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On the sunny afternoon of May 15, hundreds of graduates of Lancaster Bible College gathered in the college auditorium with their families to celebrate the commencement of the class of 2004. During the commencement exercises, Joni was privileged to receive the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Dr. Peter Teague, president.

She also presented a 25 minute commencement address, citing scriptures which underscore how God deeply desires to use the graduates in their new careers. Joni encouraged the graduates to not ask, "Lord, please use me," but to pray, "Lord, make me usable." At the conclusion of the inspirational message, the graduates and their families gave her a standing ovation.

Of the honorary degree, Joni smiled, "I'm humbled by the honor, but I think Proverbs 27:2 gives wise advice, 'Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; someone else, and not your own lips.'