## Women of Words Survivor-Temptation Island Event

I would like to give a little history about *Women of Words* and how it was created. In 2013, God saw fit for me to share my life experiences with other women, to show them how He allowed me to overcome my adversities and conquer my trials.

*Women of Words Self-help Support Group* is a faith-based group that allows for the empowerment of women through sharing of our words and life experiences. We seek to help other women who are broken by particular issues, illness, and circumstances, to let them know they are not alone, to be understood, and to help them grow in their faith.

God gave me a vision to help women learn strategies to combat and resist temptation. And this is exactly what happened when we used the <u>Survivor-Temptation Island Event</u> with Women of Words - Upper Room Ministry of Killeen, Texas, and the ladies of Kingdom Builders International Ministries of Temple, Texas. Our event took place April 1-3, 2016 at the Guadalupe River Tree House in New Braunfels, Texas.

Day One: Upon arriving, we began our real challenge: shopping at the local Wal-Mart! Imagine eight women, who love to cook, in Wal-Mart with shopping carts, with the goal of putting together meals for two days. Can you say "Move out of my way, were on a mission"? After leaving Wal-Mart, we arrived at our *Tree House*, unpacked, and then made our *Survivor-Temptation Island* name tags and bracelets (see pictures, below), while two other women prepared our meal for the night—a night of dinner and a movie. We watched *Temptation* by Tyler Perry. After the movie, the floor was open for discussion.

Day Two: Our *Survivor-Temptation Island* challenges began with a beautiful breakfast and prayer, followed by various games, activities, and group Bible discussion. After much needed rest, we adjourned for lunch in preparation of our final game of the day. The final game consisted of answering Bible trivia questions, which allowed us to see we have all been tempted by the enemy, yet we're never alone in the quest to conquer our temptations. And by hiding God's word in our hearts and applying it to our lives, we have authority over the forces of the Evil One. *No weapon formed against us shall prosper!* Our day ended with another evening of movies, snacks, and a walk to the lake, as well as playing a game of horseshoes.

Day Three: departure, a morning filled with warm hugs, and goodbyes, while expressing happiness and sadness at the same. It was truly a blessing to see a group of women working together in unity!



Our <u>Survivor-Temptation Island</u> nametags



Our <u>Survivor-Temptation Island</u> Bracelets



One of the Survivor-Temptation Island game challenges!



The game is on!

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