

Zan and Joe Tyler Speaking Topics

Homeschooling: The Unsung Revival

From teaching phonics to graduating teens, from refereeing fights to nurturing faith, our lives as homeschooling parents run the gamut from the very mundane to the very meaningful. In the midst of the mind-boggling demands of homeschooling and everyday life, we constantly need to remind ourselves that our work as homeschooling moms and dads has tremendous significance. Using the lessons of Scripture and history, this workshop will expand your vision of how God is using the homeschool movement, as well as your specific work as a homeschooling parent, to usher in revival.

7 Tools for Cultivating Your Child's Potential

When you look at your children, what do you see? Do you see little people making constant demands on your time, or do you see what God sees—lives brimming with possibilities? Author and homeschool mother Zan Tyler wants to take you beyond the demands of everyday life to embrace a life-giving vision for your children's future. You will learn to recognize the signs of potential in your children's lives—signs that are easy to miss yet ripe for cultivation. You will begin to see every facet of each child's life through the eyes of faith and the lens of Scripture. You will be inspired as you realize the crucial role you and your family play in shaping the identity and gifts of each child. The Master Gardener has given you powerful tools for cultivating your child's potential; don't miss this opportunity to discover what they are.

Raising Children to Be Intentional Christians in a “Whatever” World (Worldview Training)

Our children live in the midst of a secular culture facing a host of issues and moral dilemmas that we never had to deal with at their age. Because many children are not prepared to counter our culture, startling percentages of those raised in evangelical homes abandon their faith and beliefs as they move into adulthood. For this reason, training our children to develop a strong biblical worldview is one of the most important things we can do for them. Teaching them to think biblically about all areas of life equips them to become powerful thinkers, leaders, and communicators. Most importantly, it also gives staying power to their faith as they face opposition. In this session, Zan Tyler provides practical answers to the following questions:

- What is a biblical worldview and why is it crucial for my children?
- How can I teach worldview—especially if I don't understand it myself?
- How can I teach worldview to my elementary-aged children?
- How can studying the life of Daniel change my teenager's life?

Our goal as Christian homeschoolers must be bigger and broader than turning out kids with exceptional talent and high SAT scores. By incorporating worldview training, we

can better equip them to use their gifts to impact the world for Christ, help others by solving real problems, and bring glory to God in the process.

The Inspiring Task of Raising Servant Leaders

Teaching your children to love and serve others is the second most important principle you will ever teach them. This principle, in turn, provides the necessary foundation for training them to become leaders. Come to this workshop and learn how you can effectively teach the lessons of service and leadership in the midst of your already-full homeschool days. We will also discuss how to build powerful, life-changing service and leadership projects into your everyday lives. Be prepared to see your children come alive as they experience the joy of serving others!

Motivated Kids Move Mountains

Zig Ziglar helps us get to the heart of an important homeschooling matter with this statement about motivation, “People often say that motivation doesn’t last. Well, neither does bathing. That’s why we recommend it daily.” Infusing our children’s lives with motivation can be difficult in the midst of math, whining, sibling rivalry, mounds of laundry, and the daily demands of life. We can, however, refuse to get bogged down in the to-do lists of life and remember that homeschooling creates an environment where kids can become highly motivated in learning and in life. In this session, we will consider four powerful principles you can implement in your home today that will motivate your children to become mountain movers.

Ten Lessons I Learned on the Way to Jail

In 1984, the State Superintendent of Education told Zan Tyler that he could have her put in jail for homeschooling her son. Zan knew this was no idle threat. The shock and fear that riveted her and the imminent threat of being jailed forced her to count the costs of homeschooling and decide if it was really worth it. Zan learned some powerful lessons about fighting for freedom, family, and faith that remain pertinent today. Our nation is once again at a crossroads where the liberties we often take for granted are at stake. We must all continue to work to preserve life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, while intentionally raising up a new generation of freedom fighters. But how do we do that? Come to this session to be encouraged and equipped with powerful principles to share with your children and teens.

Talk with Me: How Conversation Stimulates Learning

In a traditional classroom environment, students have an average of eight to ten individual interactions with their teacher each day. In your homeschool, these verbal interactions can number in the hundreds and greatly enhance the education your children receive at home. Zan Tyler shares how the simple and free tool of conversation can help your children replace boredom during lessons with a motivation to learn. Discover why parents make the best teachers and capitalize on these strengths. Explore strategies to

minimize conflict in your home and promote camaraderie, enthusiasm, and learning with stimulating academics instead. Conversation is the key! Conversation IS core curriculum.

Life in the Fiery Furnace: How to Avoid Homeschool Burnout

Homeschooling places great demands on parents and leads to great expectations. This combination can set us up for an intense sense of failure and disappointment. Homeschooling doesn't always go according to our plans. Even when we are doing our best to follow God and love our families, we may find ourselves in the "fiery furnace," ready to throw in the towel. In this session, Zan Tyler explores the causes of burnout and shares ways to avoid them. This workshop contains many practical tips for streamlining your life. It also encourages a biblical vision for what you are ultimately trying to accomplish in your children's lives through homeschooling—a vision that will sustain you through the hard times and difficult days that are sure to come.

How God Uses Our Weaknesses and Limitations as Homeschool Moms

Do you ever have those moments of panic when you wonder if you are giving your children everything they need to succeed in life? Do you worry that you are inadequate for all that homeschooling requires of you? Do you ever wake up in the middle of the night plagued by the long list of important things that still need to be done—and know there will never be enough time in the day to accomplish them? In this session, we will discuss five areas that pose particular challenges to homeschool moms and be reminded that He always holds us in the palm of His hand. Join Zan and be encouraged by the God's promises of hope, strength, power, and help for those of us who are weary and imperfect.

Running the Homeschool Marathon: Ten Training Tips

Homeschooling is more like running a 26-mile marathon than a 100-yard dash. If you want to complete the race successfully, you must develop a training strategy that builds your strength, stamina, and vision and enables you to persevere until the end. We will discuss lofty topics like creating a powerful and sustaining vision. And we will look at down-to-earth topics like pacing yourself, choosing curriculum, and developing homeschool mentors and friends. Zan Tyler, who homeschooled her children for 21 years, provides training tips that will help you complete the God-given task of homeschooling and help you and your children "run with endurance the race that lies before us."

Happy at Home: Four Elements of a Superb Preschool Experience

The frenzied push for education begins earlier and earlier in today's society. In our world of preschool-mania, some parents pay hefty amounts to consultants who can help get their youngsters into just the right preschool. Other concerned parents are putting their preschoolers on waiting lists years in advance—sometimes even while the child is still in the womb! So what constitutes a meaningful preschool education that prepares a child for

a life of learning and significance? In this workshop, we will discuss learning theories as well as practical skills you can teach your children. We will also cover how to develop a love for books in even your most active little ones. Join Zan Tyler as she addresses four vital components of a superb preschool education—and be encouraged that home is indeed the ultimate preschool!

Pray for Your Children and Change the Course of History

In this workshop, Zan Tyler will focus on the powerful effects of parental prayer—prayer that changes lives and the course of history. As we follow Christ, we hear His call to lay down our lives for our children, to intercede for them, and to work on their behalf. Join Zan as she delves into Isaiah 45 to paint a picture of how God delivers us, works for us, and teaches us to pray, and how we can implement these same principles into the lives of our children. We will also consider how the homeschooling journey itself is an integral part of powerful intercessory prayer.

Finding Hope and Help When You Feel Overwhelmed

Do you ever struggle as a homeschool mom? God's Word provides hope, instruction, motivation, comfort, and real help! In this workshop, Zan Tyler opens the Bible to answer these questions:

- How can I seek God when I'm always surrounded by children?
- How can I overcome feeling intimidated or fearful about homeschooling?
- I know the Word of God is living, active, and powerful, but can it really help me deal with the overwhelming responsibilities and daily demands in my life as a homeschooling mom?
- I'm really struggling with homeschooling, choosing curriculum, and learning styles. Does the Bible get that specific?

Join Zan as we look to God's Word and find the Good News you have been seeking!

Homeschool Leadership Series: Inspired People on an Inspired Mission

A three-part series by Zan and Joe Tyler. Zan can also give these alone. Each workshop is designed to stand alone or to be used as a part of the series. These are appropriate for support group leaders and/or state leaders.

Part 1: A Powerful, Sustaining Vision for Leadership

Zan and Joe Tyler have been involved in homeschool leadership since 1985 at the local, state, and national levels. Whether you are creating a vision for your support group as a board of directors, or you simply want to provide clear direction for your family, the Tylers will inspire you as they share their own joys and frustrations of homeschool

leadership. Zan and Joe will share tips for developing a powerful sustaining vision that encourages participation and engagement from those you are trying to serve. This session will include discussion about servant leadership and dealing with opposition, too!

Part 2: The Leadership Legacy

Our founding fathers and other pioneers have left us a rich legacy as we consider how to teach and train our children and how to value and preserve liberty. We will discuss the lessons we can learn from our history as we determine what type of legacy we need to leave for those who follow us. We will discuss six traits of servant leaders and what it takes to fill the leadership gap. Zan and Joe Tyler will talk specifically about family life and homeschool leadership so that we do not alienate our spouses or our children as we work to encourage other homeschool families. You'll learn ways to effectively incorporate your children so that your leadership becomes a mission that unites that family.

Part 3: Developing Influence by Bringing out the Best in Others

As Christian homeschool leaders, we are called to be ambassadors for Christ first and foremost, and in the process we become ambassadors for the family and homeschooling. In this session, we will discuss how to present homeschooling in the best possible light. We will also discuss principles and actions that motivate and inspire others, as well as those cripple them. These principles are valuable whether you are working with children, your spouse, other homeschoolers, the media, or local officials.

Workshops by Joe Tyler

Laughter Is the Best Medicine: Marriage Lessons from Real Life

with Zan Tyler

“Zan was my best friend and ministry partner when we were in college. I knew I loved her and wanted to know how she felt about me, so out of the blue (we had never dated), I proposed to her during our junior year. She didn't speak to me for a month.” In spite of this rocky start, Zan and Joe Tyler have thoroughly enjoyed 37 years of marriage. They have experienced many joys and triumphs and weathered many storms. Along with the varied hats Joe wears in the home, he is in charge of attitude adjustments and comic relief.

“Being able to laugh through the years has helped me survive things like threats of jail, the pressures of 21 years of homeschooling, and the stress of life in general. Joe makes sure I laugh a lot,” says Zan. Come enjoy a refreshing session of laughter and encouragement as Joe and Zan share candidly about the ups and downs of married life (including their biggest fight ever), while focusing on the biblical principles that have served as the unshakeable foundation of their marriage. Understanding and embracing the magnificent biblical vision of marriage is the key to a vibrant relationship.

Raising G-Rated Sons in an R-Rated World

Joe Tyler discusses the key issues dads face as we strive to instill a Christ-centered vision in our sons. Joe addresses the cultural pressures on our young men and shares practical advice to counter the culture and instill a vision of purity in our sons and daughters. Because of the frank and sensitive nature of this discussion, we request that only men attend.

Leaving a Legacy: The Vision of the Homeschool Dad and Husband

A cell phone commercial features an NBA point guard trying to play basketball blindfolded. Because he can't see the goal, he's never sure if he's scoring. Too often, men take on the tasks of husband, father, shepherd, principal, coach, and disciplinarian without the vision necessary to define and accomplish the goal. In this session, Joe Tyler helps define the goal and shares how to discover the divinely appointed means of achieving it. You may even learn the secret to making your wife deliriously happy, your home a quiet and peaceful kingdom, your children rich beyond measure, and your father-in-law in awe of your great accomplishments. Come join us in our discussion of what it really means to leave a legacy as a Christian husband and dad.