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In Woman to Woman, fourteen outstanding talks selected from past conferences are presented. The speakers include women who have achieved in community and church service as well as their professions. Each talks about the concerns of women and how they can magnify their roles in life. Included as an appendix is a talk by Belle S. Spafford, former general president of the Relief Society, who discusses the American women's movement in an address delivered in New York City in 1974.

Here are thought-provoking excerpts from some of the talks:

"Each of us has the potential for special accomplishment in some field. . . . We should all be resourceful and ambitious, expanding our interests. Forget self-pity and look for mountains to climb. Everyone has problems. The challenge is to cope with those problems and get our full measure of joy from life."—Camilla Eyring Kimball

"At times we choose to do some things well, leave some things undone, or do some things not so well so we can hurry on to more important tasks. 'Ought-to's' and 'shoulds' are usually not commandments."—Norma B. Ashton

"Marriage may or may not happen during our stay in the second estate. . . . The important thing for a woman to learn in this life is her eternal role so that when she is sealed, she will be prepared and ready."— Ida Smith

"Being faithful does not necessarily develop faith. . . . It is relatively easy to be faithful, but faith is born out of study, fasting, prayer, meditation, sacrifice, service, and, finally, personal revelation."— Ardeth Greene Kapp

"Sisterhood for women is just as important as brotherhood and priesthood are for men. . . . Women receive additional blessings of the priesthood through ordinances and governance, but priesthood receives additional blessings through sisterhood, which provides a special sensitivity to things of the mind and spirit."— Grethe Ballif Peterson

"Too often as I travel about this great church and talk to women's groups, I find them carrying enormous burdens of guilt and expressing a great sense of unease because they are not living up to all that they feel they should be doing. . . . Would it not be better to say that a typical Mormon woman is one who has an enormous reverence for life and the bearing and nurturing of children?"— Beverly Campbell

"Sometimes without even realizing it, we women hear certain of the Savior's teachings and we think that while it is a beautiful message, it doesn't apply to us.... What a tragedy to think that the one perfect life that

was ever lived, the one infallible example that we have, the one teacher we have as to what to do with our earth life, is somehow not fully for us."— Karen Lynn Davidson

"If we seem to lack something found in the homes of our prophets, maybe what we've suffered is not too much affliction but too little."— Patricia T. Holland

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