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## **BISHOP T.D. JAKES' CONFERENCES FOR MEN AND WOMEN ATTRACT MORE THAN 80,000 FROM 50 STATES, 26 COUNTRIES & 700 PRISONS**

### **FIRST TIME EVER - MANPOWER AND WOMAN, THOU ART LOOSED COMBINED FOR 2004: VOTE ONLINE TO SELECT CITY**

**DALLAS, August 20, 2003** — For more than a decade, Bishop T.D. Jakes has been hosting two annual conferences designed to meet the specific spiritual needs of both men and women. This year 48,000 women and 37,000 men gathered in Houston, Atlanta and from around the world to energize their faith through the powerful messages of Bishop T.D. Jakes and other ministers.

The national *Woman, Thou Art Loosed* conference drew women with a singular need – to be freed from their frustrations and *loosed* to lead victorious lives. That need was met July 17-19 at Houston's Reliant Stadium.

“It was incredible to see tens of thousands of women in the stadium and thousands more via satellite in prisons passionate about taking their spiritual life to another level,” expressed Bishop Jakes, Senior Pastor of The Potter's House Church of Dallas and dubbed “America's best preacher” by *Time* magazine.

Several weeks later, thousands of men gathered in the Georgia Dome to build better spirits, bodies, and even a few houses. In Atlanta July 31–Aug. 2 the men were challenged to return to the homes to build strong families and to take on more responsibility in their communities.

Through a partnership with Habitat for Humanity, The Potter's House and some of the attendees are currently building two homes for single mother families in Atlanta.

“It's important to have a hands-on opportunity for the men attending ManPower to work together to have a positive impact on their community and give something back, “ said Bishop Jakes.

After years of having separate events for men and women, Bishop Jakes is giving attendees and the public the opportunity to vote to combine ManPower and Women, Thou Art Loosed in one city for 2004. Called the “Holy Ghost Explosion,” anyone can vote to hold the event in Atlanta, Dallas, or Houston by filling out the survey at [www.tdjakes.org](http://www.tdjakes.org).

Bishop T.D. Jakes leads the 28,000-member The Potter's House of Dallas. As one of the fastest growing churches in America, The Potter's House is the voice and the hand providing hope and encouragement through ministries that provide people with the ability to effectively transform their lives.