

# Bethany (Bep) Bousema-Reeves

## *Beauty for Ashes Ministry - Isaiah 61:1-3*

Thanks for checking out my speaking ministry information! I hope you find it to be helpful in giving you a glimpse of my calling and experience in speaking, teaching, and worship leading! I love to partner in all types of speaking and worship leading events such as youth, marriage and family, women's retreats, church service events, and hospital/business events to name a few! I speak in both the secular and non-secular arenas alike to promote Christian principles simply by displaying the humbleness of Christ whenever possible! I bless you in this very moment as you prepare to scope out my speaking profile, I and welcome you to contact me to chat about partnering with you! May God bless and keep you always, Bep

*Inspirational  
Speaker,*



*Teacher, and  
Worship Leader*

*"Bethany is a gifted speaker who has the passion and message that people need to hear. Her experience with her husband's illness and death has given her an urgency to challenge Christians and non-Christians of the seriousness of knowing and understanding who Jesus is and to live out a life committed to Him."*

**Bob Cleveringa, Dir. of Youth Ministries, Synod of the Heartland, Orange City, Iowa**

*"Bep is a dynamic speaker gifted in revealing passion and truth. She has a way of reaching into a person's soul and touching it with the Holy Spirit. Bethany has not walked an easy road, but she has embraced the challenges God has placed before her. She has the ability to go deep using humor and honesty. Her story, love for Jesus, and talent to speak will leave your audience feeling empowered by the Holy Spirit, inspired to seek truth and captivated by the sheer love Jesus Christ has for them."*

**Kristin Franken, Sioux Center, Iowa**

*"The kids in my youth group asked to have Bethany come and speak during our youth Sunday service. She had their attention... and mine! Bethany speaks from her heart and Jesus is living there for sure! Her Bible is her platform! God is using Bethany in some pretty amazing ways! She inspires her audience to let the Holy Spirit come in and be a presence in their lives!"*

**Jennifer Taylor, Rock Valley, Iowa**



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### *Snapshot*

I am a 31 year old seminary student at the Sioux Falls Seminary, and I also hold a master's degree as a professional educator. I love all things that associate themselves with learning, especially when it pertains to God's Word. I taught middle school English for five years before I submitted to the calling to enter into full time ministry preparation. My previous teaching career and my ministry career have been incredible blessings! I have been called Bep since the day I was born...it's a long story! I was married to an incredibly Godly man named Justin who passed away six years ago. I will forever praise the Lord for the gift of knowing him! Just this year God showed his divine faithfulness in allowing me to marry again! My new husband Corbett and I now reside in Norwalk, Iowa with our two hooligans, Kathryn (age 12) and Will (age 10). God displays a deeper measure of his love to me through Corbett and our kids on daily basis!

On the Meyers-Briggs Personality Test I am an ENFP (The "squeeze every drop out of life / Champion). I'm a high extrovert and very personable. Some of my top strengths according to other assessments include WOO (Winning Others Over) 2. Creative Communication 3. Leadership 4. Hospitality 5. Belief 6. Teaching 7. Maximizing potential. I have many passions in life - teaching, speaking, writing, prayer/worship, and evangelism rank among the top. My hope is to utilize my passions, mainstreaming them in the pursuit of following God's calling to partner with the Holy Spirit to do His kingdom work in the realms of speaking and teaching, educational opportunity, and ministry goals.

As a speaker I tend to be pretty versatile with various age groups and crowd dynamics, and I love to incorporate drama and singing into my sessions if possible. You will find me to be pretty energetic and hard hitting-hopefully in a Spirit filled way. At the age of 25 my life was forever changed when my first husband's faith was made sight after he valiantly fought a grueling illness. In the last six years since his death God has given me a platform to speak HIS name! I have spoken to thousands of people about the redemption and restoration of Jesus in the midst of brokenness. I desire to utilize my passion and humor to reach young and old alike with a variety of spiritual teaching topics. My testimony and teachings are filled with tears of sorrow and joy, and I cry them all for the glory of the Lord - for it is a testimony about Jesus- and He is STILL writing it for me! I pray that my story will leave you with a desire to seek God's will for your life and passion to live a life of unconditional worship for His glory.

### *Education*

\***Sioux Falls Seminary**, Sioux Falls, SD. Pursuing a Master of Divinity Degree-Pastoral (Current Student)

\***Morningside College**, Sioux City, IA. Master of Arts in Teaching-Professional Educator Degree (2011 Graduate)

\***University of South Dakota**, Vermillion, SD. Bachelor of Science -Elementary Education Degree (2006 Graduate)

## *Speaking Experience*

The following are just some of the speaking engagements that I have partnered in. I have had the privilege to speak to an estimated 30,000 people in the last 6 years. While not all engagements are listed I hope this will give you a good idea of my speaking experience.

- \*RiseFest Festival seminar speaker with Rise Ministries
- \*ELCA Women's Conferences
- \*Numerous pulpit supply services for various churches and special service events
- \*Destiny Youth Ranch weekend women's retreat
- \*GEMS Girls Camp –Christian Reformed Church of America
- \*HIS Youth Camp speaker–Alcoa, Tennessee
- \*Power Connection youth event speaker –Reformed Church of America
- \*Teens Encounter Christ youth weekends
- \*Dordt College seminar speaker –Sioux Center, Iowa
- \*Relay for Life speaker- American Cancer Society
- \*Guest Speaker for Hospice program and various services
- \*Numerous middle school and high school chapel services
- \*Spiritual emphasis week guest speaker-numerous schools
- \*Sanford Hospital guest speaker
- \*Avera McKennan Hospital guest speaker



*Visit my personal ministry website where you can find clips of me speaking under the "Media" tab at [www.bepreeves.com](http://www.bepreeves.com).*

*Feel free to browse the Ebenezer Benevolent Fund Ministry that I run for people with life changing illness as well at [www.ebfministry.org](http://www.ebfministry.org). This ministry was established in memory of my late husband.*

## *Work Experience*

### **UnityPoint Hospice, Des Moines, Iowa (Present)**

\*Hospice Chaplain \*Loving others through the end of life

### **First Reformed Church, Rock Rapids, Iowa (Jan. 2012 – July 2013)**

\*Christian Education Director \*Managed all church programming birth-adult \*Responsible for pastoral care \*Planning and implementing worship \*Mentoring and teaching

### **Sheldon Community School District, Sheldon, Iowa (Aug. 2006 – May 2011)**

\*Seventh grade English teacher \*Responsible for educating and mentoring middle school students

### **Beyond School Adventures, Vermillion School District, Vermillion, South Dakota (Jan. 2003 - Aug . 2006)**

\*After school program base coordinator \*Responsible for caring for school age children \*Responsible for coordinating activities and events

### **School Age Child Care Program, Sioux Center School District, Sioux Center, Iowa (Aug . 2002 - Aug . 2003)**

\*After school program coordinator \*Responsible for caring for school age children \*Responsible for scheduling staff and coordinating activities and events

## *Volunteerism and Honors*

**\*Inspirational speaking/singing**-The Lord called me into speaking publically about the journey He has allowed me to walk. I've had the privilege of speaking at over 125 events to thousands of people. My prayer is that people might receive healing in the midst of brokenness. My life verse which often ties into my speaking is Isaiah 61:1-3. Please visit [www.bepreeves.com](http://www.bepreeves.com) to learn more.

**\*Ebenezer Benevolent Fund Ministry Founder** –EBFM is a non-profit ministry that strives to help individuals suffering from long-term illness through a prayer ministry and financial gifts. Our ultimate goal is to share the gospel in times of trial with individuals who are suffering. Please visit [www.ebfministry.org](http://www.ebfministry.org) to learn more.

**\*Church Participation** (American Ref. Church, Hull, IA) - Co-worship coordinator, children's teacher and choir director, praise team leader, adult leader for community youth retreats, youth mission trip sponsor.

**\*Rock The Block Community Outreach Coordinator**- Rock The Block is an annual contemporary music day and fundraising event at American Reformed Church in Hull, IA. Funds are donated to local agencies or individuals in need in the local community. My late husband and I started this ministry. I coordinated RTB for five years, until I left the church to pursue internship opportunities.

**\*Reformed Church in America Synod of the Heartland** -Power Connection Organizing Team and Rocky Mountain High Volunteer Staff.

**\*Community praise and worship team volunteer** -Harp and Bowl Praise and Worship Service, located at First Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa.

**\*Rise Ministries Committee Member** –Coordinator for the seminar speaker line-up for the 2012 RiseFest event.

\*Jerusalem University Study Abroad Program-full scholarship recipient-Jerusalem College-2012

\*Leadership Advancement Scholarship recipient- Sioux Falls Seminary-2012, 2013

\*Alfred Weisser Educational Ministries Award recipient-Sioux Falls Seminary-2013

## *Personal Interests and Passions*

**\*Speaking/Teaching/ Worship Leading**- I feel right at home in front of a crowd. The responsibility to preach the gospel and give life-giving truth by the power of the Holy Spirit through my life story of beauty for ashes is an incredible privilege.

**\*Education and Mentoring**- I am passionate about educational opportunities and teaching in all capacities. It is one of the greatest gifts we can give ourselves and others around us!

**\*Prayer**- I love being in ALL types of prayer with or without people. I tend to pray for people in random and crazy places... like the grocery store or the mall. I believe we need to equip prayer leaders to display this type of worship in ALL capacities of life!

**\*People**- I love talking to people in all walks of life about...anything really...but especially faith! I find great beauty in mentoring, evangelism/discipleship, and receiving people warmly. I believe in equipping others to go forth in the calling the Lord has upon them in whatever capacity that might be!

**\*Sappy movies** where nobody dies and someone gets kissed...I thought I'd throw this one in for kicks!

