. In that time we have been blessed by his ministry, not only personally, but in our church family as well, as he has spoken at our church in west Kentucky several times over the years. But it's his family ministry, particularly at homeschool conferences that has been a cornerstone for him. Norm's messages to families are the product of a mature relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. His ministry is straight from his immersion in and study of the Word, and his deep love for his Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord has led him to a ministry of grace that we have seen impact many lives first-hand. We have been at numerous conferences that Norm has spoken at, with our own family business, Rhino Technologies (provider of audio and video production and duplication). We have spoken with countless individuals at our booth who have attested to the conviction of the Holy Spirit and the Lord's moving anew in their lives from having heard one or more of Norm's messages. It isn't Norm who has impacted their lives, but rather the Lord. And as our world and culture are in such desperate need of the Lord, we feel that Norm would be a strong addition to any conference, and we recommend him without reservation." Mark Reinhardt, Rhino Technologies

"Encouraging. Refreshing. Inspiring. Helpful. These are words that came up again and again in the follow-up survey for the 2015 OCHEC Leadership Conference. The highlight of the conference was the guest speaker, Norm Wakefield. Norm humbly offered the group what God has been showing him in scripture about what it means for God to be with us. Our confidence is not in ourselves (in our experience, wonderful abilities, or knowledge) but it is in God, who will teach us and show us all the things we need to know in our roles as parents and leaders." Betty Smith, OCHEC

"California attendees tell us they appreciate Norm Wakefield's sessions because he challenges and encourages them by preaching the Word and consistently referring to the Bible as the final authority." Susan Beatty, CHEA of CA

"I have known Norm Wakefield for almost 20 years now. I have had him speak at all our New York conventions as well as other statewide events. He is a humble servant of God who has been a gifted teacher and speaker for so many years. I cannot more highly recommend our brother to other state leaders. He will bless, encourage and edify your people. My entire family has been ministered to by Norm's heart after God. Feel free to contact me at 516.315.4909." Rev. Rudy Hugo, President, New York State - Loving Education at Home

"Clearly Norm's emphasis is on God's Word. He met and prayed with our Board and personally ministered to many of our attendees. We were able to see his heart for the Lord as well as the homeschoolers of our state. One participant said, 'Norm Wakefield's topics were exactly what we needed in our lives right now; exactly what God had for us.' Another added, 'Norm Wakefield's *What's a Mother to Do?* lecture was fantastic!' We've had many speakers over the years. Norm is the best because it's always for God's glory!"

Doug Lipscombe, Conference Coordinator, Mississippi Home Educators Association

"We had Norm Wakefield as our keynote speaker for our 2015 conference in Kansas City. What a glimpse into the love God has for us as His children. We can repeat, 'Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so,' but Norm gets to the heart of the issue in *The Transforming Power of Love*. It was quite convicting and uplifting at the same time. How refreshing to be challenged to love with God's kind of love and to hear real life examples of how to flesh it out. His messages were simple and profound at the same time. I would heartily recommend Norm for your conference, retreat or special event. You will be edified." Todd Kangas, President, Midwest Parent Educators