



**More than 500 attendees from 21 nations and 30 US states challenged to reclaim culture in Atlanta at the 2008 Church in the Workplace Conference**

Atlanta - More than 500 attendees from 21 nations and 30 US states convened in Atlanta January 24-26 for the 2008 Church in the Workplace Conference on the theme,



*Reclaiming the 7 Mountains of Culture.* Hosted by Os and Angie Hillman and Marketplace Leaders, the conference cast a vision to men and women in the workplace as well as pastors, to reclaim our culture for Jesus Christ through a strategic focus to target the seven spheres or mountains of influence that include business, government, education, family, media, arts and entertainment, and the church.

Os Hillman and Lance Wallnau opened the conference after a powerful video presentation that laid the foundation for the vision of reclaiming the 7 mountains (you can view this at [www.Reclaim7Mountains.com](http://www.Reclaim7Mountains.com)). Hillman presented the basis for what the Bible says about reclaiming culture based on Deuteronomy 28 that describes God's intent for His people to be the head, not the tail in society. He emphasized that the body of Christ accomplished this only through extravagant service to individuals and society at large. He talked about the trend that "the evangelical church moved to a focus on the Gospel of Salvation versus the Gospel of the Kingdom as Jesus taught which impacted all spheres of society," Hillman also mentioned that the mountains are often controlled by a very few number of people. The media is actually controlled by less than 100 people according to an executive from one of the three major networks has been working with Hillman.

Lance Wallnau engaged the audience by helping them understand that cultures are changed when a tipping point occurs among small groups of people who have the ability to influence culture. Wallnau provided case studies where governments and even prisons were being transformed by the influence of only a few who were affecting the leaders in their sphere of influence. Wallnau also used the Hollywood film *Gladiator* to reinforce

the need to move as one in the body of Christ. His closing remarks in his sessions challenged and commissioned the people to understand the principle of moving *as one*.

Several examples of influence impacting the 7 mountains of influence were given by speakers like May-Lynn Chang, strategic marketing director for Walden Media, the Hollywood Film company that produced *Amazing Grace* and the *Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. She received the only standing ovation of all the speakers as she shared her life story, which is best represented by her statement that "a nobody that tells everybody about somebody that can save anybody." Ms. Chang inspired everyone with her humble story of adversity in pursuit of her call and how God allowed her to overcome this adversity.



Other messages from Katherine Leary of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, Chuck Stetson with the Bible Literacy Project, Colin Feirrer, and Randy Hicks dealing with the Family mountain, all encouraged the attendees greatly. The final session led by Doug Spada with His Church at Work encouraged the church leaders to understand what it really means to equip believers through the local church. Each of the presenters gave personal application from their sphere of influence and encouraged the attendees to do likewise. Their practical examples encouraged attendees to become engaged in taking their own mountains and seeking God for strategy.

One of the focuses that surfaced during the conference was the need to equip the next generation. On Saturday morning, a formal commissioning time of the under 30 year olds in attendance followed Os Hillman's sharing his personal story about his journey with his daughter. This led to an emotional time of prayer for the next generation to receive their inheritance as transformational leaders in the Kingdom of God.

Many of the attendees cited that this was the best conference they had ever attended. They were encouraged by the fresh insights given and the need to be engaged in our culture to transform society through Jesus Christ. As one attendee from Boston expressed for so many, "Words cannot express my gratitude for your ministry and how each of you have ministered to me at the conference. God met me there and spoke such powerful words to me through you all."

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For audio CDs and DVDs from the conference, visit [www.faithandworkresources.com](http://www.faithandworkresources.com). Also, please visit [www.Reclaim7Mountains.com](http://www.Reclaim7Mountains.com) for more information on the message of reclaiming the 7 mountains of culture and to view the video presentation.

## **Testimonies from 2008 Church in the Workplace Conference *Reclaiming the 7 Mountains of Culture***

*Great job on the event last weekend! MUCH will come out of the time everyone spent getting filled with fresh vision for God's Kingdom purposes. – Virginia*

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*We enjoyed the conference. It was life changing and powerful. I have been reading Rick Joyner's messages this year about a Mighty Army arising - this conference is part of that call to arise. One of the main things it helped us see is that **one** can make a difference. Thanks so much for your hard work, persistence, and vision. – Georgia*

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*We were ministered to mightily during your conference in many ways, blessed in many ways. This was a conference of many firsts. – Florida*

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*Congratulations on a very successful Church in the Workplace conference! It was well organized, had great content and will inspire great results.*

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*Thank you so much for hosting a fantastic conference. Frank and I were greatly blessed and inspired by it and we commend you for how you are allowing the Lord to operate this ministry through the 5-fold offices! – Hollywood, CA*

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*Please let Mr. Hillman know that The Upside of Adversity is really and truly allowing me to release some things. I prayed for the first time in (2) years last night. I am beginning to rebuild my relationship with God and I am thankful. –Conference Center Employee*

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*I forgot to mention that I was the guy who was witnessing to the French-speaking restaurant manager on Saturday afternoon at the hotel. You had walked up while he was asking some great questions about "Church and Work?" as you were getting more lunches. He picked up on so much of the stimulating dialogue overheard at the tables and from his staff. Others commented on how "delightfully different" and pleasant our conference group was to serve...what a great testimony. I guess we in the "remnant" are affecting culture all around us, all the time...awesome. - Missouri*