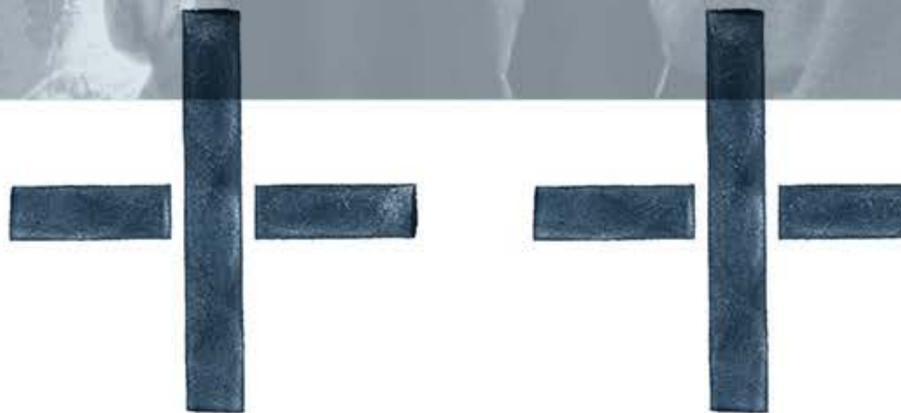


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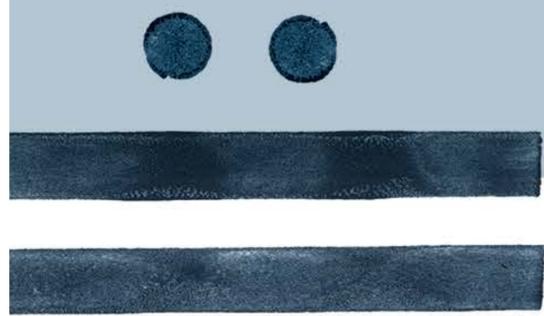
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For this reason  
I remind you to  
fan into <sup>flames</sup> FLAMES  
the GIFT OF GOD,  
which is in you,  
through the laying  
on of my hands,  
for God gave us a  
spirit not of fear  
but of power and love  
and self control.

# welcome

We are so glad you're here! Our hope is that you would be encouraged and compelled this weekend to continue to pursue Jesus with everything you have and intentionally share Him with others.



Our heart at IF:Gathering is to create tools that equip women across the world to know Jesus more intimately and to share that love by investing in the lives of women around them. We'd like to tell you about some of these tools so you can partner with us all year long:

IF:Equip is a simple tool that has gathered an online community of tens of thousands of women who encourage and challenge one another. Each day we dive into biblical truths with a video and a few questions for processing. You can find these studies at [IFEquip.com](http://IFEquip.com).

IF:Table is a monthly meal and conversation to foster authentic, deep community. Six people, two hours, four questions. We provide you with four conversation questions and a recipe (which is optional) to use as you invite women around the table for a conversation about God and one another. Check out [IFTable.com](http://IFTable.com) for this month's questions and recipe and to sign up to get them delivered to your inbox on the first of every month.

IF:Lead is an event specifically created to pour into leaders who are creating environments for discipleship in their hometowns. Most of these leaders gather women in their communities for IF:Table or IF:Local each year, serve at their churches, or lead in other ministry opportunities. IF:Lead 2018 will be held this Fall in Dallas, TX!

Thank you for being here with us! We hope this gathering will be used for spreading God's glory!

Visit [ifgathering.com](http://ifgathering.com) to find out more about all of our opportunities and resources, including this year's IF:Lead and IF:Pray dates!

**- THE IF:GATHERING TEAM**

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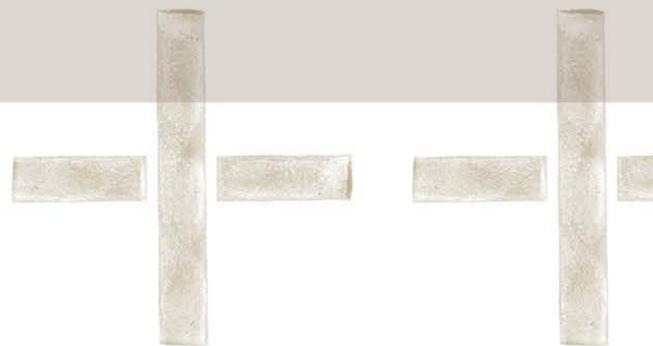
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# if:equip

IF:Equip is designed to provide practical tools and resources that will help you to know God and give Him away to others. It's what all of us were created to do, and our studies are aimed to equip you to live it out.



Each study is anywhere from 4-9 weeks in length, aimed at increasing your knowledge, transforming your heart, and impacting the way you live day-to-day. We provide a beautiful study book where you can take notes, read through the day's Scripture, and answer the reflection questions. We also provide a video for five days of the week through [IFEquip.com](http://IFEquip.com).

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN IF:EQUIP:

- Purchase the study book from our Shoppe ([shoppe.ifgathering.com](http://shoppe.ifgathering.com)).
  - Sign up for our daily emails so you have a reminder and accountability to do each day's lesson, as well as a link to watch the video that accompanies each lesson.
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“ ————— *“These studies bring women from around the world to look at what the Bible says and then makes it applicable to our lives. It’s awesome to study with so many women from differing experiences. It is a safe, welcoming, encouraging fellowship.”*  
- Angie

“ ————— *“Loving it. It has been really effective in getting me in the Word more than other studies. It is simple. I love journaling. And I look forward to the short clips.”* - Amber



## I BELIEVE

*A Study of the Nicene Creed*

Christians all over the world have used the Nicene Creed for generations and centuries to put into words what it is that we believe about who God is. Do you know what you believe and why you believe it? Have you ever wondered how to better articulate things that you've experienced about God? For nine weeks, explore the language of the Nicene Creed. Paired with scripture, we will have a better understanding of the history of our faith and of our God.

PRICE: \$30      LENGTH: 9 wks

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## ROOTED

*A Tool for Studying the Bible*

Do you wish to be able to study the Bible? Do you want to learn how to read, understand, and apply the Bible? Rooted is a simple tool in your hand that will equip you to know and understand this important, God-breathed book on your own. Learn what it means to observe, interpret, and apply the Scriptures in week one, and then put it in to practice it as you read the book of Philippians for the last four weeks.

PRICE: \$25      LENGTH: 4 wks

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## W O V E N

*The Art of Discipleship*

At IF:Gathering, we are all about making disciples who go and make disciples. In Woven, we provide a basic blueprint that helps women take practical steps towards building intentional relationships. We're calling it WOVEN because discipleship isn't a to-do list nor a program. We believe that it is a weaving together of individuals' lives and stories, just like we're woven into this great redemption story. To help you get started, we present Jesus' call to discipleship and a basic cycle of what discipleship looks like.

PRICE: \$25      LENGTH: 5 wks

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## ENJOYING JESUS

*12 Experiences That Will  
Draw You Closer*

Do you struggle most days with feeling distant from God? Busyness, numbness, and so many other things get in between us and experiencing nearness with Christ. The good news is that God has given us very simple tools that will help us experience His presence in the ordinary everyday moments of our lives. These are the tried-and-true tools used by the church for thousands of years to draw near to God and experience the full, abundant life He calls us to. It's when we choose these things that we experience Him, and when we do that, everything changes. Join us for this seven-week study!

PRICE: *\$30*      LENGTH: *7 wks*

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## REDEEMED

*A Tool for Sharing Your Story of Redemption*

Do you desire for God to use you to communicate His love to those around you? One of the most powerful ways you can do this is through sharing your story of God's redemption in your own life. We have created a simple, practical tool to help you see the narrative of God's work in your life. Then, together, we will practice communicating that story with others. You don't want to miss this six-week experience!

PRICE: *\$30*      LENGTH: *6 wks*

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## REFLECTIONS OF GOD

*The Theology of Beauty*

By learning to recognize the beauty around us, we can better see God's reflection in everyday life. We remember that this world, while broken, will be made new and perfect once again, giving us hope. Join us for this six-week study as we look at beauty through the lens of creation, fall, redemption, restoration, and the arts.

PRICE: *\$30*      LENGTH: *6 wks*

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ANNO  
DOMINI  
VOLUME ONE

*The First 500 Years  
of the Church*

Have you ever wondered what happened after the Bible ended? How did the church get from Acts to today? We've created an eight week study on the first five hundred years of the church, and it's the first volume in a series of studies on the history of the church we are calling Anno Domini. It's a study unlike anything you've done before and we promise it will stretch and encourage you.

PRICE: \$30      LENGTH: 8 wks

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ANNO  
DOMINI  
VOLUME TWO

*The Middle Ages &  
Reformation*

This study is the second volume in a multivolume series covering the scope of church history, bringing us to the present-day church. For nine weeks, we will embark on a journey together through the history of the church during the Middle Ages and the Reformation through the beginning of modern times, from around AD 590 to AD 1648. Through this study, we pray that God will help you understand His heart for the church, thereby increasing your heart for the church.

PRICE: *\$30*      LENGTH: *9 wks*

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# TOGETHER

## *A Study on Ephesians*

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Discipleship and Scripture. They just go together. At IF, we are passionate about discipleship and studying God's Word together. We believe that the Scriptures are the foundation for discipleship. With this study, we hope to provide a tool that encourages studying the Scriptures and guides you into a discipleship relationship. As we study Ephesians, we will focus on an inductive way of studying the Bible. Through the inductive approach, we will use the Bible as a means to interpret itself. In other words, we will consider Ephesians in the context of the entire Bible in order to help with understanding the meaning found in the passages of Ephesians.

PRE-ORDER PRICE: *\$25 in the Shoppe*  
LENGTH: *6 wks* | BEGINS: *February 26*



# FOLLOW

*Discover the Life of Jesus through the Gospel of Mark*

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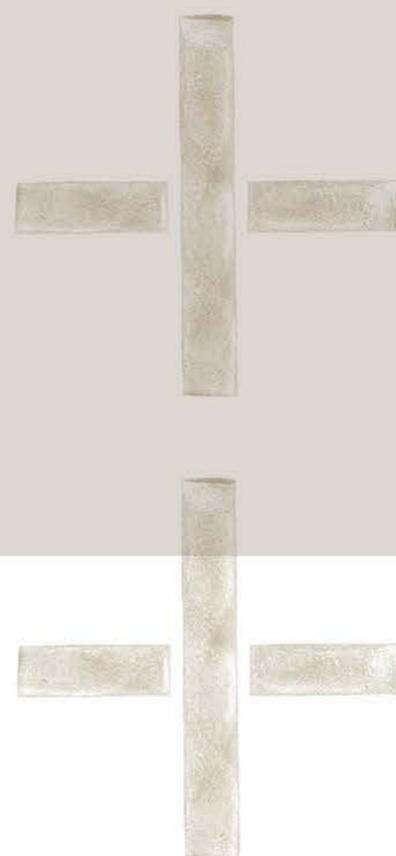
This study will answer the question, "Who is Jesus?" Walking through Mark 1-8:30, we will come to an understanding that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah promised in the Old Testament.

PRE-ORDER PRICE: *\$25 in the Shoppe*  
LENGTH: *6 wks* | BEGINS: *April 23*



# if:table

While we adore getting together here at IF:Gathering, we know so much growth happens in relationships that take place within the context of homes and around tables. That's why we dreamed up the idea of IF:Table.



**THE GOAL HERE  
IS SIMPLE:**

**Two hours.**

**Four questions.**

**Six women.**

We based these numbers on Acts 2:46, which says, "And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts."

It doesn't have to be anything fancy or orchestrated. It could be a potluck or takeout or breakfast food. What matters is that you pull up chairs to the table and ask questions that reveal where you are in a real, authentic way. Our hope is that, as women come together at the table, they are able to be known and get to know others and live out discipleship in an environment that is safe and personal. Each IF:Table has a flavor of its own because every woman brings her own uniqueness - which we love!

**WHEN YOU SIGN UP AT IFTABLE.COM:**

The first of every month, you'll receive in your inbox (for free):

- A blog post that will kick off that month's theme and topic
- A download of 4 conversation cards
- A recipe

**FOR ADDITIONAL CONVERSATION IDEAS:**

Check out our decks of Conversation Cards (\$30/set) & DVD series

Available in the Shoppe

# equippers

We're so glad that you've joined us — and women all over the globe — for this gathering. This weekend, women are coming together across generations and denominations under the name of Jesus. Amazing!



## Gloria Adyambo

Gloria Adyambo was born and raised in the northern part of Uganda. Gloria has worked with communities in distress for the past 7 years and has extensive experience with child sponsorship through the Food for the Hungry Kole cluster. Last year, she was called out of her position with the Kole cluster to be a critical part of Food for the Hungry's refugee response in Northern Uganda. She has lived, worked, sweated and rejoiced with refugees through the outstanding and successful implementation of livelihoods and WASH activities. She is very passionate about working with these communities and seeing a positive change in their lives; while touching them with the love of Christ. Gloria currently lives in Lira, Uganda and is married to Pastor Oscar Onyanga Omara.



## Jennie Allen

*founder and visionary of IF:Gathering*

Jennie is a teacher and builder of tools that help women get to the core of their need for God. She shares her and her husband Zac's story of surrender in *Anything* and helps women untangle their purpose in *Restless*. Jennie is the founder and visionary behind IF:Gathering, which she created out of God's vision for her life to disciple a generation. Through Jennie's new book, she reminds us that we can stop trying so hard because we have *Nothing to Prove*. Jennie juggles four catalytic children in Dallas, Texas.

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## Amena Brown Owen

Amena Brown Owen is a poet, speaker, author, and event host. Named one of Rejuvenate Magazine's Top 40 under 40 Changemakers, Amena is the author of five spoken word CDs and two non-fiction books *Breaking Old Rhythms* and her latest release *How to Fix a Broken Record*. She has performed at events across the nation such as Creativity World Forum, IF:Gathering, and Chick-fil-A Leadercast, as well as touring with Gungor, Ann Voskamp and the Voices Project Historically Black College and University Tour. Amena is the host of the limited edition *How to Fix a Broken Record* podcast about her book and the co-host of podcast, *Here for the Donuts*. She and her husband, DJ Opdiggy, travel and perform together.

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## Katina Butler

Born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee, Katina was found by Jesus. She was wooed by Jamell, whom she married over 20 years ago, and they are blessed with three ingeniously talented and comedic “Jay Boyz” - Jamie(19), Jalen(13) and Jerron(10). Together the Butler “Fam Bam” lives, loves and labors in Denton, Texas. Their family ministry is *Joseph’s Coat* - a collective of their individual talents and gifts combined to create opportunities for local artistry, to promote racial reconciliation advocacy, and to support and serve missions. A classically trained vocalist, Katina’s musical gifts have afforded many opportunities for her to act, record, sing, write and travel, as well as teach vocal lessons. She loves to lead worship, and is Choir Director for The Village Church Denton.



## Christine Caine

Christine Caine is an Australian born, Greek blooded, lover of Jesus, activist, author and international speaker. Her primary passion is to make Jesus’ last command her first priority by giving her all to see the lost saved and to build the local church – globally. Christine has a passion for justice, and together with her husband, founded the anti-human trafficking organization, *The A21 Campaign*. In 2015, they also founded *Propel Women*, an organization designed to honor the calling of every woman, empower her to lead, equip her for success and develop a sense of God-given purpose. Her most recent book is *Unashamed: Drop the Baggage, Pick Up Your Freedom, Fulfill Your Destiny*.

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## Lauren Chandler

Lauren is a deep soul and is most comfortable in cowboy boots and out on a ranch with her husband Matt and three kids. She effortlessly helps usher us into sacred spaces and allows us to know God more through her words and songs. Her debut book, *Steadfast Love*, was released in January 2016 and focuses on remembering and embracing God’s incredible, steadfast love for us — even when life is hard.

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## Katie Davis Majors

Katie Davis Majors moved to Uganda over a decade ago with no idea that this would be the place that God chose to build her home and her family. Today, she is a wife to Benji and mom to her fourteen favorite people. She is the founder of Amazima Ministries, an organization that cares for vulnerable children and families in Uganda and the author of two New York Times bestsellers *Kisses from Katie* and *Daring to Hope: Finding God's Goodness in the Broken and Beautiful*. Katie and her family invest their lives in empowering the people of Uganda with education, medical care, and spiritual discipleship.



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## Annie F. Downs

Annie F. Downs is a best-selling author and nationally known speaker based in Nashville, Tennessee. Flawed but funny, she uses her writing to highlight the everyday goodness of a real and present God. Annie is the author of *Looking for Lovely*, *Let's All Be Brave*, and *100 Days To Brave*. She also has two books for teens: *Perfectly Unique* and *Speak Love*. By weaving together personal stories, humor, and Scripture, she invites those reading to experience fulfilled lives with a God who made them on purpose and loves them deeply. Annie enjoys traveling around the world speaking at events, conferences, and churches. She also hosts a popular weekly podcast called *That Sounds Fun*.



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## Debbie Eaton

Debbie loves people well. You can find her almost any day of the week at a coffee shop or gathered with a small group of women in her home in Southern California. Many women's ministry leaders across the country call her a mentor and a friend. She is a wife of 30 years, loves watching her teenage son play football, and cares deeply about equipping the next generation to love God.



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## Margaret Feinberg

A self-described “hot mess”, Margaret Feinberg is a respected Bible teacher and speaker at churches and popular conferences such as Catalyst, Thrive, and Women of Joy. Her books and Bible studies, including *Fight Back With Joy*, *The Sacred Echo*, *Scouting the Divine*, and *Wonderstruck* have sold nearly one million copies, received critical acclaim, and garnered extensive national media coverage from outlets such as CNN, *USA Today*, the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Washington Post*. Margaret was named one of 50 Women Most Shaping Church and Culture by *Christianity Today*. Margaret lives in Utah with her husband, Leif, and their superpup, Hershey.



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## Sarah Harmeyer

Sarah is a people-gatherer and extraordinary neighbor who believes community is built around a table. She is the founder of Neighbor’s Table, a concept born from her personal passion for gathering people and her desire to get to know her own neighbors. More than 2500 people have celebrated at the original Neighbor’s Table, a cedar farmhouse table built by Sarah’s dad that sits under a tree full of chandeliers in her backyard. Sarah loves to travel, asks the best questions, and calls Dallas home.



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## Esther Havens

Esther Havens has captured iconic imagery for charity: water, TOMS, and dozens of other organizations that impact our world for good. More than a photographer, she is a storyteller — capturing not just a person’s portrait but their true essence and what makes them shine. Esther has photographed the stories of people in 60+ countries on 6 continents over the past decade. No matter the story or country, Esther’s objective is to always make sure each person she photographs feels respected, empowered and cared for during the storytelling process. At heart, Esther is a connector, fostering relationships across continents, cultures, perspectives and an advocate for those in need.



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## Jamie Ivey

Jamie Ivey is a podcaster, writer, and speaker from Austin, Texas. She is the proud mama to four kids and the wife to Aaron, worship pastor of The Austin Stone Community Church. Jamie loves to encourage women to passionately follow Jesus through whatever stage of life. She does this through writing and her weekly podcast, *The Happy Hour with Jamie Ivey*. Jamie's debut book *If You Only Knew: My Unlikely, Unavoidable Story of Becoming Free*, released January 2018.



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## Rebekah Lyons

Rebekah is the author of *Freefall to Fly: A Breathtaking Journey Toward a Life of Meaning* and *You Are Free: Be Who You Already Are*. She is a mother of three, wife of one, and dog-walker of two living in Franklin, TN. She's an old soul with a contemporary, honest voice who puts a new face on the struggles women face as they seek to live a life of meaning. Through emotive writing and speaking, Rebekah reveals her own battles to overcome anxiety, depression, and consumer impulses - challenging women to discover and boldly pursue the calling God has for them. Alongside her husband, Gabe, Rebekah serves as co-founder of Q Ideas, a nonprofit organization that helps Christian leaders winsomely engage in culture.



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## Vivian Mabuni

Vivian has dedicated her life to discipleship and ministry through CRU, formerly known as Campus Crusade for Christ. One of Vivian's greatest passions is teaching the Bible, and she and her husband Darrin work with EPIC, the Asian-American ministry of CRU, equipping the next generation of Asian-American leaders. A breast cancer survivor – Vivian's first book, *Warrior in Pink*, documents her journey from discovery to recovery and is a great resource for anyone trying to respond to a cancer diagnosis. Married 26 years to Darrin and mom to Jonathan, Michael and Julia, they live in Mission Viejo, California along with their German Shepherd, Koa.



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## Tasha Morrison

Tasha Morrison is a bridge-builder, reconciler and a compelling voice in the fight for racial justice. At the heart of this incredible woman is encouraging racial reconciliation among all ethnicities, to promote racial unity in America, and to develop others to do the same. To this end, in 2016 Tasha founded Be the Bridge to inspire and equip ambassadors of racial reconciliation. Her team has developed curriculum, discussion cards, and other resources to equip the more than 600 BTB groups around the nation. When not captivating audiences with her dynamic presentations and conscious-raising workshops, Tasha can be found drinking tea, laughing with friends and watching Christmas movies year-round.



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## Christy Nockels

Christy's life and songs inspire and remind us to *Let it Be Jesus* first and foremost. She is passionate about pouring into the next generation of worship leaders through the Worship Leader Collective. Christy's newest album is *Be Held: Lullabies for the Beloved*. She lives in Nashville with her husband Nathan and their two kids.



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## Bianca Olthoff

Bianca Juarez Olthoff is a bible-teaching, word-slanging MexiRican who is passionate about raising up a generation of people passionate about Jesus Christ. As an author and speaker, she knows the power of words and wields them wisely. As a church planter and leader, she is committed to proclaiming the gospel domestically and internationally.



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## Jo Saxton

Jo Saxton is a speaker, author, leadership coach, church planter and visionary. She is the board chair of 3DMovements, and the co-host of the popular podcast *Lead Stories: Tales of Leadership and Life* with Steph O'Brien. Jo's latest book *The Dream Of You - Let Go of Broken Identities and Live the Life You Were Made For* was released in January 2018. Jo lives in the Minneapolis area with her husband and two children. She loves Starbucks, good times and good friends and has a special place in her heart for Target.



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## Ruth Simons

Ruth is an artist, author, entrepreneur, and speaker. Ruth is most interested in how the gospel intersects her daily life, and longs to see beauty and truth together in any creative medium. Her first book, *GraceLaced: Discovering Timeless Truths Through Seasons of the Heart*, released September 2017. She's an unlikely mom to six young boys and wife to Troy, with whom she leads GraceLaced's small but mighty team. Ruth, Troy and their boys call both Los Ranchos, New Mexico, and the Western slope of Colorado, near Durango, home and spend their time chasing sunsets as much as possible.



## Kirsten Singleton

After years of legal training in her native England, Kirsten left her law firm in 2009 to serve with International Justice Mission (IJM) in Kampala, Uganda. She conducted the research and design work to establish the Gulu office in Northern Uganda. Kirsten then moved to New York City where she received her Master's in Public Administration from NYU and in 2013 joined IJM HQ as program manager for the Africa team. She has been responsible for managing IJM's projects across the continent to enact sustainable change, including setting up IJM's anti-trafficking office in Ghana. Kirsten now serves as the Director of Programs & Strategy for IJM's Global People Operations at Headquarters. Kirsten lives in DC with her husband, Chris, and cat, Lincoln.



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## Angie Smith

Angie is married to Todd Smith, of the Christian group, Selah, and mom to five daughters. In 2008, the Smiths received news that their 4th daughter, Audrey, would not survive, and Angie began blogging as a means of communication with friends and family during those difficult days. Angie now writes books and Bible studies, and teaches around the country. Her greatest passion is to make the Bible feel accessible and relevant and to encourage others in their faith journey. Angie holds a Master's Degree in Developmental Psychology from Vanderbilt University and is a bestselling author of multiple adult and children's books. She and Todd (and their house full of daughters) live in Nashville, TN.



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## Jeanne Stevens

Jeanne Stevens is one of the lead pastors of Soul City Church in Chicago, IL. Prior to starting Soul City Church, Jeanne served on the staff of Willow Creek Community Church for 11 years as a Student Ministry Pastor and on staff of North Point Community Church for 4 years. Her passion is to encourage people to live from the fullest part of themselves and to live boldly. Jeanne is the author of *Soul School*, a contributor to the Bible Study and DVD Series *Twelve Women of the Bible* as well as *Real Women, Real Faith*. Jeanne finds great joy in being a wife to her husband Jarrett, and a mom to her son Elijah and daughter Gigi. The Stevens family loves trips to the park, the Chicago Bulls, and the pursuit of the city's best taco.



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## Ann Voskamp

Ann is a farmer's wife, a mother of seven, and four time New York Times bestselling author of *The Broken Way*, *The Greatest Gift*, *Unwrapping the Greatest Gift*, and *One Thousand Gifts*. But the words that matter the most to her are the ones she lives. She is a convener and an advocate — constantly rallying the Esther Generation to be the hands and feet of God to fight injustices around the world.



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## Nick Vujicic

Born without limbs for no medical reason, Nick Vujicic knew from an early age that he was different. It wasn't until much later, after overcoming ignorance and discrimination to build what he calls a "ridiculously good" life, that he realized his mission: to use his "disability" to start conversations that change lives. He has since spoken over 3,000 times in more than 57 countries. Nick is the author of several books, including *Life Without Limits: Inspiration for a Ridiculously Good Life*, *Unstoppable: The Incredible Power of Faith in Action*, *Love Without Limits: A Remarkable Story of True Love Conquering All*, and *Stand Strong: You Can Overcome Bullying (and Other Stuff That Keeps You Down)*.



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## Danielle Walker

is the author of three New York Times best-selling cookbooks — *Against All Grain*, *Meals Made Simple*, and *Celebrations* — and the voice behind one of the most popular grain-free blogs on the Internet, [againstallgrain.com](#). After being diagnosed with an incurable autoimmune disease and suffering for many years, Danielle found healing through dietary changes and has been passionate about spreading the message of health and wellness ever since. She is a mom of 4, and lives in the San Francisco Bay Area.



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## LaToria Wilson

Big hair and big personality aren't all she has to offer. With an energy all her own, LaToria brings an eclectic feel to the hip hop music she makes. LaToria aims to offer hope, light, and truth through her music. She writes about life from a Gospel centered perspective. LaToria has had the privilege of sharing the stage with a variety of artist such as, Matthew Schuler, Dez Duron and Brandon Chase of the hit TV show, *THE VOICE*, Lecrae, Derek Minor, Ellie Holcomb, Tye Tribbett and many more. Her latest single *Pushin Light* is now available on all digital outlets and she is set to release her next project, *Volume 2 of The Long Walk series*, later this year.

...and more!



# FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

Magdalene Melling is a 40-year-old woman living in the Oligi refugee settlement in Adjumani, Northern Uganda. In 2007, the violent conflict forced her to flee her home in South Sudan along with her mother and two brothers. On their journey, they encountered government soldiers who killed her brother. She was able to escape with the rest of her family to Uganda after six months of walking with no proper food or clean drinking water. After arriving in Adjumani, her second brother died of illness and she was separated from her mother due to food shortages.

In the settlement, she met her husband and has since had 8 children. She is among the growing number of refugees from South Sudan who have established permanence in Uganda and intend to remain there for the foreseeable future. She is a member of the Food for the Hungry (FH) farmer group in Mungula where she contributes to the care of a group garden. Additionally, she participates in trainings from FH to help ensure her crops are successful. The Ugandan government gave her a plot of land to farm. She plants maize, tomatoes, okra, cabbages, green pepper, and other produce. She uses this harvest to feed her family and earn income for her household needs. She received a hand hoe and seeds for her own garden. She also received a goat, which she has been able to breed. She now owns eight goats and two kids. She's able to sell her livestock to pay for school fees and extra food for her family. Her children help with cooking, collecting water, and caring for the goats.



# THE GLOBAL REFUGEE CRISIS

To learn more about how you can help those affected by the refugee crisis in Uganda, visit the **Food for the Hungry** booth in the Marketplace.



65.6 million people around the world have been forced from their home. Among them are nearly 22.5 million refugees, over half of whom are under the age of 18.

That's the largest number of forcibly displaced people ever recorded in history.

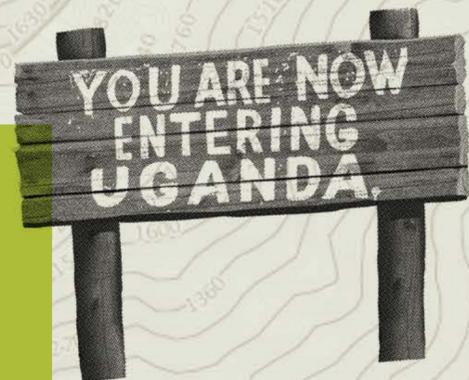
Uganda hosts over 1,381,000 refugees of which over **1,034,000** have come from South Sudan in order to flee unspeakable violence and conflict. Most have come over the border since July 2016.



**82%**

Women and children comprise approximately 82% of the entire refugee population in Uganda.

Between July 2016 and May 2017, the average monthly influx rate was 59,659 refugees- that's about 2,000 people crossing into Uganda each and every day for eleven full months.



Globally, HCR has established that the average stay in another country for refugees is 17 years.

In the context of the South Sudan crisis, it's estimated **refugees won't return home for 25-27 years.**

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# AFRICA NEW LIFE

Words fall short as I try to express exactly how breathtaking my experience in Rwanda was. The closest word that comes to my mind is “transformed.” Completely transformed in every way, especially spiritually. I hold every part of this trip so close to my heart—both the experiences of hurt and sorrow as well as the hope, miracles, and strength I witnessed on a daily basis. This trip through Africa New Life has deepened my faith more than I could have ever imagined. From the 23 women on our team who started as complete strangers from all around the United States to becoming sisters and best friends, to the Rwandan women whose testimonies I was so blessed to learn and with whom I got to cry, love, pray, and rejoice in God’s abundant grace and hope—these partnerships and bonds that were created with all of the inspiring, beautiful, God-loving Rwandan women along the trip are ones that I will cherish for a lifetime. Their stories represent hardships and deep heartbreak but also immeasurable hope, faith, and courage; they are powerful stories of redemption, forgiveness, and beauty.

Africa New Life has really shown me what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ—from singing and worshipping alongside my American and Rwandan brothers and sisters at the New Life Bible Church, to witnessing the women who have accomplished their dreams through programs such as the Vocational Sewing Program and Dream Beauty Academy where they learned the skills to build a life for themselves and their families. These experiences have been complete blessings that I am forever thankful for and have inspired me to continue to share about these testimonies, about the hopes and dreams of these women, and about how these scholarship programs through Africa New Life can completely change lives.

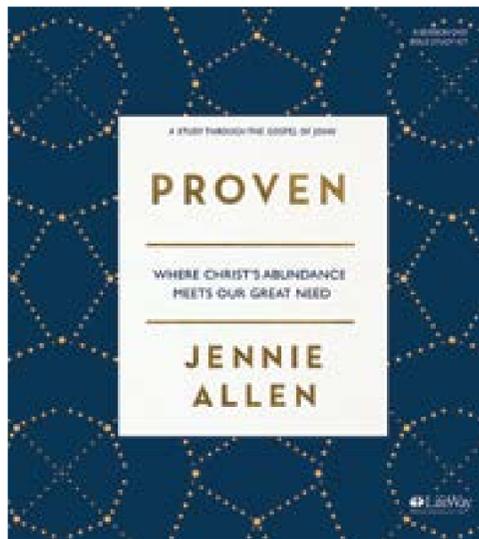
Rwanda, with the most generous, welcoming, big-hearted people, the beautiful rolling hills, the rich red dirt, the sun that mesmerizes as it rises and sets, the place where I witnessed God in every detail, and the very place where I was baptized, will always have my heart.



Written by Lauren Lenart, participant in the 2017 IF:Rwanda trip, which focused on partnering with Africa New Life’s women’s program.

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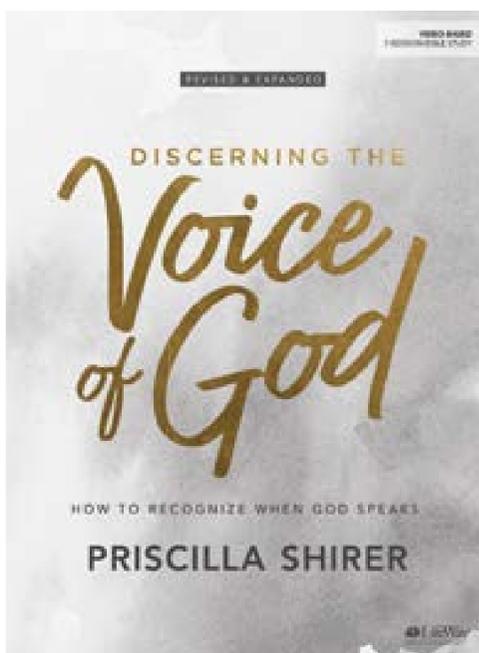
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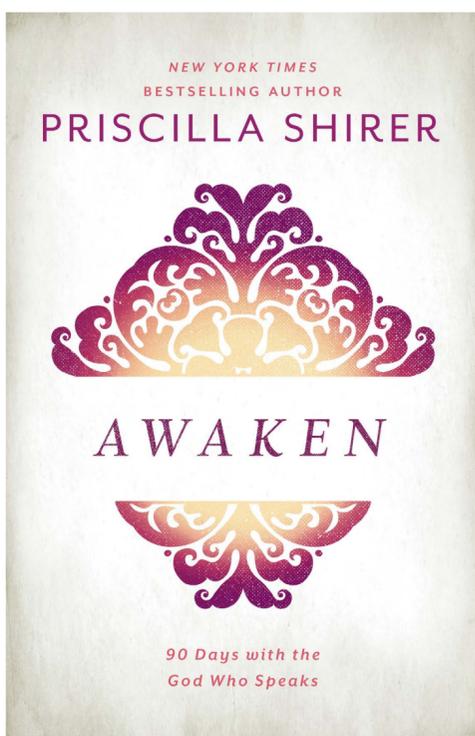
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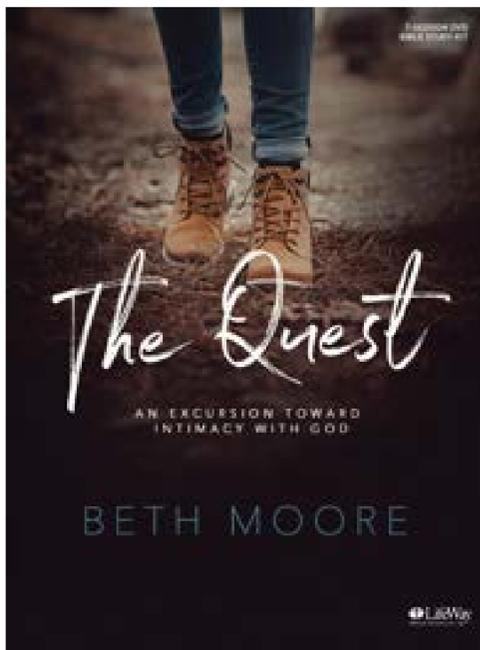
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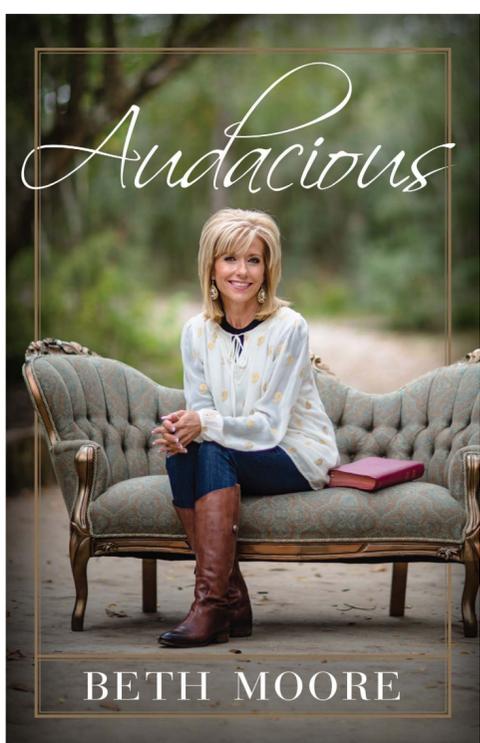
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Curiosity is hardwired in humanity. We have this innate need to question and seek after what we don't know or understand. In this 6-session study, delve into Scripture to explore how God created us to seek after Him—a God who desires to be found and known. In this lifelong quest of faith, learn to develop your intimacy with Him and embrace the adventure that comes with living a life for God.

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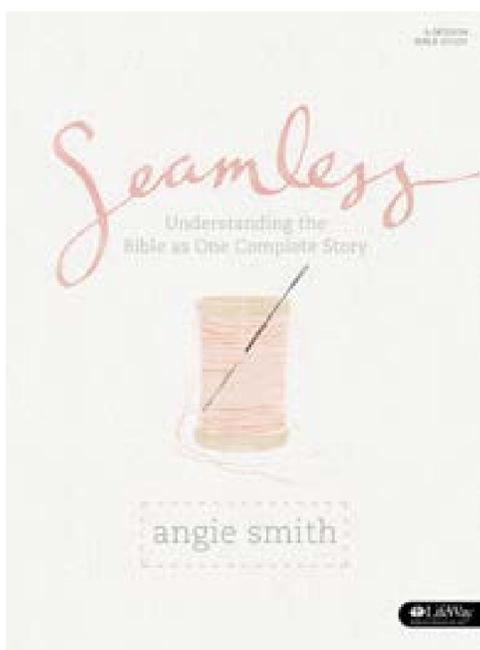
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Audacious is a deep dive into the message that has compelled Beth Moore to serve women around the globe. Journey with Beth as she digs through Scripture, unearths life experiences, and spotlighting a turning point with the capacity to infuse any life with holy passion and purpose.

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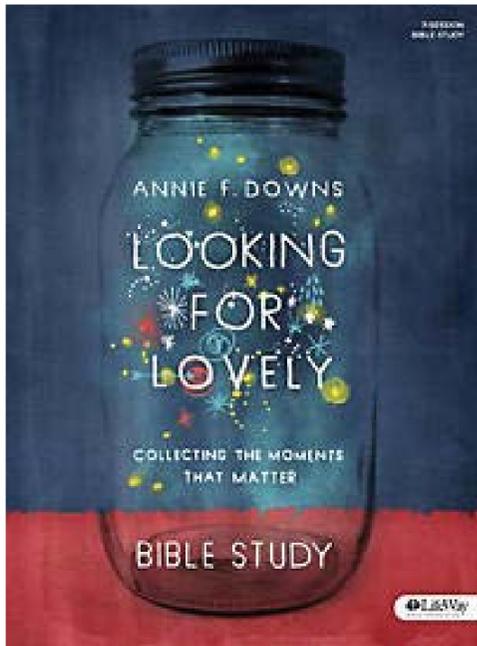
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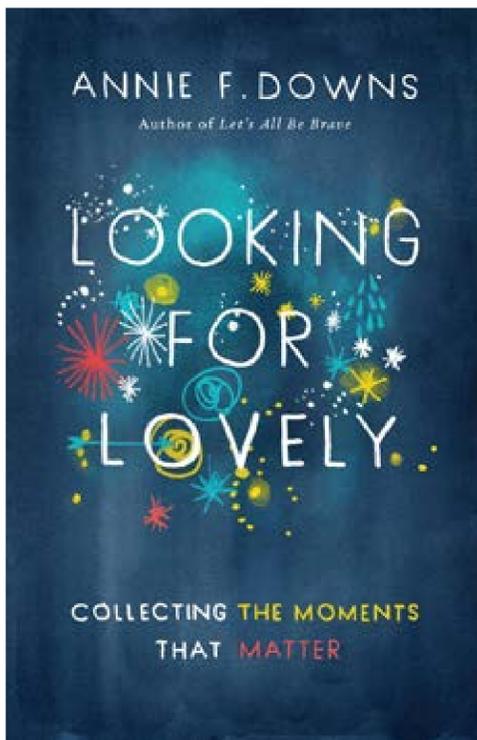
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As Christians, we are not promised lives of ease. Often it takes just a small moment of beauty to regain hope and continue on when life is chaotic and unpredictable. Only when we learn to spot the lovely in the midst of hardship can we experience the transcendent peace of God that keeps us persevering when we want to give up. In this 7-session Bible study, Annie F. Downs examines people of the Bible—fishermen, gardeners, women, soldiers—to reveal the moments they found beauty in everyday circumstances and hope in God’s timing. Because they trusted in this: He makes everything beautiful in His time.

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### LOOKING FOR LOVELY BOOK

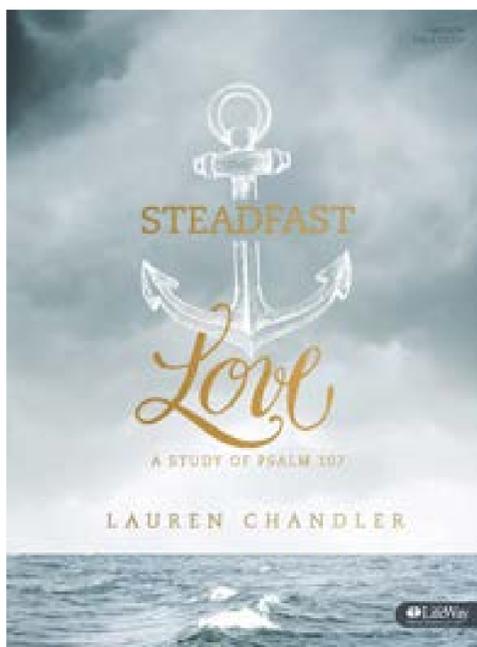
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In *Looking for Lovely*, Annie F. Downs shares personal stories, biblical truth, and examples of how others have courageously walked the path God paved for their lives by remembering all God had done, loving what was right in front of them, and seeing God in the everyday—whether that be nature, friends, or the face they see in the mirror. Intensely personal, yet incredibly powerful, *Looking for Lovely* will spark transformative conversations and life changing patterns. No matter who we are and what path God has us on, we all need to look for lovely, fight to finish, and find beautiful in our every day!

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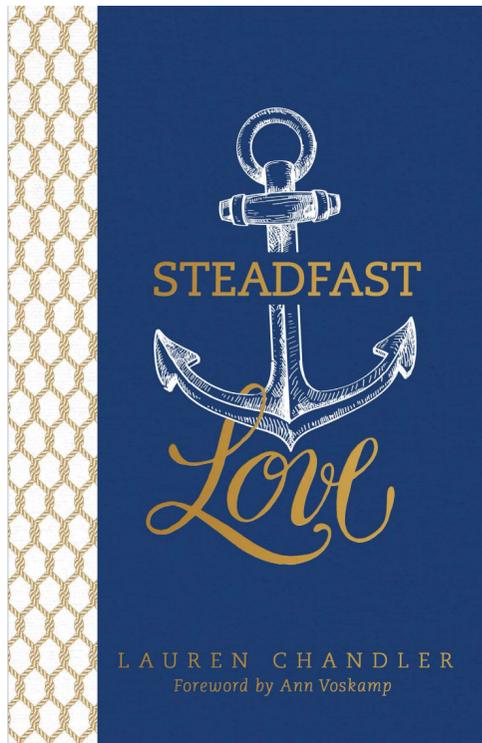
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There are times when worship overflows effortlessly from a heart full of gratitude and praise. And there are times when God seems far and we feel we have nothing to offer. Throughout it all, God shows us His steadfast love. Psalm 107 is a call to worship. It reminds us that each season of life is an opportunity to reveal the anchor of our souls. In this 7-session Bible study, learn to face both storms and deserts with courage and trust in Jesus, and discover how tests in our journeys of faith reveal the true condition of our hearts. For there is no fear for the one who fears the Lord, the one whose soul is anchored in His steadfast love.

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Lauren Chandler

STEADFAST LOVE BOOK

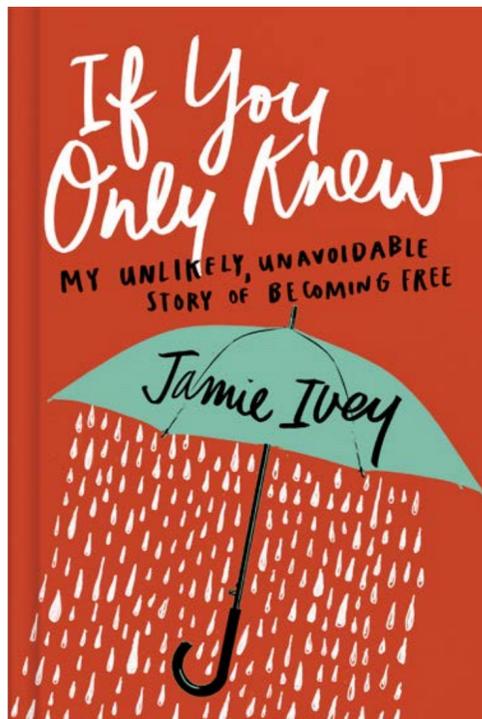
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There are times when worship overflows easily and effortlessly from a heart full of gratitude and praise. Yet, there are other times when God seems far and we feel we have nothing left to offer. We are tired, or thirsty, or imprisoned in our own chains through our own devices, or caught in the waves of a tumultuous sea. This is when God shows us His steadfast love. He wraps His eternally powerful, ultimately creative, nail-scarred hands around our hearts and squeezes with appropriate might—yielding an honest plea for Him to save us and deliver us from our circumstances, fears, and self control. And He does. He initiates with His steadfast love, and responds with the same. Walk with Lauren as she shares what she has learned of the steadfast love of the Lord.

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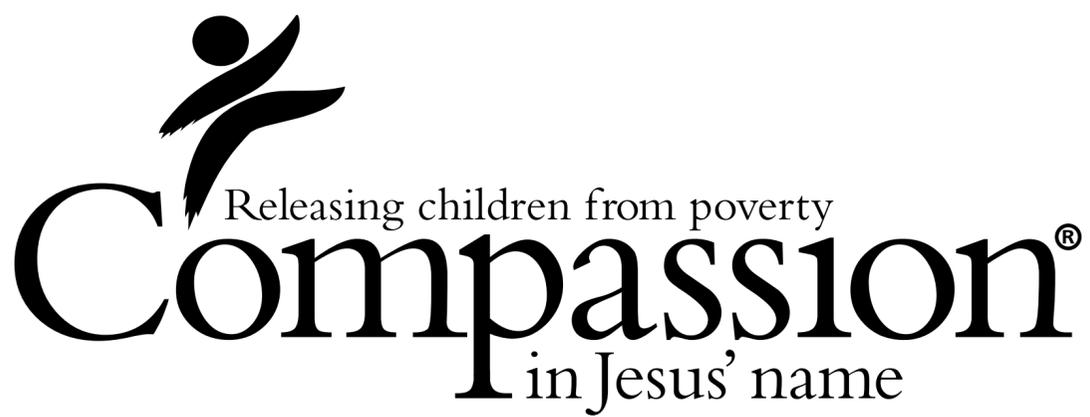
IF YOU ONLY KNEW BOOK

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What if you knew all the moments of my past that I am not proud of? What if you really knew me, the messy parts that I've hoped to forget and worked hard to conceal? For so long, my greatest fear was what you might think of me if you only knew the whole story. It's exhausting, this guarding of our stories and struggles. Fear of being found out had caused me to hide—but I wasn't just covering my flaws, I was unintentionally blocking the beauty of God's grace. My journey to real freedom began when I quit running from my mess and started trusting Jesus to make something beautiful of it. This book is that story. It's stepping out of shame and insecurity into gospel freedom. It's letting God turn our failures and frailties into testimonies of His faithfulness. I've discovered that when we quit hiding, God gets the glory and we are able to fully embrace not only our relationship with Him, but also with one another.

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## MILAGROS' STORY

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Her home is the remote mountains of Negros Oriental in the Philippines. When she was little, her father died and her mother—too poor to care for a fifth child—released young Milagros to be raised by a cousin. The dad in her new family earns very little as a farmer, sometimes nothing at all during harsh weather. Her adoptive mom washes dishes at a small, local restaurant. They live in a hovel and Milagros shares a tiny, poorly-lit room with her sister. The idea of the next meal is bleak. One special day Milagros was introduced to her “second parent,” Janice Bush, her sponsor. Through Janice’s sponsorship, Milagros no longer worries about food, healthcare or education. Hope is spoken over her life by Janice and the local Church that provides this new care and support. For the first time, Milagros is encouraged to dream of what life could be, free from poverty.

“My hope is to be an engineer” she said. “I don’t want to be poor for life. My inspiration is my family.... I want to lift them up from poverty.”

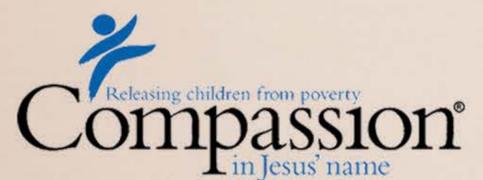
Milagros became a youth leader at her Church. She received this inspiring note from Janice: “I am most proud of you sharing Jesus with strangers and letting God use you to lead them to faith in Jesus.” Milagros graduated as valedictorian, surpassing more than 300 high school students. She received a full scholarship from the state university, where she intends to graduate as an engineer. This is Milagros’ dream, a dream that she is determined to reach. A dream that matters.



# It matters

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