

Judah Smith Joins T.D. Jakes to Equip Pastors for the Challenges of Leadership at Dallas Event—DALLAS, March 22, 2017

APRIL 27 - 29: INTERNATIONAL PASTORS AND LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE BRINGS TOGETHER FAITH LEADERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Nearly half of all pastors often feel the demands of ministry are more than they can handle¹—a responsibility that *Forbes* has identified as one of the toughest leadership roles². Judah Smith, best-selling author and lead pastor of The City Church in Seattle, is no stranger to pastoral burnout and spiritual exhaustion. To share his experience and help pastors deal with the challenges of leading a church, Smith is joining Bishop T.D. Jakes at the 2017 International Pastors and Leadership Conference April 27 - 29.

Hosted at The Potter's House Conference & Events Center for the first time, the conference will provide pastors and leaders from around the world with the tools to grow and develop their ministries and connect with their communities more effectively while combatting spiritual fatigue. Smith is the author of the recently published book, *How's Your Soul?: Why Everything That Matters Starts with the Inside You*, which focuses on helping today's faith leaders take care of their souls—physically, mentally and emotionally—to avoid burnout.

The 2017 conference theme is "Leader Shift"—a nod to today's constantly evolving culture that challenges leaders to refine and strengthen their skills in order to impact the next generation of leaders. Breakout sessions will cover topics including entrepreneurship, leadership development, marketing and music.

Keynote Speakers:

- Bishop T.D. Jakes, senior pastor of The Potter's House (Dallas)
- Pastor Judah Smith, lead pastor of The City Church (Seattle)
- Bishop Dale Bronner, founder and pastor of Word of Faith Family Worship Cathedral (Austell, Ga.)
- Bishop Darrell Hines, founder and pastor of Christian Faith Fellowship Church (Milwaukee)
- Dr. William Curtis, senior pastor of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church (Pittsburgh)

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About The Potter's House

Located in Dallas, The Potter's House is a 30,000-member nondenominational, multicultural church and humanitarian organization led by Bishop T. D. Jakes, twice featured on the cover of *Time* magazine as America's Best Preacher and as one of the nation's 25 Most Influential Evangelicals. The Potter's House has four locations: The Potter's House of Dallas, The Potter's House of Fort Worth, The Potter's House of North Dallas and The Potter's House of Denver.

¹LifeWay Research Study, "Despite Stresses, Few Pastors Give Up on Ministry," sponsored by the North American Mission Board and Richard Dockins, M.D., published Sept. 1, 2015.

²Forbes, "Ranking the 9 Toughest Leadership Roles," Feb. 25, 2014