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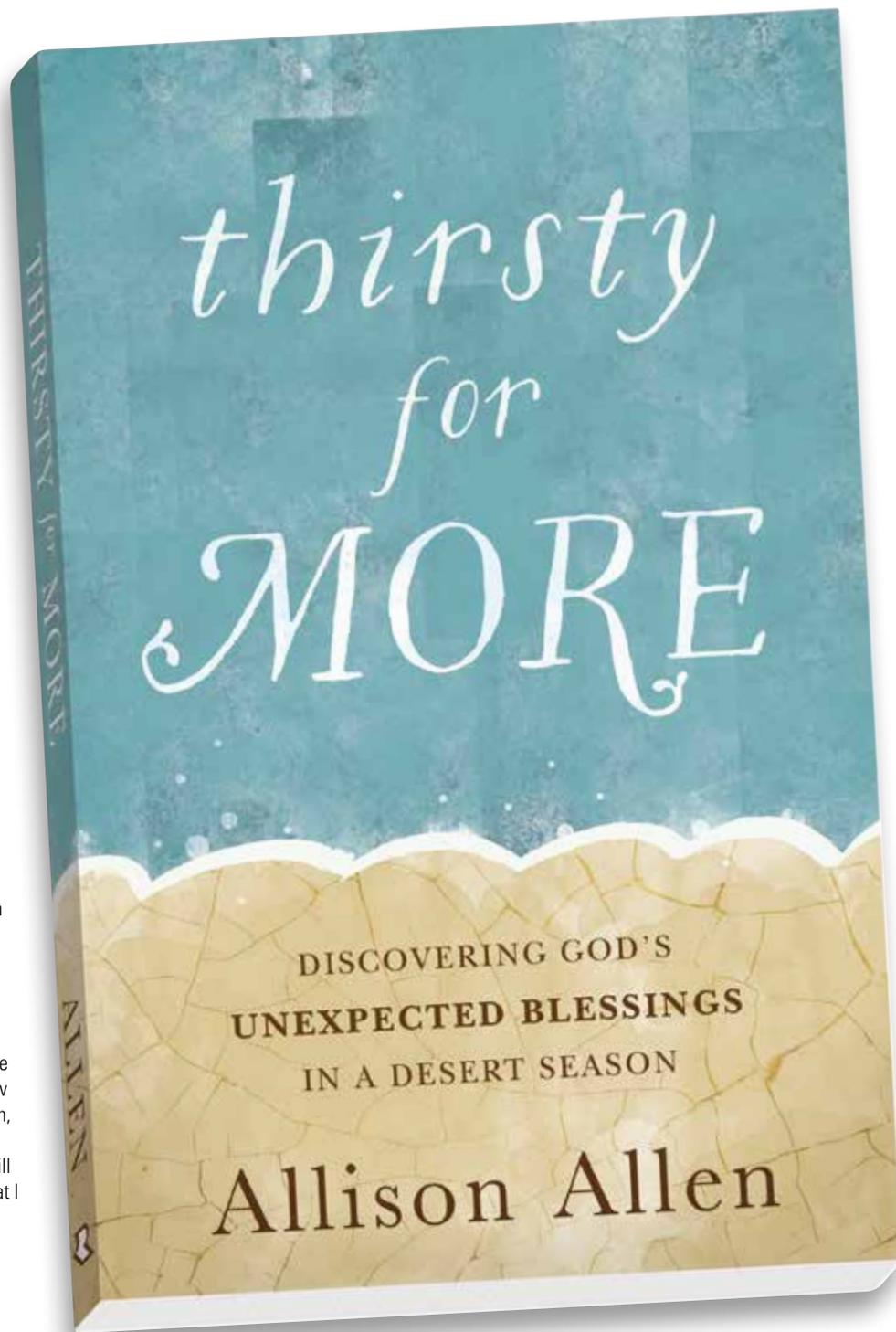
The Desert Mothers and Fathers intrigue me, even though, for many years, I knew little of them. Just that name. Desert Mothers. It sounded so . . . distinguished. So other. In my Protestant upbringing, they were never mentioned. Only as I began writing on another project did I discover a bit more about them. To me, uncovering these radical men and women, hidden out there in the desert sand, was like discovering some unknown relatives on the family tree, these pioneers of the desert experience. A hidden treasure in one's own back yard.

We could go on and on about their contributions, but what I most want to focus on about this wholly other than crew is the odd fact that they chose the desert of their own free will.

They chose the desert. They abandoned every material possession they had ever called their own and moved "on up" to the desert.

We spend so much time running from the spiritual desert, while these brave souls ran to it—spiritually and geographically—understanding that venturing into hostile surroundings caused the most vivid desert roses to bloom beautifully in the soul. They understood that the same desert wind that pelts the skin with sand helps the bird to soar. They understood that desert fruit is richer, simply due to the battle to grow in such inhospitable elements.

Even with the guidance of these weathered and wrinkled guides, I would rarely, if ever, choose the desert. I would go so far as to say that I have been a desert "hater." I'd rather climb Everest ice with Jesus than sit with him in the Negev sand. I'm not going willingly. All too often, I find myself like the nation of Israel, of which God said in Hosea, "Therefore I will allure her into the desert (wilderness) that I might speak comfortably to her."



# Helps Women Discover God’s Unexpected Blessings in a Desert Season

- Author is a former dramatist at Women of Faith conferences and speaks regularly at conferences and retreats around the country
- Explores the desert experience in Scripture to reveal God’s hidden blessings and beauty
- Shows women ten specific blessings God offers them even when they feel lost, tired, or stuck

When it comes to our connection with God, we dread “dry seasons,” when we feel far from our life-sustaining Creator and redeemer. We want to dwell in lush valleys, not wander in trackless deserts. And yet, during the first three centuries of the church, many men and women purposefully moved into deserts to seek God. They understood something that we have missed: a desert is not a place of vast nothingness, but a place where we can truly experience God’s provision, restoration, and intimacy.

Through Scripture and personal stories of her own times of waiting and struggle, Allison Allen offers a fresh perspective for women who dare to believe that God is doing something of eternal value in their dry seasons. She shows how God can use these times in our lives to reveal himself to us, to give us rest, to get our attention, to show us our strength, to experience his blessings, and more. Any woman who has been feeling spiritually sapped will welcome this refreshing message of hope.

## Thirsty for More

Allison Allen



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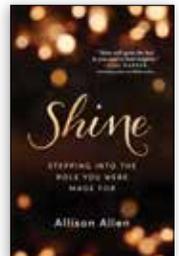
### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Allison Allen is the author of *Shine*. A graduate of the prestigious Carnegie Mellon University, she appeared in approximately 650 performances of the Broadway production of *Grease*. A former Women of Faith dramatist and current Bible teacher, she speaks to women at conferences and retreats around the country, exploring themes of purpose, value, and identity in original and unexpected ways. She lives with her family in Tennessee.



### ALSO AVAILABLE

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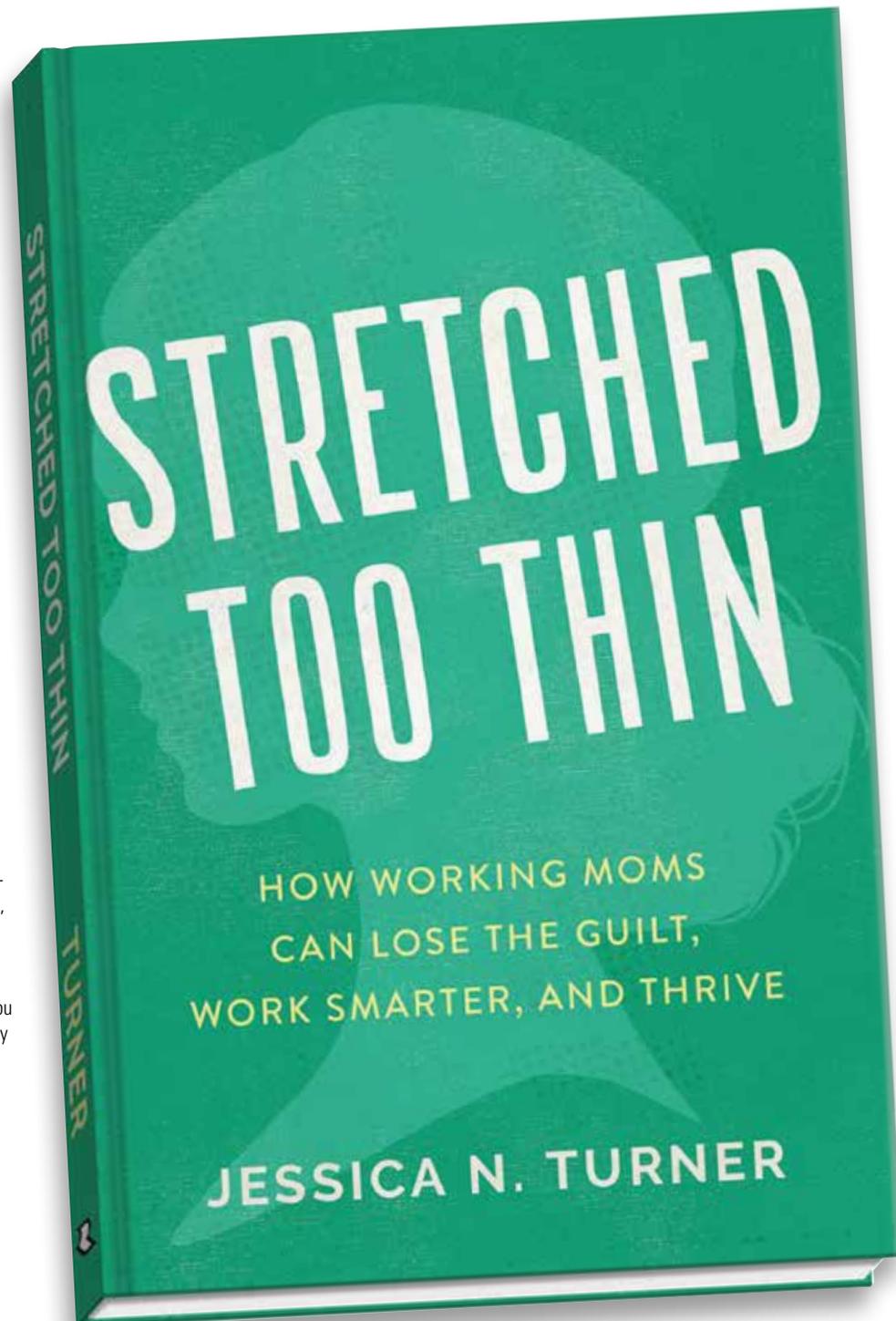
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Working motherhood is not easy, but it has taught me so much about the importance of appreciating the ordinary. When I take time to practice intention, really listen to my husband and kids, take care of myself, and love the work that I do, I am thriving in working motherhood. Sure, dishes may be on the counter and the laundry baskets may never be empty. But that's okay. I have systems in place to ensure we never run out of diapers and toilet paper, and eventually all the projects get completed—even if the timeline is sometimes a little slower than I would like it to be.

Some days you will feel stretched too thin, and that's okay. That's a part of a life with many responsibilities. It is a lot to juggle. But the goal is for that to no longer be your norm. You can live better. So fight for it. Live boldly and passionately. Pursue your dreams and love your family well.

While each of our lives is different, the one thing that is the same is that we crave to live full beautiful lives. And that's what I'm hoping you come away with after reading this book. I hope that you have seen the beauty in your everyday and that each day you'll breathe deeply and confidently, knowing that you've got this.

Because you do you have it. Your family is so lucky to have you. You are bright, kind, passionate about your family, and gifted in the work that you do each day. So go forth knowing that, believing that, and living that out. You are a light and you have the opportunity to shine bright every day in all of your different roles. So do that, sister, thrive and live well.



# How Working Moms Can Lose the Guilt, Work Smarter, and Thrive

- More than 2,000 women were surveyed for the book and dozens contributed one-on-one interviews
- Turner reaches more than 150,000 people each month through her social media channels
- Content has been field tested as an online class by the author

Working mothers constantly battle the pull to do all the things well. From managing work and home responsibilities to being impacted by a lack of self-care and time for deep friendships, the struggle is real. At the end of each day, many working moms are exhausted and stretched too thin. But this does not have to be the norm.

In her latest practical and inspiring book, Jessica Turner shows the working mom how to

- work and parent guilt-free
- establish clear work boundaries
- set achievable goals
- discover more flexibility
- develop home management solutions
- prioritize self-care
- invest in her marriage
- cultivate deeper friendships
- feel like a good mom, even while working

Full of compassion and encouragement, *Stretched Too Thin* will empower women with useful insights and tools to thrive as working moms.

## Stretched Too Thin

Jessica N. Turner



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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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She has been featured in numerous media outlets including *The Today Show*, *O Magazine*, *Pregnancy & Newborn Magazine*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, and *Inc.com*. She and her husband, Matthew, live with their three young children in Nashville, Tennessee.

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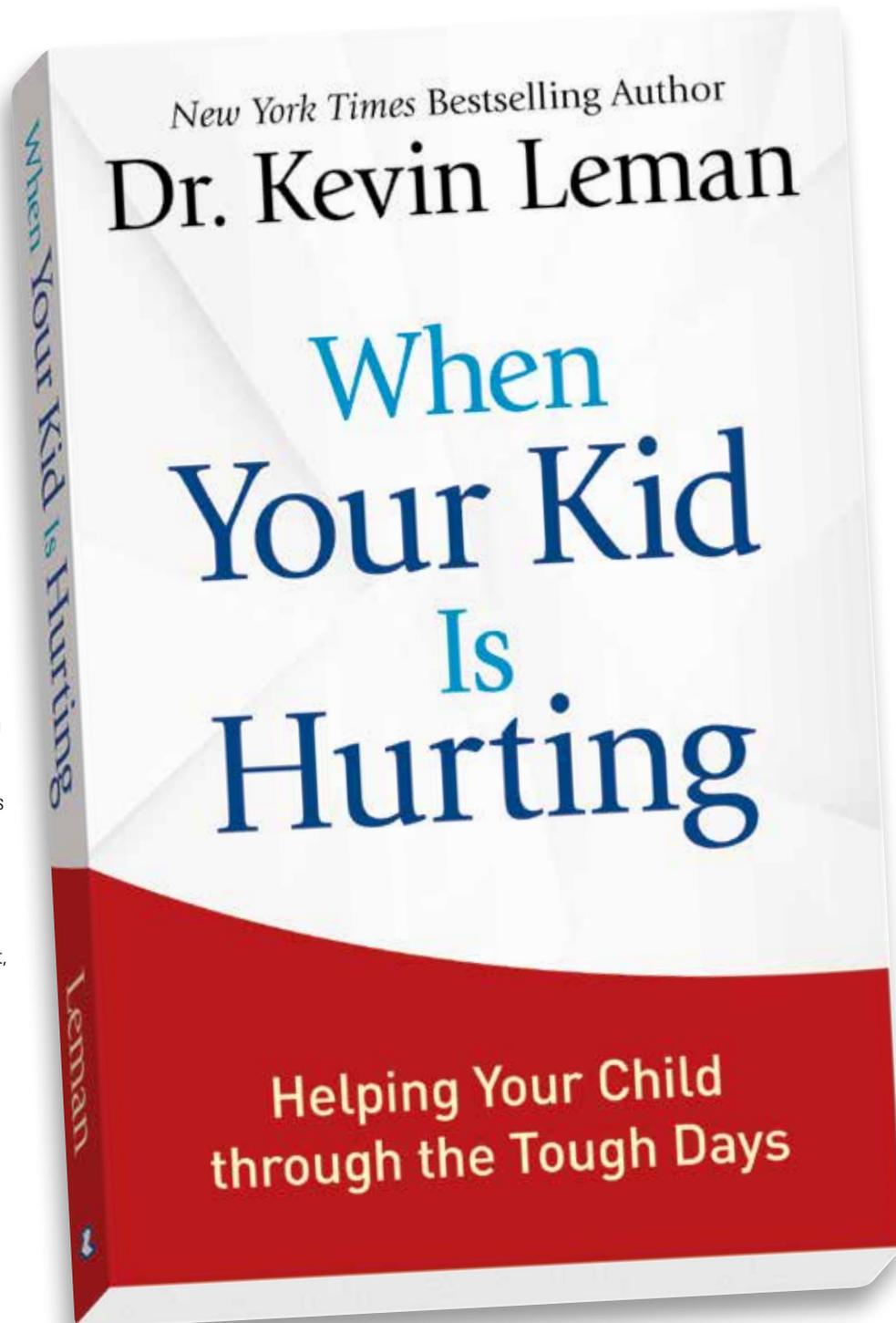
What do you do when . . .

- \*your daughter is bawling because her BFF betrayed her?
- \*your teen withdraws and won't talk?
- \*a loved one gets seriously ill or passes away?
- \*your ex doesn't show up for a promised event?
- \*your son is bullied for being "different"?
- \*you find out the hard way your teen is sexually active?
- \*your 13-year-old, 115-pounder thinks she's too fat and needs to diet?
- \*your son takes out his anger at not making the football team on your walls and furniture?
- \*a mean comment about your child pops up on social media?
- \*your son says you'd be better off without him?
- \*your oldest says she hates you and wants to go live with her father?

These are just a few situations you may face as a parent. Your kid's world is so different from the one you grew up in. A lot more scary on many fronts, too. So when your children hurt, how can you best help them?

*When Your Kid Is Hurting* walks you through real-life issues, your child's fears and hurts, and natural coping mechanisms for stress and grief. With some of my time-tested advice that has worked for hundreds of thousands of families, you and your child can not only get through these difficult experiences intact, but develop a deeper bond and healthy perspective that will serve you well in the future.

I guarantee it.



# Practical Advice to Help Your Child Cope with Serious Challenges and Anxieties

- Dr. Leman is a *New York Times* bestselling author, psychologist, and parenting expert
- Leman's Revell books have sold more than 4.5 million copies
- Strong felt need for a book on how parents can help children handle their real-life issues, fears, hurts, stress, and grief
- Provides parents with practical tools and suggested conversation starters

Children today live in an unpredictable, disruptive, and often violent world. Many of them live in two different homes with different sets of expectations. They face bullying at school and online. They hear news of school shootings, and racially or religiously motivated violence. They may have lost a friend or a loved one.

As parents, the impulse to protect our children is strong, but that very protection can end up handicapping them for life. Rather than seek to save them from the hard things, parents must teach their kids how to cope with and rise above their problems. In one of his most important books to date, internationally known psychologist and bestselling author Dr. Kevin Leman shows parents how to

- be good listeners
- tell the truth, even when it's difficult
- find balance between being protective and being overprotective
- approach hurt and injustice as a learning experience rather than fostering a victim mentality
- and much more

Whether your child is dealing with a difficult family situation, bullies, the loss of friends, the death of a loved one, discrimination, abuse, a teen pregnancy, or even just trying to make sense of what they see in the news, this compassionate and practical book will help parents equip them to process, learn from, and rise above their situation.

## When Your Kid Is Hurting

Dr. Kevin Leman



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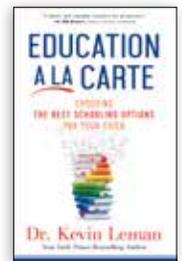
### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Dr. Kevin Leman** is an internationally known psychologist, radio and television personality, and speaker who has taught and entertained audiences worldwide with his wit and commonsense psychology. He has made house calls through hundreds of radio and television programs, such as *Fox & Friends*, *The View*, Fox's *The Morning Show*, *Today, Morning in America*, *The 700 Club*, CBS's *The Early Show*, *Janet Parshall*, CNN, and *Focus on the Family*, and has served as a contributing family psychologist to *Good Morning America*. A bestselling and award-winning author, Dr. Leman has written more than fifty books about marriage and family issues, including *The Birth Order Book* and *Have a New Kid by Friday*. Dr. Leman and his wife, Sande, live in Tucson, Arizona. They have five children and four grandchildren.

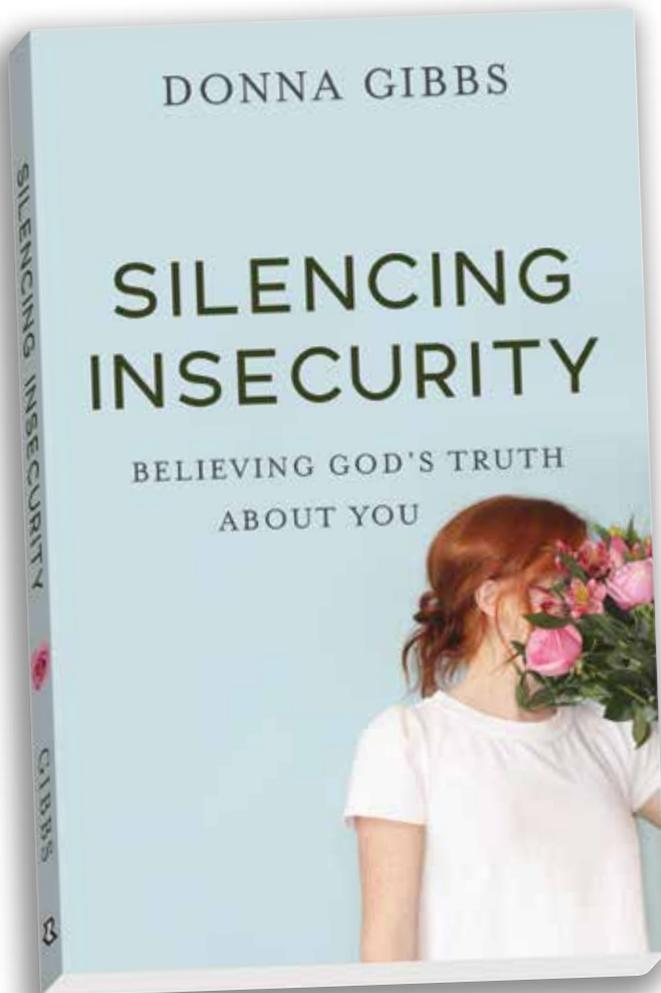


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# Thrive in the Freedom of a Secure Sense of Self Worth



- Breaks down the root causes of insecurities and shows women how to overcome them
- Author is a licensed provider with Focus on the Family's Professional Referral Network and the Christian Care Network through the American Association of Christian Counselors
- Author is a licensed professional counselor supervisor with more than twenty years of experience counseling women

Insecurity is easily the most pervasive struggle of women in America today. We have more ways than ever to compare ourselves to others—who are all prettier, thinner, smarter, more successful, and more put together than we are—and our sense of self-worth takes a serious beating on an almost daily basis. We're tired of simply commiserating with writers and bloggers who share their own struggles—we want real, workable solutions about how to find peace with ourselves.

This is what professional Christian counselor Donna Gibbs gives women with *Silencing Insecurity*. Drawing from her twenty years of experience counseling women, she exposes the many lies that produce insecurities in us starting from a young age, the result of letting those insecurities get the best of us, and, most importantly, the way out of insecurity—for good. Anyone who is tired of letting insecurity snatch away the joy from her life will welcome this practical and freeing book.

## Silencing Insecurity

Donna Gibbs



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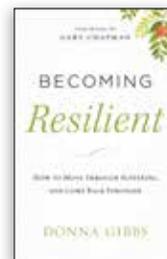
Donna Gibbs is the author of *Becoming Resilient* and is a licensed professional counselor supervisor, a national certified counselor, and a board certified professional Christian counselor. A member of the American Association of Christian Counselors, she is on the referral network for Focus on the Family, Christian Care Network, r3Continuum, and FINDINGbalance. A professional Christian counselor since 1998, she is director of A Clear Word Counseling Center in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Donna is a speaker, a blogger, and can frequently be heard on national podcasts. She and her husband, Mark, have been married for more than 20 years and have four sons.



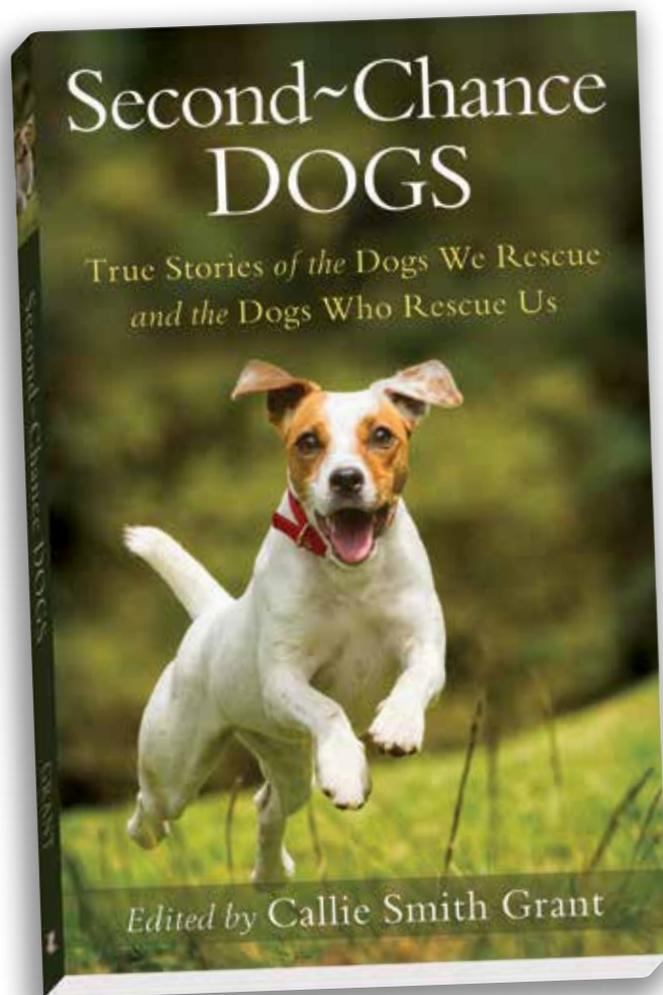
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# Who Rescued Who?



- Rescue stories touch our hearts in special ways and give us hope that we can make the world a better place
- Callie Smith Grant's animal-themed story collections have sold more than 250,000 copies
- Perfect gift for dog lovers

Everyone loves an underdog, and nothing gives us warmer feelings than seeing someone get a second chance in life. A problem pup who flourishes under the right kind of training. The struggling veteran who finds unconditional love wiggling around at the end of a leash. The lonely child who finds comfort in the steady breathing of the warm, furry friend at her side. Each of us needs to be rescued from something—and each of us has the capacity to rescue someone, or something, else.

This collection of more than thirty contemporary, true, feel-good stories spotlights the beauty of being rescued—dogs rescued by people, people rescued by dogs, and even dogs who rescue other animals. It's the perfect companion—well, besides the four-legged, tail-wagging kind—for your morning cup of coffee or an evening curled up on the couch. Contributors include Susy Flory, Dusty Rainbolt, Lauraine Snelling, Melody Carlson, Wanda Dyson, Suzanne Woods Fisher, and many more.

## Second-Chance Dogs

Callie Smith Grant, editor



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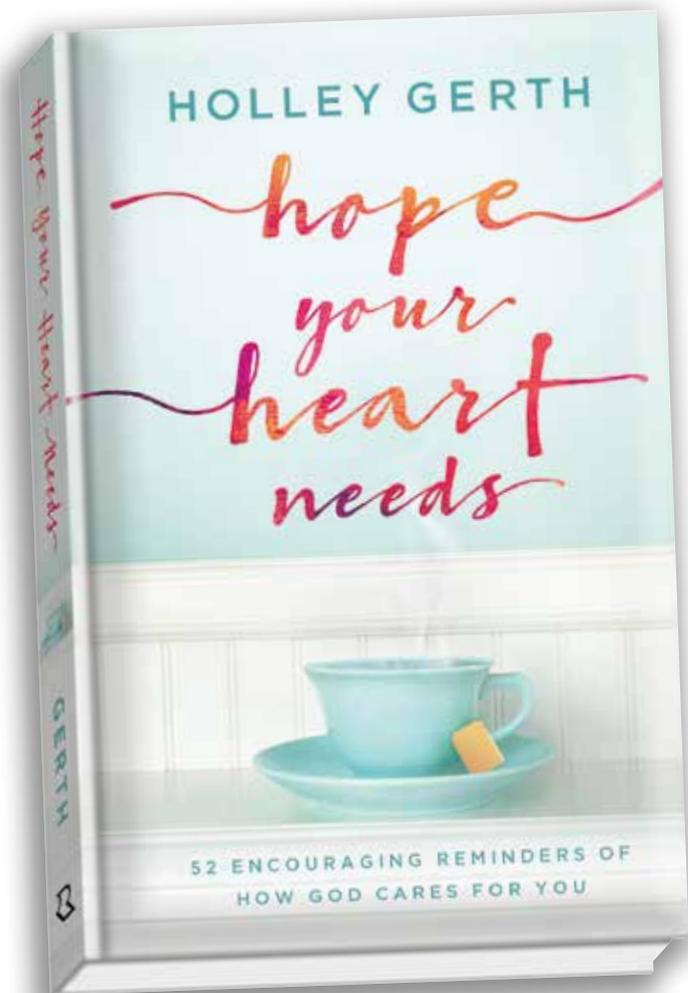
**Callie Smith Grant** is the editor of *The Cat in the Window*, *The Dog Next Door*, *The Cat on My Lap*, *The Dog at My Feet*, and *The Horse of My Heart*. She is the author of several nonfiction books for young readers and adults as well as many animal-themed stories and poems which can be seen in *Guideposts* anthologies and in magazines such as *Small Farmer's Journal*.

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# Encouragement to Remind Women of Who God Is and How He Cares for Them



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## Hope Your Heart Needs

Holley Gerth



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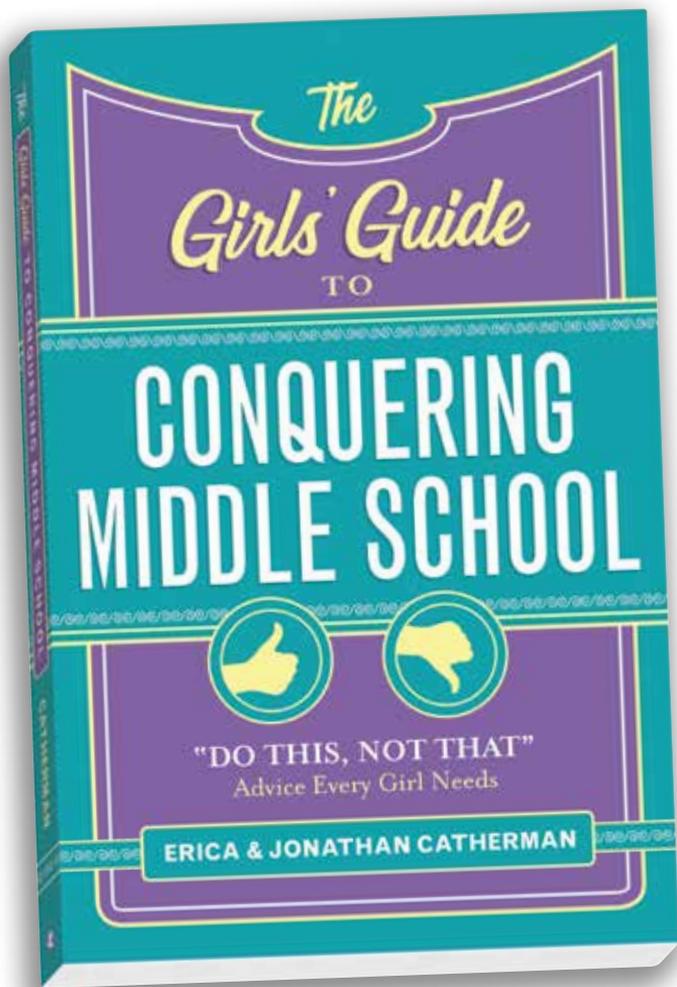


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# Fun and Practical Advice for Girls Entering the Middle School Years



- Includes 100 topics with 200 drawings illustrating the practical dos and don'ts of middle school life
- Offers a fresh and relevant approach that girls, parents, educators, and community leaders will appreciate
- More than 150,000 copies of Jonathan Catherman's books have been sold

The transition from elementary school to middle school skirts the borders of traumatic for many girls. Their bodies are changing, their moods are shifting, their friendships are tested, and boys can become a big distraction. Girls may begin to struggle with grades, behavior, and relationships with family and friends. How do they know what to do and what not to do in this new environment with new expectations?

Erica and Jonathan Catherman offer girls ages ten to twelve the practical help they need to make the move to middle school as painless as possible. The "do this, not that" format covers a hundred relevant topics and situations middle school girls will face, including the first day, bullies, test taking, cell phone use, homework, gossip, leadership, respect, sports, PDA, and many more.

## The Girls' Guide to Conquering Middle School

Erica and Jonathan Catherman



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### ABOUT THE AUTHORS

**Erica Catherman** spent more than 20 years mentoring young women as a coach to middle school, high school, and college students. Committed to raising up the next generation to be kind, confident, and capable, Erica has served as a youth group leader, community volunteer, and advocate for gender equality in sports. She is a certified Yoga Alliance and Group Fitness instructor.

**Jonathan Catherman** is the author of the bestselling books *The Manual to Manhood* and *The Manual to Middle School*. An award-winning cultural strategist and a leading education trainer specializing in the character and leadership development of youth, Jonathan speaks worldwide about the principles and strengths that empower greatness in children, teens, and young adults.

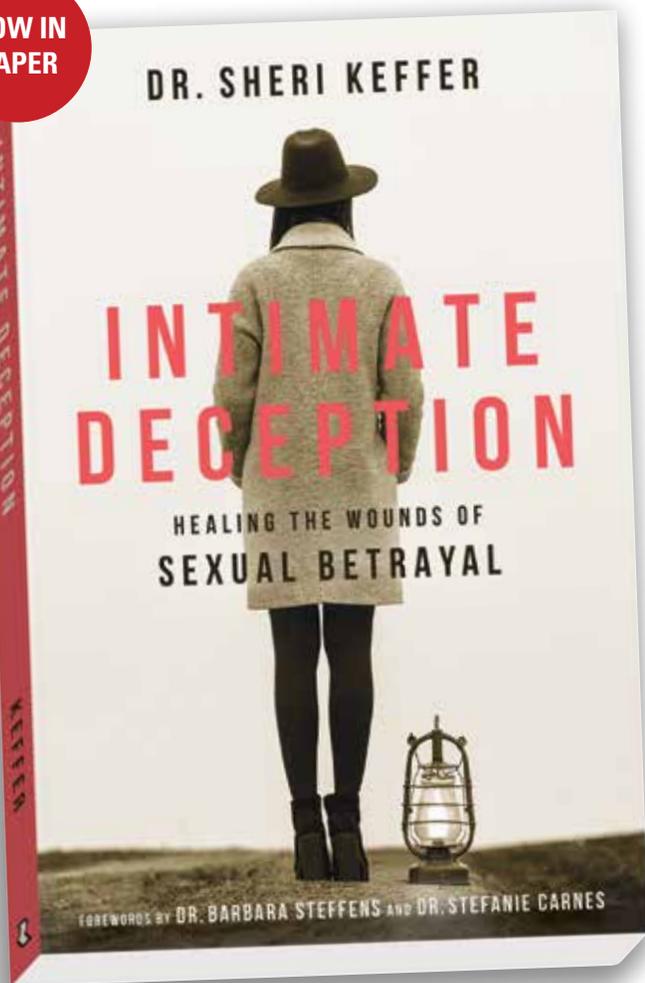
Together, the Cathermans are the authors of *The Girls' Guide to Conquering Life*. They live in North Carolina, where they work together to raise their family, which includes two teenagers and a couple of big dogs. Learn more at [www.thecathermans.com](http://www.thecathermans.com).

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# Hope, Help, and a Way Forward after Sexual Betrayal

NOW IN PAPER



- Dr. Keffer writes from both personal and professional experience
- Author is a cohost of the nationally syndicated talk show *New Life Live*, with an audience of more than 2 million on 150 stations nationwide
- Tens of millions of relationships in the United States are impacted by sexual addiction, pornography, and extramarital affairs

Nothing destroys trust like sexual betrayal. Drawing from her experience both as a marriage and family therapist and a woman who personally experienced the devastation of sexual betrayal, Dr. Sheri Keffer walks women impacted by betrayal through the pain and toward recovery. She explains how the trauma of betrayal affects our minds, bodies, spirits, and sexuality. She offers practical tools for dealing with emotional triggers and helps women understand the realities of sexual addiction. And she shows women how to practice self-care, develop healthy boundaries, protect themselves from abuse or manipulation, and find freedom from the burden of shame and guilt.

Forewords by Dr. Barbara Steffens and Dr. Stefanie Carnes.

## Intimate Deception

Dr. Sheri Keffer



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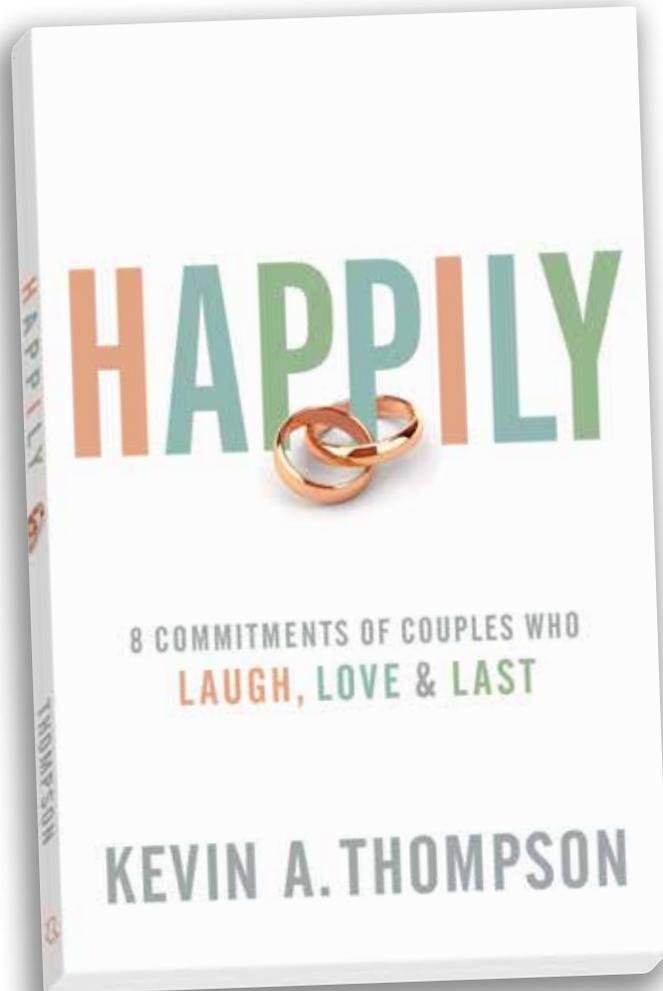
### ENDORSEMENTS

"Practical tools, a friend who understands, and hope for a future can all be found in this book."  
 —Daniel G. Amen, MD, founder of Amen Clinics and author of *Memory Rescue*

"*Intimate Deception* is the best book I have ever read for women who have been sexually betrayed by their spouse."  
 —Leslie Vernick, author of *The Emotionally Destructive Relationship*

"This book provides practical and also inspirational hope for the journey of healing. Highly recommended."  
 —John Townsend, PhD, psychologist, *New York Times* bestselling author

# How Successful Marriages Work



- Kevin works with couples at every stage of marriage as a lead pastor of Community Bible Church in Arkansas
- Readers will gain insights into the 8 commitments that lead to success in marriage
- Thompson’s marriage blog attracts an average of 70,000 unique monthly visitors

In the beginning, marriage doesn’t seem as though it should be all that difficult. But it doesn’t take long for trouble to seep in and for bad habits to become entrenched. Before long, many married couples may be wondering when the “worse” part ends and the “better” part starts.

Pastor and author Kevin A. Thompson has good news for couples: the “better” part is always within reach when they practice eight specific commitments to each other. These commitments have the power to solve almost any problem a marriage faces, and to prevent new ones from occurring. With biblical insights and engaging personal stories, Thompson shows couples how to see their marriage as bigger than themselves, avoid both apathy and aggression, release the desire for power, make and maintain peace, endure difficult times, and more. Perfect for newlyweds and for married couples at any stage of life, *Happily* is the gateway to a more loving, more joy-filled marriage.

## Happily

Kevin A. Thompson



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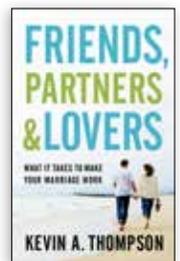
### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Kevin A. Thompson** is the author of *Friends, Partners, and Lovers* and is lead pastor at Community Bible Church, a growing multi-site church with four locations in western Arkansas. Every year he meets with nearly one hundred couples with a range of needs, from premarital counseling to navigating the most serious betrayals. A marriage and parenting conference speaker, he and his wife, Jenny, have two children and live in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He blogs at [www.kevinathompson.com](http://www.kevinathompson.com).

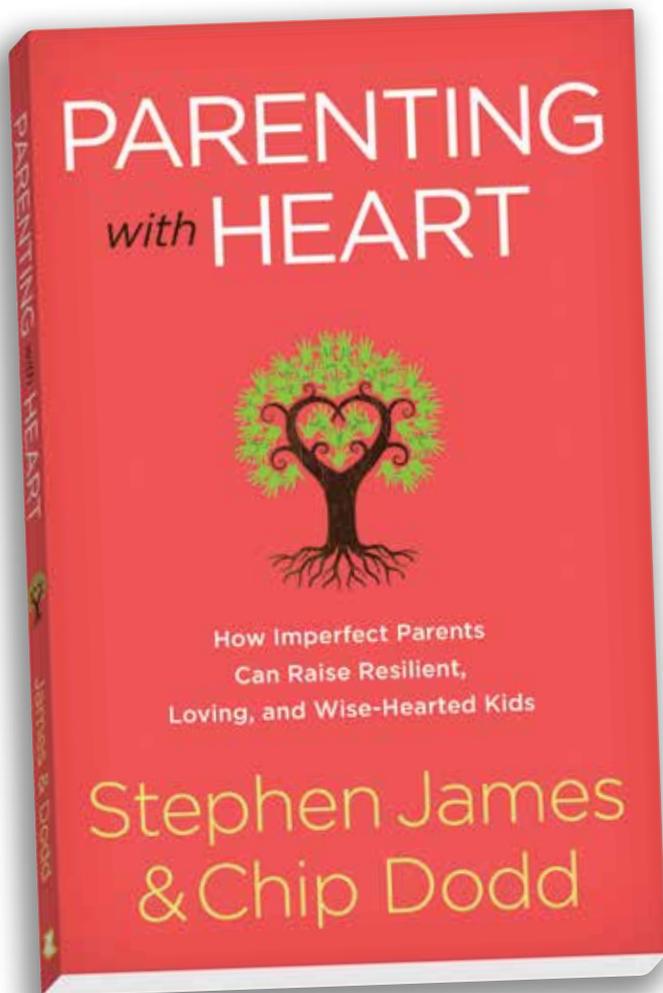


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# How Imperfect Parents Can Nurture Healthy Children and Build Stronger Families



- Helps parents raise capable, loving, wise-hearted kids who can function well in the world
- Authors are therapists and parents with decades of clinical and real-life experience
- Accessible, engaging style packed with proven wisdom and relatable stories

Parents want to be the best person they can for their children, but much of the time they may feel like giraffes on ice—clumsy, unprepared, and in imminent danger of going down. The good news is, our children don't need perfect parents. They need authentic, fully-hearted, relationally engaged parents who can mess up and move on more than parents who always get it right.

In this freeing book, respected therapists and bestselling authors Stephen James and Chip Dodd invite parents to let go of perfectionism and micromanaging as they learn to parent from a place of emotional honesty and intimacy. Through their clinical experience and relatable true stories, they show parents that raising children to become capable, loving, and wise-hearted adults is far more about accepting our flaws than projecting an impossible standard to our children that we already know we can't live up to. Parents will learn how to resolve issues from their own childhoods, tune into their feelings and the emotions of their children, and be present with their families through both the best and worst of circumstances.

## Parenting with Heart

Stephen James and Chip Dodd



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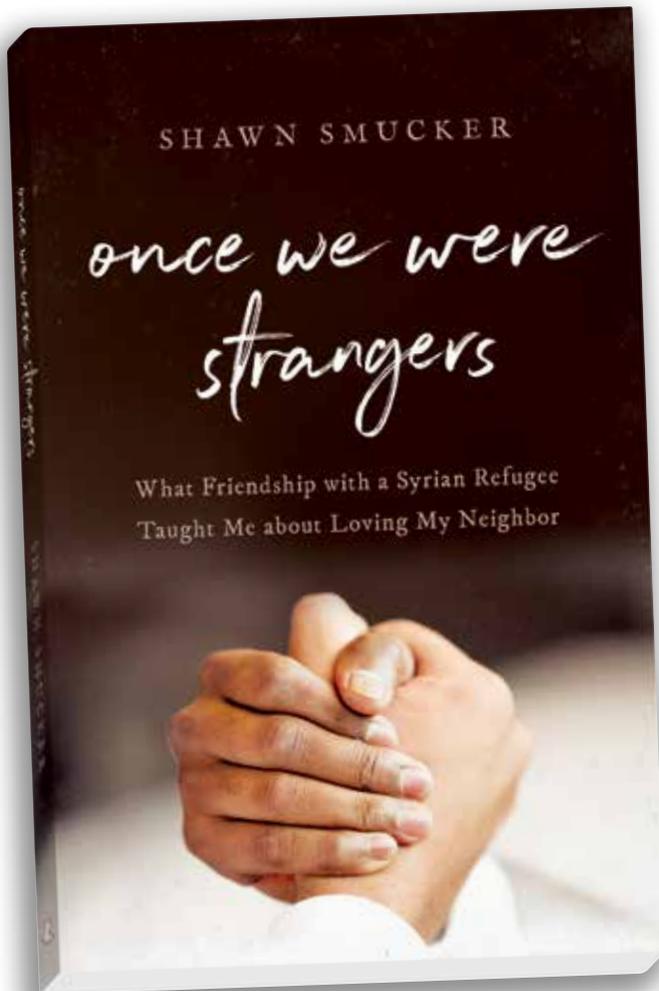
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# Inspirational True Story of Friendship across Cultural Divides



- The compelling story of an American and a Syrian refugee who form an unlikely friendship that changes both their lives for the better
- Smucker is a strong writer with a gripping narrative style
- Offers a personal, honest look at how we can love and welcome our neighbors despite cultural, religious, or political differences

In 2012, Mohammad fled his Syrian village along with his wife and four sons, escaping to Jordan through the wilderness. Four years later he sat across from Shawn Smucker in a small conference room in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Though neither of them knew it, Mohammad had arrived in Shawn's life just in time.

This is the story of a friendship. It is the story of a middle-aged writer struggling to make a living and a Syrian refugee struggling to create a life for his family in a strange and sometimes hostile land. It's the story of two fathers hoping for the best, two hearts seeking compassion, two lives changed forever. It's the story of our moment in history and the opportunities it gives us to show love and hospitality to the sojourner in our midst.

Anyone who has felt torn between the desire for security and the desire to offer sanctuary to those fleeing war and violence will find Shawn Smucker a careful and loving guide on the road to mercy and unity.

## Once We Were Strangers

Shawn Smucker



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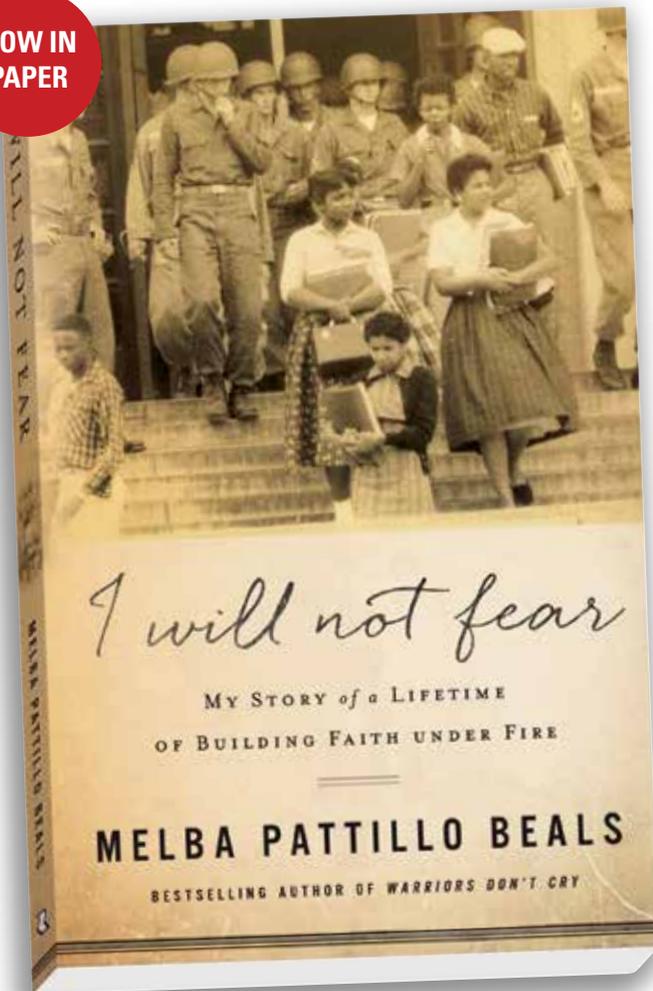
**Shawn Smucker** is the author of the novels *The Day the Angels Fell* and *The Edge of Over There*. He lives with his wife and six children in the city of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. You can find him online at [www.shawnsmucker.com](http://www.shawnsmucker.com).



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# Lessons in Unshakeable Faith from One of the Little Rock Nine

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- Melba Pattillo Beals was one of nine African American students chosen to integrate Little Rock's all-white Central High School in 1957
- Dr. Beals has received one hundred awards for bravery, including the country's highest honor, the Congressional Gold Medal
- Beals previous book, *Warriors Don't Cry*, has sold more than 1 million copies

While her white schoolmates were planning their senior prom, Melba was facing the business end of a double-barreled shotgun, being threatened with lynching by rope-carrying tormentors, and learning how to outrun white supremacists who were ready to kill her rather than sit beside her in a classroom. Only her faith in God sustained her during her darkest days and helped her become a civil rights warrior, an NBC television news reporter, a magazine writer, a professor, a wife, and a mother.

In *I Will Not Fear*, Beals takes readers on an unforgettable journey through terror, oppression, and persecution, highlighting the kind of faith we all need to survive in a world full of heartbreak and anger. She shows how the deep faith we develop during our most difficult moments is the kind of faith that can change our families, our communities, and even the world.

Encouraging and inspiring, her story offers hope that faith is the solution to the pervasive hopelessness of our current culture.

## I Will Not Fear

Melba Pattillo Beals



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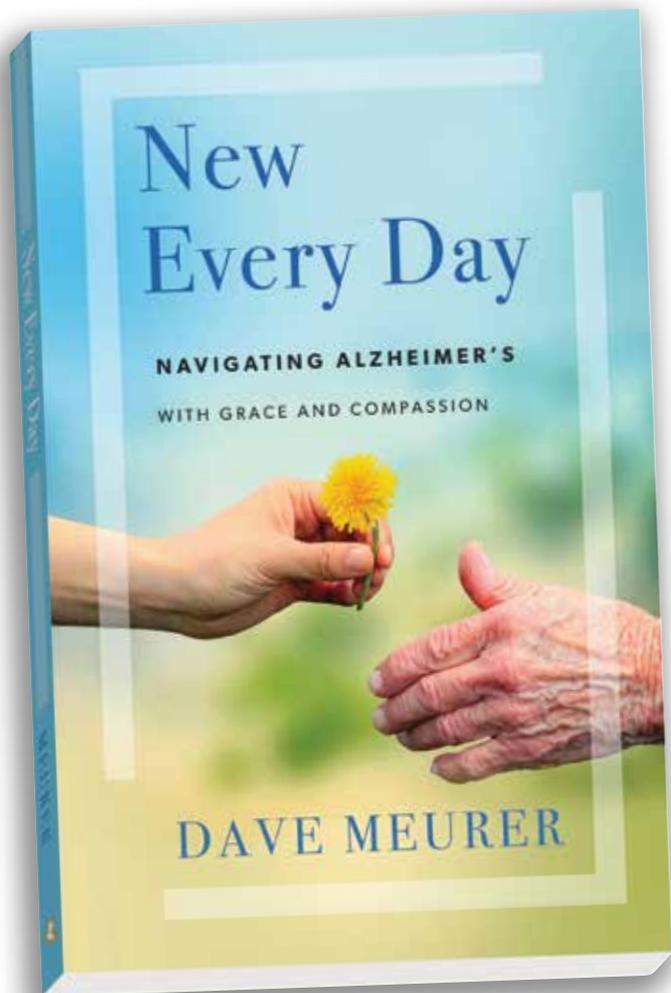
### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Melba Pattillo Beals** is a recipient of this country's highest honor, the Congressional Gold Medal, for her role, as a fifteen-year-old, in the integration of Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. A retired university professor with a doctorate in International Multicultural Education, she is a former KQED television broadcaster, NBC television news reporter, ABC radio talk show host, and writer for various magazines, including *Family Circle* and *People*. Beals's *Warriors Don't Cry* has been in print for more than twenty years, has sold more than one million copies, and was the winner of the American Library Association Award, the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award, and the American Booksellers' Association Award. She lives in San Francisco and is the mother of three adult children.

### ENDORSEMENT

"[Beals's] story encourages selflessness and a persistent confidence that God can and will work things out for his children, in his timing—whether it is reconciliation among people of different ethnicities or feeling helpless when your child is in imminent danger. A must-read."  
 —**Dr. John M. Perkins**, founder and president emeritus of the John & Vera Mae Perkins Foundation

# A Friend on the Journey of Caring for Your Loved One with Alzheimer's



- Meurer is an award-winning writer whose Revell books have sold more than 100,000 copies
- More than 4 million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's
- Meurer helps readers navigate the often scary realities of a family member who has Alzheimer's, with personal stories, practical advice, and compassionate humor

Alzheimer's. It barges into your life, breaks your heart, bewilders your mind, disrupts your plans, impacts your finances, and consumes enormous amounts of time and energy. When someone you love has Alzheimer's, you need more than just information on the disease—you need a break. You need a laugh. You need a friend by your side who knows exactly what you're going through.

Award-winning humorist Dave M. Meurer is that friend. Packed with practical information—like how to get the DMV to take away the car keys or how you shouldn't insist on correcting your loved one's misperceptions—and plenty of true stories from his own experiences navigating life with a loved one who suffers from Alzheimer's, *New Every Day* offers hard-earned wisdom and even some badly needed comic relief for readers journeying down this difficult road. With compassion born of experience, Meurer helps caregivers develop the ability to relax, adapt, and even sometimes laugh again.

## New Every Day

Dave Meurer



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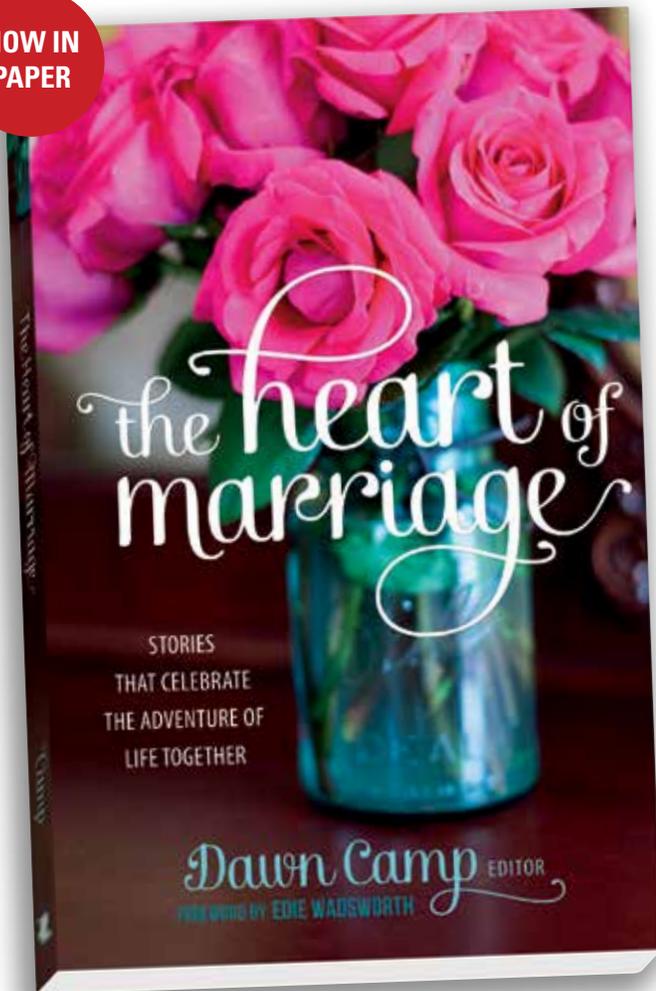
### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dave Meurer is the author of several nonfiction books, including *Boys Will Be Joys* and *The Hair-Raising Joys of Raising Boys*. He lives in northern California.



# See the Adventure of Marriage in a New Way

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Marriage is about walking together through all of life's ups and downs, its challenges and triumphs. And no relationship offers more chances for personal and spiritual growth, love and support, and just plain fun. Collecting true stories from some of today's best writers, Dawn Camp offers readers a chance to sit back and reflect on the heart of marriage. With beautiful photographs and poignant prose, this collection is a great gift for the bride-to-be, the couple celebrating a significant anniversary, or for any time readers need a lift.

Now in paper. Foreword by Edie Wadsworth.

## The Heart of Marriage

Dawn Camp, editor



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women around the world. Camp blogs at MyHome-

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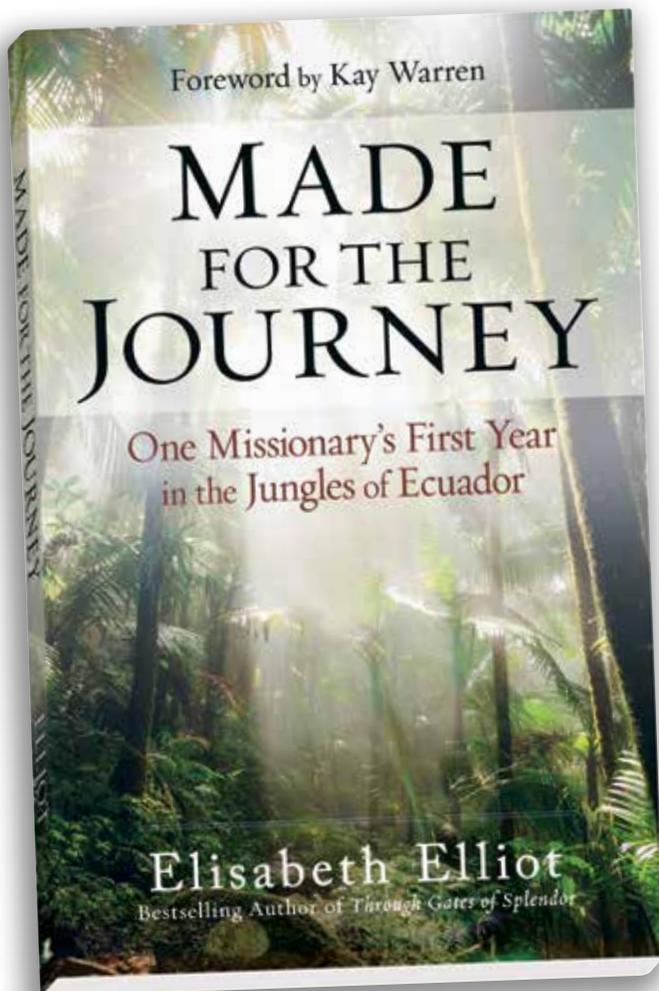
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software. She lives with her family in north metro

Atlanta.



# Missionary Memoir from a Giant of the Faith



- Bestselling author Elisabeth Elliot reflects on how her first year in Ecuador affected her life and ministry
- Revell has sold well over 1 million copies of Elliot's books
- Beautifully repackaged and retitled to reach a new audience
- Foreword by Kay Warren

In her first year as a missionary to a small group of native women in the Ecuadorian jungle, Elisabeth Elliot faced physical and spiritual trials. In *Made for the Journey*, Elliot captures the mysteries and stark realities surrounding the colorful and primitive world in which she ministered. More than just a recounting of her early days, this is a beautifully crafted and deeply personal reflection on the important questions of life and a remarkable testimony to authentic Christian obedience to God.

## Made for the Journey

Elisabeth Elliot



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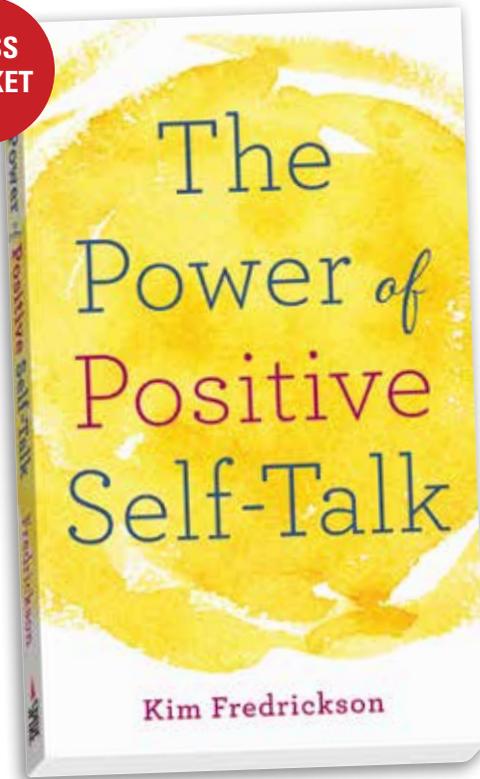
### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Elisabeth Elliot** (1926–2015) was one of the most perceptive and popular Christian writers of the last century. The author of more than twenty books, including *Passion and Purity* and *The Journals of Jim Elliot*, Elliot offered guidance and encouragement to millions of readers worldwide.



## Therapist Shows How to Offer Compassion—to Ourselves

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Many people are used to showing compassion to others. What many of us have trouble with is showing that same compassion to ourselves. Licensed marriage and family therapist Kim Fredrickson wants readers to stop beating themselves up. Grounding her advice in the Bible, she offers practical steps, specific exercises, and compassionate words to say in order to build a loving relationship with ourselves. Through inspiring stories of transformation, she helps us learn to show ourselves the kind of grace and understanding we offer to others—and to change our relationships, our outlook on life, and our view of ourselves in the process.

### The Power of Positive Self-Talk

Kim Fredrickson



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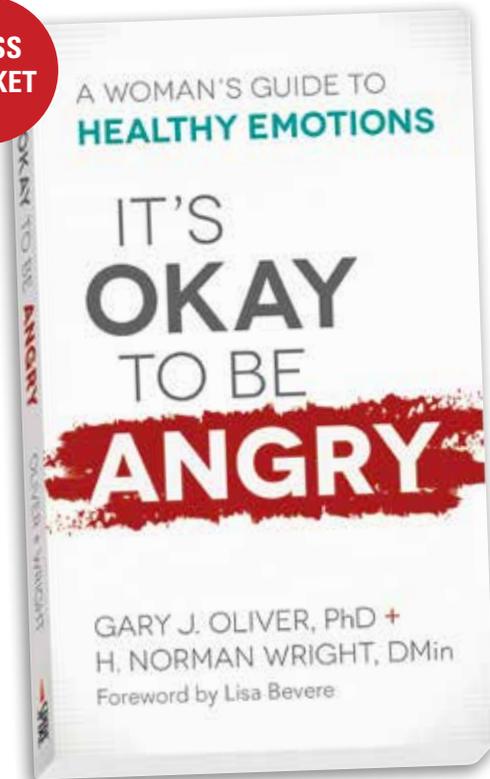
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## Getting Angry Can Be Good for You

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Did you know that it is okay to get angry? In fact, anger is a proper and godly response to some of the challenges we face. While the Bible admonishes believers to be longsuffering, it also shows how anger can be a vital tool in God's hands for bringing about needed change. Written specifically for women and counselors, this insightful and practical book corrects the popular notion that good Christian women should never get angry—not for any reason, not at anyone, not ever. Foreword by Lisa Bevere.

### It's Okay to Be Angry

Gary J. Oliver, PhD and  
H. Norman Wright, DMin



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