

Dr. Renita J. Weems

Dr. Renita J. Weems is a nationally-renowned theologian and an ordained elder in the African Methodist Church whose scholarly insights into modern faith, biblical texts, and the role of spirituality in everyday lives have made her a much sought after author and speaker. Dr. Weems, formerly a member of the faculty of Vanderbilt University and Spelman College, has been celebrated by Ebony Magazine as one of America's top 15 preachers.

She is founder of Something Within, a consulting service providing guidance for women of faith interested in connecting with their inner wisdom as well as interested in balancing faith and work, and their values with their vocation.

Dr. Weems is a popular radio and television personality, regularly providing expert commentary on religion, gender, race, and sexuality. A guest speaker for numerous national gatherings of religious, civic, and sorority organizations, local churches, community wide events, and radio and television programs, Dr. Weems is in much demand as a speaker, preacher, and workshop leader. Ebony Magazine named her one of America's top 15 Her work as a scholar and a religious thinker has led to invitations to serve as a panelist for Bill Moyer's 1995 PBS award-winning Genesis Project, for various A&E, BBC, National Public Radio, the Michael Baisden radio show, and Hallmark cable programs on topics as wide ranging as miracles in the Bible, women, violence, and spirituality, and male-female relationships. She appeared on "FlashPoints" with Bryant Gumbel and Gwen Ifill to discuss matters related to religion and public life.

Dr. Renita Weems is the author of several widely acclaimed books on women's spirituality and wholeness: [Just A Sister Away](#) (1987) and [I Asked for Intimacy](#) (1993), [Showing Mary: How Women Can Share Prayers, Wisdom, and the Blessings of God](#) (2003), and, more recently, [What Matters Most: Ten Passionate Lessons from the Song of Solomon](#)

She taught from 1987-2004 on the divinity faculty at [Vanderbilt University](#) in Nashville, TN as a professor of Hebrew Bible. She served in 2003-2005 as the William and Camille Cosby Professor of Humanities at [Spelman College](#) in Atlanta, Georgia.