

“Breaking the Chains of Sex Trafficking”



**Pastor Sheila Houston, Founder
Rare Coins Ministries**

January 9, 2013

7:00pm – 8:30pm

**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
4105 Richey Rd, Yakima**

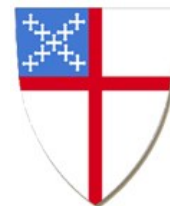
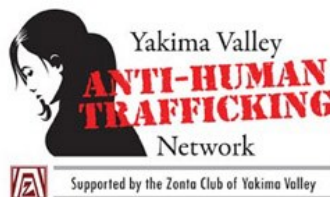
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Refreshments served*

Sheila has worked with over 2,500 trafficked/prostituted girls/women through a Seattle outreach program for over seven years. She spent every Friday and every other Saturday night out on the streets.

Sheila will be speaking on:

- How to conduct outreach to trafficked/prostituted minors and women
- Understanding the mindset and circumstances of that population
- Understanding the "Hierarchy of Pimping" and why girls often relapse and return to their pimps
- Need for spiritual healing for victims
- How can the church embrace survivors and welcome them in
- The need for prevention

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Biography

Sheila Houston, Founder

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As a leader in the Sex Trafficking Movement, Sheila was recognized as “The finder of lost children” by Seattle Met Magazine in 2012. Sheila has appeared on Northwest Today, Headline News with Jane-Velez-Mitchell, local NPR, news channels, and local newspapers in Seattle.

Sheila has been a conference speaker for Saddleback Church, Soroptimist International, Jewish Synagogue, and the First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue. Sheila’s name is on a senate bill that changed the length of prison time that convicted pimps and johns will serve. Sheila has been directly involved with over 2,500 girls and young women on the streets of Seattle in prostitution/sex trafficking. In 2008, she started a men's ministry in order to encourage men to reach out to young men involved in pimping. She has also worked with the homeless population in Seattle.

Sheila has trained organizations, volunteers and case managers working with trafficking victims throughout Washington State, and in Athens, Greece, to be a light on the dark streets late at night. Her pastoral work on the streets has allowed her to be the church with no walls.

Sheila is currently working on Sex Trafficking issues with medical doctors, State of Washington agencies, Purdy Women's Prison. She speaks out and raises awareness of poverty, classism and all the other isms that contribute to involvement in the sex industry; she does this while telling her own story and the stories of those she is serving. Sheila is also introducing prevention as the newest emphasis needed for the movement. We have a spiritual Goliath in our midst and its name is sex trafficking.

Sheila’s work as a Pastor has included developing and leading multicultural women conferences, luncheons, ministering to her congregation, and leading retreats. She is a conference speaker and a speaker for universities and churches inside and outside of the Free Methodist denomination. One of her most recent messages was, "Do you want a husband or Do you want a Fantasy?"

Sheila loves the Lord, His people, and the work of His ministries. She was ordained in 2003 and has a Masters in Executive Not-For-Profit Leadership from Seattle University; a BA in Organizational Behavior with a minor in communications from Seattle Pacific University; and a Pastoral Leadership Certificate from Seattle University.

