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Where they fulfill their calling by connecting to the presence of God and Tapping into the Trinity to transform lives, homes, communities, and nations. Niccie loves working for the Lord, growing her community and the Kingdom with the power of the Trinity.

In this issue she is contributing an article on Community, which nurtures spiritual growth and influences others to expand the kingdom of God.

WORDS FROM THE PUBLISHER

NICCIE KIEGL, FULFILL YOUR LEGACY

October has arrived, and with it the unmistakable signs of fall: the leaves turning brilliant shades of gold and red, the air growing crisp, and the days beginning to shorten. It's a season that reminds us of God's perfect design for change and rhythm. Fall teaches us to pause, reflect, and prepare for what's ahead, both in our homes and in our hearts.

This October also brings a special excitement for me personally—our Legacy Leader Annual Conference! This year, it is open to the entire community, and I'll be teaching and coaching on all four of my discipleship books. I can hardly wait to gather with you, to dive deep into what it means to partner with God, embrace His love in our homes, live like Jesus in our communities, and walk with the Holy Spirit as we reach the nations.

The anticipation of this gathering reminds me of Hebrews 10:24-25: "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." There is something powerful about coming together—learning, worshiping, and encouraging each other as we walk out our faith and build our legacies.

If you're new to *As for Me and My House*, welcome! This magazine was born out of my second book in the Legacy Series, *Embracing the Loving Legacy*. Each issue focuses on six vital areas that shape our homes and lives: house, marriage, health, finances, parenting, and community.

Our contributors—parents, Christian entrepreneurs, mentors, and leaders—are faithfully living out God's call and sharing their wisdom so we can grow together. As a family of believers, we LIVE | LOVE | LEARN | LEAD with God at the center, knowing that what He plants in our homes has the power to reach generations.

As you enjoy the beauty of fall this month, I hope you'll also join us in preparing your heart for the conference ahead. Whether in person or in spirit, may this be a season of gathering, growing, and glorifying the One who leads us into every new season.

With joy and anticipation,

Niccie Kiegl



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OUR HOME: A LAUNCHPAD FOR KINGDOM LIVING

Although this is a HOUSE-themed article, I will use the term "home" instead. To me, they are synonymous, for they speak of the place a family or an individual resides. I've lived in apartments, a fourplex, several houses, and now a condo. Different in structure but all the same for they were, and are, a home.

Early in our marriage, my husband and I dedicated our home to the Lord. We believed that He was the one who provided the house, and therefore, we needed to give it back to Him, very much in the same way we tithe our income. We wanted our home to be used for His purposes. This is reflected in Joshua's well-known scripture verse and his pronouncement of serving the Lord, not only himself but his entire household.

**"... BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL
 SERVE THE LORD." JOSHUA 24:15**

Dedicating our home and serving the Lord came hand in hand. Initially, it meant occasional meetings at our home, but it quickly evolved into us hosting a small group. That began a thirty-five-plus-year dedicated service to the Lord as small group hosts, leaders, and coaches through three different homes and two different provinces.

I view this experience as God's training ground, not only for those who have come through our home for small groups, holiday dinners for those without family, or any other gathering, but also for me. I had not realized it at the time, but God was preparing me for a very different role in the future.

God's training came in five waves.



OUR HOME WAS MY FIRST MINISTRY EXPERIENCE.

As I mentioned earlier, by dedicating our home to the Lord, whether we fully understood the weight of our actions or not, it was our first ministry experience. We taught our children both by word and by deed. They witnessed the growth of relationships focused on God and the desire for personal spiritual development.

"AND THESE WORDS THAT I COMMAND YOU TODAY SHALL BE ON YOUR HEART. YOU SHALL TEACH THEM DILIGENTLY TO YOUR CHILDREN, AND SHALL TALK OF THEM WHEN YOU SIT IN YOUR HOUSE, AND WHEN YOU WALK BY THE WAY, AND WHEN YOU LIE DOWN, AND WHEN YOU RISE."

DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7

Although this passage primarily addresses family members, it also includes those who were part of our small group, for they too, became our extended family. So, although our home was the primary classroom for discipleship for our children, it also allowed us to encourage others in Christian living.

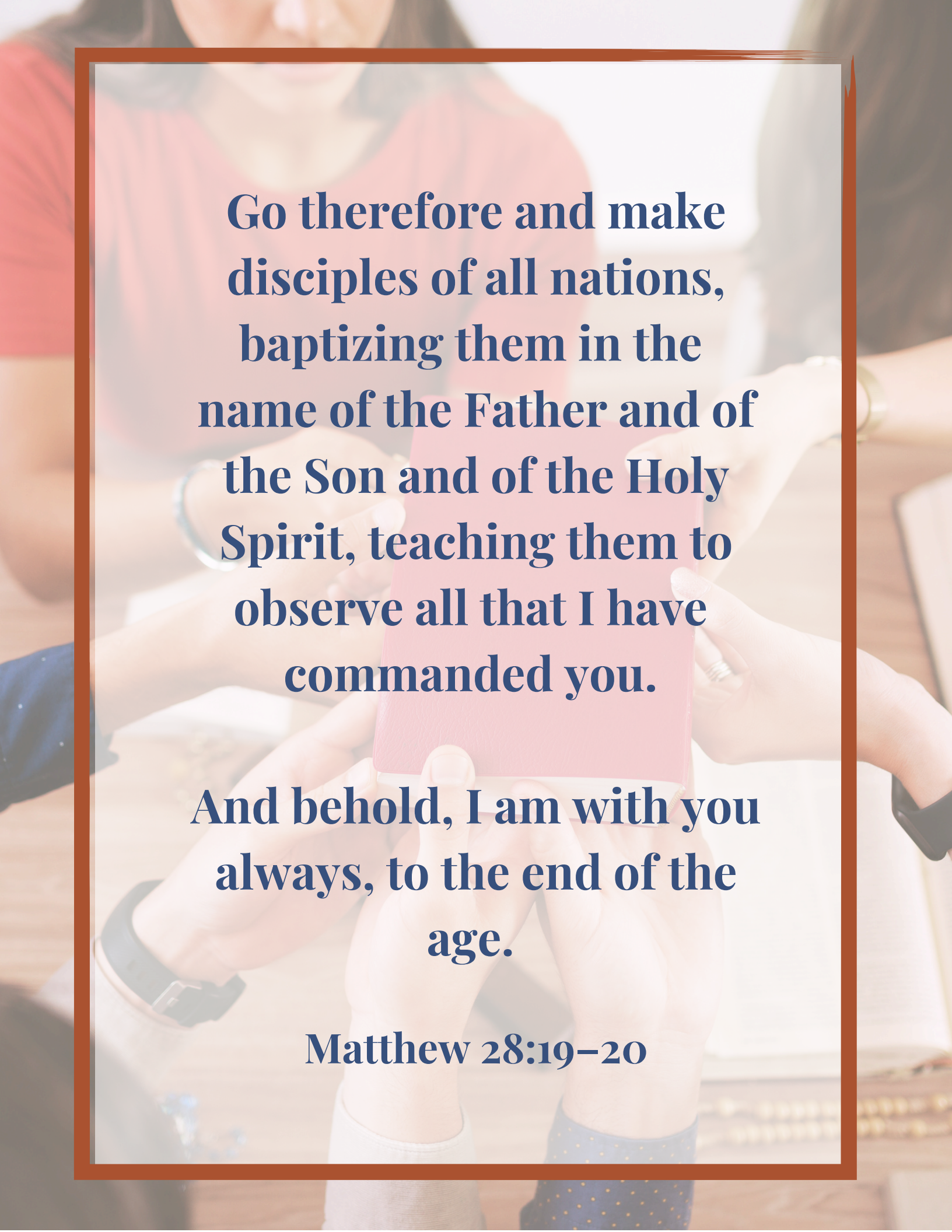
**POINT FOR CONSIDERATION:
DOES YOUR HOME CURRENTLY
REFLECT YOUR VALUES AND FAITH?**



OUR HOME PROVIDED A SAFE PLACE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONSHIPS FOUNDED AND FOCUSED ON GOD.

I believe that our home was looked upon as a place of safety. People were accepted for who they were. Pretenses were dropped, and their true selves were present. Baggage was offloaded at the feet of Christ. Lies were exposed and overcome. Faith was established and grew. Healthy relationships founded and focused on God were nurtured and formed. This developed as a direct result of a safe home environment and a loving Christian atmosphere.

I did not grow up in a Christian home, so this lesson was a huge learning curve for me. Our home was often full of family and friends. But having strangers come to our home was something I had never experienced before. It came with a lesson of trust and a leap of faith, focused on Christ.

A group of people are gathered around a table, holding hands in a circle. In the center of the circle is a red book. The background is slightly blurred, showing the faces and hands of the participants. The text is overlaid on the image in a dark blue, serif font.

**Go therefore and make
disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the
name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy
Spirit, teaching them to
observe all that I have
commanded you.**

**And behold, I am with you
always, to the end of the
age.**

Matthew 28:19–20

**"EVERYONE THEN WHO HEARS THESE WORDS OF
MINE AND DOES THEM WILL BE LIKE A WISE MAN
WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE ON THE ROCK."
MATTHEW 7:24**

Christ was our rock—the foundation of all that we were doing. As new/young Christians, this was a very new experience for my husband and me, but it was gratifying to see that it also impacted those who came to our home. It is what led me to want to do more than simply host, but to lead. Initially, I was hesitant to take such a step, as I had no experience in leading or teaching. It required yet another leap of faith and trust. I had to trust that God would not allow me to fall flat on my face.

**POINT FOR CONSIDERATION:
HOW IS YOUR HOUSEHOLD
MINISTRY DEPENDENT ON GOD'S
GUIDANCE?**

 **OUR HOME BECAME A PLACE OF
TEACHING AND TRAINING.**

Never before had I desired to teach anyone anything, but once I decided to lead, I felt an overwhelming desire to do so. If I'd only taken a minute to think about it, I would have thought, "Who am I to do this?" My entire background was in science and medical research. Who was I to believe that I could teach the Bible? These questions never entered my mind. I applied all that I learned about conducting literature searches and distilling information into understandable content to create Bible studies.

**"BUT AS FOR YOU, TEACH WHAT ACCORDS WITH
SOUND DOCTRINE." TITUS 2:1**

This way, our home and the small groups we led became my learning and training ground. I learned as I went. God was training me through His Holy Spirit. I felt safe within the confines of our home, taking this leap of faith, for after all, this was a home dedicated to God. All the studies I created were with new Christians and seekers in mind. I was drawing on my early experience and how my lack of knowledge caused me to believe lies, and drove me away from my faith and from God. In retrospect, I see that God was taking a past bad experience and using it for good.

**POINT FOR CONSIDERATION:
WHAT AREAS OF YOUR HOME OR
LIFE MINISTRY NEED GOD'S
FOUNDATION OR STRENGTHENING?**





OUR HOME ALLOWED MY RELATIONSHIPS TO MATURE INTO COACHING.

Reflecting, I realize that God was present in all I was doing. My steps of obedience to His leading had me serve as a hostess for small groups, then as a leader, and later as a coach of small group leaders. They were progressive steps, taken over a long period of time in small increments. Today, I see how God has taken me, ever so gently, on a journey I am sure I would have refused to go on, had I known. I never would have imagined serving God in such a leadership and coaching capacity. The older I get, the more I see the need for such service to the Lord.

**"OLDER WOMEN LIKEWISE ARE TO BE REVERENT
IN BEHAVIOR . . . THEY ARE TO TEACH WHAT IS
GOOD, AND SO TRAIN THE YOUNG WOMEN."
TITUS 2:3-4**

This is one of the reasons why I have chosen to become a coach . . . again. It is what the Lord has been preparing and training me to do for most of my life. It's incredible how well we see things when looking back, but looking forward it is often hidden from view, shrouded as if a veil of haze were there.

**POINT OF CONSIDERATION:
WHAT ROLE ARE YOU NOT
FULFILLING THAT YOU KNOW GOD
HAS BEEN LEADING YOU TO DO?**



OUR HOME BECAME A LAUNCHING PAD FOR NEW LEADERSHIP AND INFLUENCE.

Over forty years later, our home has once again become a launching pad for new leadership and influence. I am excited to take on this new challenge, but this time, I get to use it from the perspective of a passion, rather than a stepping stone. It is my honor and a privilege to work with people who desire to serve God, to expand His Kingdom on earth, while helping others to know an eternal future in heaven.

God granted me one of the greatest desires of my life, which was to become an author. It is something I love to do and am grateful to have the opportunity to do it. But ever since I published my first book, I've always wondered if this was all God wanted of me, now that I was retired. The answer, of course, was a resounding no! While writing my books, I also studied God's Word to ensure what I wrote was in line, even though my stories were fictional.

Now, as a Life and Author coach, I get to use all I've learned for the past forty-plus years to help other authors find their way. Writing is generally a lonely experience and fraught with many pitfalls. But, as I have learned, with God, all things are possible.

**POINT OF CONSIDERATION: HOW IS
GOD USING YOU TODAY? HOW HAS
HE PREPARED YOU TO FULFILL THIS
ROLE/PURPOSE?**

*I've always wondered if this was all God wanted of me,
now that I was retired.*

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SO, WHAT IS KINGDOM LIVING?

Kingdom living is living for an eternal future by preparing yourself and others for it. It is expanding God's Kingdom here on earth so that you may influence as many souls as possible towards God's Eternal Kingdom in heaven. It is walking in obedience by fulfilling the purpose God created you for, and trusting Him for every step.

Expanding God's Kingdom may seem challenging. How can I possibly make an impact on a Kingdom scale? That is how I looked at the challenge before me. I couldn't imagine doing something like that. After all, who was I to think . . .? But that is a lie Satan whispers to us, to you and me. Disregard it, and reject it. You are exactly where God wants you to be, and your purpose is right there, right now.

If you don't know how to find your purpose or how you can fulfill it, check out the programs that Niccie offers. It is how I finally understood what God wants me to do, and learned how to begin. I am taking the first step, but I know God will guide all the others. He needs to see my willingness and obedience.

FIVE-STEP ACTION PLAN YOU MAY CONSIDER

1

Identify one practical step to strengthen your home as a center of influence.

2

Set a goal to learn something new, such as a lesson, devotion, or insight to share with others.

3

Write down one person or group you will begin coaching or mentoring.

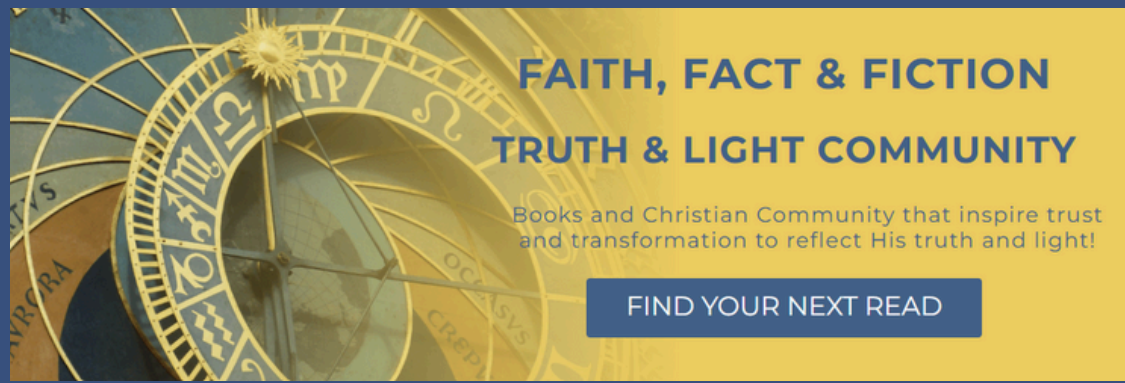
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Pray daily for God's favor and guidance over your household, mentoring, or whatever efforts He is asking you to undertake.

5

Step out in FAITH, as you TRUST God for the journey before you, as you are transformed into the image of Christ and reflect His LIGHT into the World.

Note: All Scripture verses used in this article are from the NIV Bible.



Trust God for he will transform your life as you pursue & reflect God's light - Jana Smith

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IT TAKES MORE THAN TWO

"Carolyn, two's company, but three is a crowd."

Oh, the times I heard my mom tell me that as a child when my best friend and I were spending time together only to have another classmate want to join in. It seemed perfect to share Barbies and popcorn and talk about our most recent "crush" just between the two of us. But when someone else wanted to join our party, my rejected heart felt the pain. Would I be excluded once again?

In childhood friendships this statement works, but for a marriage it does not. Scripture says in Ecclesiastes 4:12b (NIV), ". . . a cord of three strands is not quickly broken." We cannot have the thriving marriages and families that the Father has for us if we leave Him out of our relationship. He must be the third strand in our cord.

As a child, I grew up in a home that looked—for the most part on the outside—like we had it all together. My dad had a good job and for that era we lived in a nice

neighborhood. From the looks of it, we “presented the appearance” of Ward and June Cleaver in the sitcom *Leave it to Beaver*. I remember wishing my family was like those on my TV set.

I loved the peace and kindness shown among the Hollywood sitcom characters, as superficial as they were. However, my home seemed more like a battlefield than a peaceful evening at the Cleaver’s. It was through the sitcom’s displays of love that I learned how critical it was to change something in my family’s generational line. . . and if I wanted this change, it was up to me.

Peace became what I sought after more than anything else when Steve and I were married and started a family. I had been so accustomed to the strife in our home as a child that the Father and I had a heart-to-heart talk about how to live in peace in my then-growing family. Thankfully I married a peaceful man, and HE wasn’t the one who needed to change. It was ME! I was lovingly encouraged by my heavenly Father to look in the mirror. The only person I could control was me and how I responded to any moments of friction between the two of us.

Now, I will say that Steve, like the rest of us, isn’t perfect, but he didn’t deal with his own internal strife like I did. All of what I am sharing comes from the wisdom of the third Member of our cord: our heavenly Father. Early on in our marriage, the Father taught me a couple of tricks that have helped us navigate our peacefully blessed marriage that I would be honored to share with you.

1 ALWAYS BE THE FIRST TO APOLOGIZE.

Even scripture says not to go to bed angry with each other (Ephesians 4:26). The Father emphasized very firmly that even if I was not wrong, I needed to apologize first. Sometimes that was hard for me. However, the fruit of being obedient has caused us to build bridges instead of walls. It’s funny but when I look back, I could always see in my spirit the Father laugh at me, as when I apologized to Steve, I would say under my breath “I won!” which usually got me tickled. Steve could hear me of course, and he would then smile. I promise that apology and little laugh broke off any of the strife sent to divide us.



*If you are
willing and
obedient,
you shall eat the
good of the
land.*

Isaiah 1:19



2 PEACE VS RIGHT

The Father taught me that it was more important to have and maintain peace than it was to be right. I would inevitably hear Holy Spirit say, "Carolyn, do you want to be right, or do you want peace?" I got to choose. This also helped in making the apology a little more bearable.

3 HUMILITY ALWAYS WINS

The door is in the floor. In other words, humility always wins. He has taught me throughout my life to "Go Low!"

4 GIVE 100%

Marriage requires us each giving 100%. It is not a 50%-50%!

5 HOLY SPIRIT IS THE BEST MARRIAGE COUNSELOR

He can tell us both what we need to do. We get to choose to listen to Him and not our flesh. Recently, He has shown me how selfish I can be. It's not something I am proud of, but with the kindness of Holy Spirit, He reminds me of 1 Corinthians 13, how love prefers the other person and is not selfish.

At the writing of this article, we have recently happily celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary. The Father has truly blessed us. We would be lying if we told you we had it all together. But what I will tell you is that God is always faithful to lead us when we are willing and obedient (Isaiah 1:19).

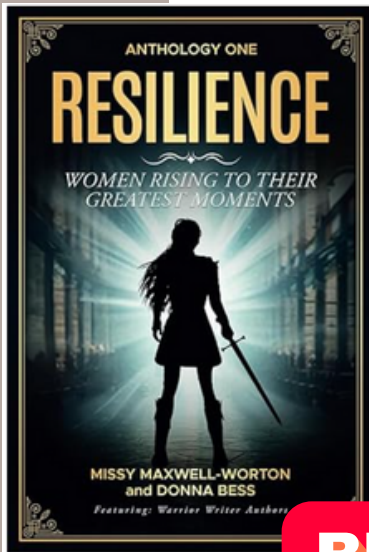
With an audience of many who will read this, I would be amiss to assume that everyone is married to a Godly man. I truly believe that listening to Holy Spirit is your greatest answer to a possibly hard situation. He will always tell us what to do or not to do.

It is my prayer that this article will help you navigate some tough situations that could arise in your marriage. It truly has for us, and for that I am so thankful for our 3-stranded cord.



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"Light Overcoming Darkness"
Selah...🔥

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it." John 1:5(NLT)





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HEALED TO LEAD: WHY TRAUMA-INFORMED MINISTRY NEEDS BOTH COMPASSION AND THE WORD

“Women are not weak because they’ve endured trauma, they are warriors. But trauma often distorts how they see themselves. Ministry should help them remember who they are and whose they are.” –Jennipha “Jae” Ricks

My name is Jennipha “Jae” Ricks, and I serve as The EmpowerHER Mentor, the CEO & Founder of Jae Elle Consulting, LLC. Over the past 18 years, I’ve had the honor of walking alongside women from all walks of life: as a coach, a ministry leader, and a mentor. What I’ve discovered is this: many of the women I lead are not just seeking guidance; they’re seeking healing.

That’s why I believe trauma-informed ministry is not only helpful, it’s necessary. When combined with the truth of Scripture, trauma-informed care becomes a powerful framework that brings restoration to those wounded by life, relationships, or even the Church itself.

In this article, I’ll explore five key principles I’ve learned about leading, coaching, and mentoring through a trauma-informed, biblically grounded lens:

- Recognizing the Reality of Trauma in Ministry Spaces
- Creating Safe Spaces that Mirror God's Grace
- Using Scripture as a Healing Balm
- Leading with Compassion, Not Control
- Empowering Through Partnership, Not Pity

RECOGNIZING THE REALITY OF TRAUMA IN MINISTRY SPACES

Ministry is often where people come seeking refuge, but what happens when trauma follows them in? The truth is, many women carry invisible wounds from abuse, abandonment, addiction, and spiritual manipulation.

If we don't lead with awareness, we may unintentionally retraumatize those we're called to help. Trauma-informed ministry begins with acknowledging these lived experiences. It doesn't mean we place trauma above truth, it means we create room for both healing and holiness to take place.

CREATING SAFE SPACES THAT MIRROR GOD'S GRACE

Jesus met people in their mess and offered safety before solutions. As ministry leaders, we are called to do the same.

Safe spaces aren't only physical locations; they are atmospheres of acceptance, where women feel seen and heard without judgment. A trauma-informed environment prioritizes trust, boundaries, and emotional safety. It requires us to be consistent, patient, and present. That is where transformation can begin.

USING SCRIPTURE AS A HEALING BALM

Scripture is not a weapon, it's a well of life. And for those carrying trauma, how we use God's Word matters deeply.

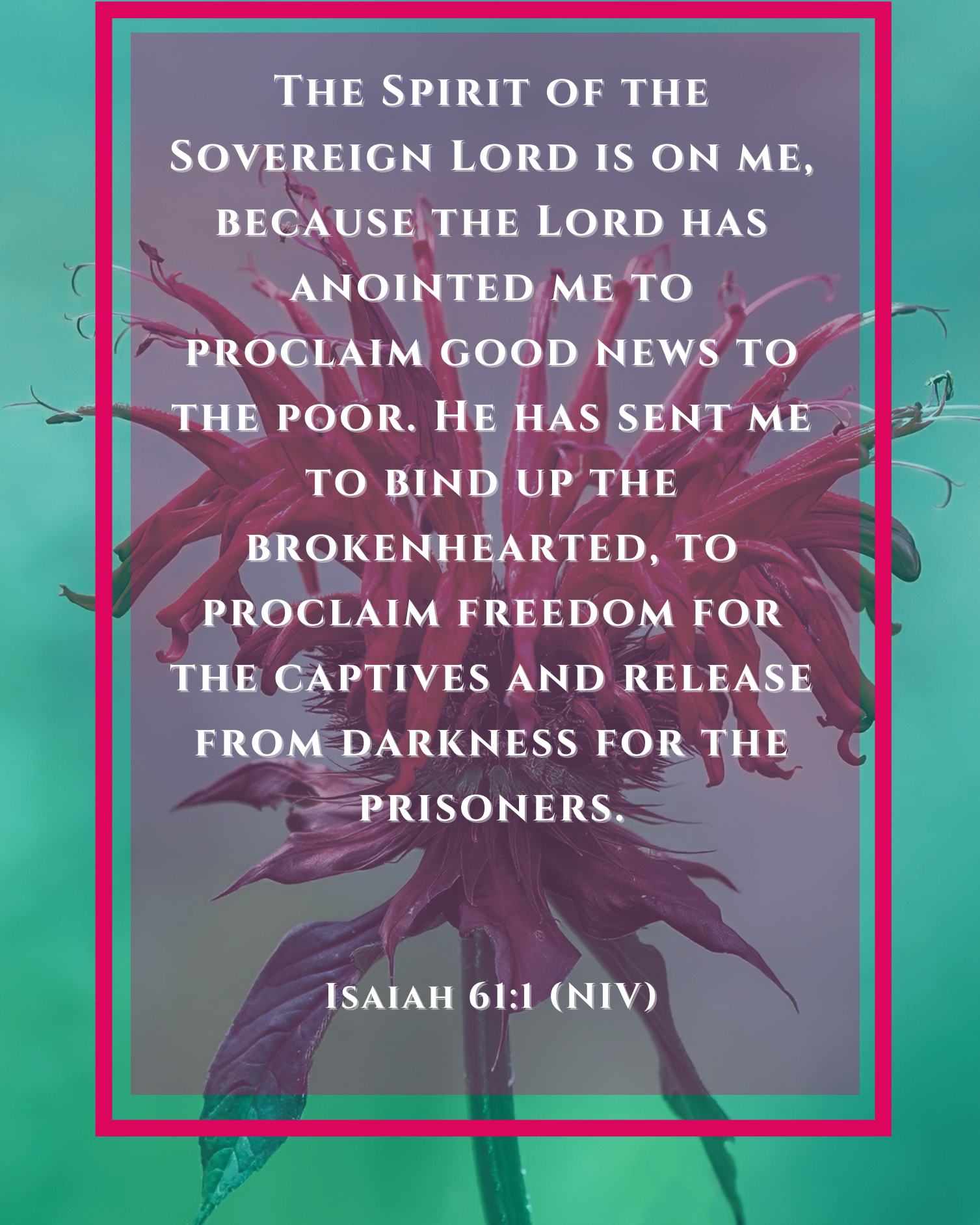
I've learned to let the Word speak to the broken places, not to shame or correct too soon, but to restore identity. Scriptures like Psalm 34:18 ("The Lord is close to the brokenhearted") or Isaiah 61:3 ("...beauty for ashes") serve as anchors of hope. Trauma-informed ministry does not water down the Word; it applies it with wisdom and grace.

LEADING WITH COMPASSION, NOT CONTROL

Control often feels safe for the leader, but it feels oppressive to the wounded. Jesus modeled a leadership style rooted in compassion. He didn't force, He invited. He didn't dominate, He disciplined.

Leading with compassion means listening more, correcting less, and walking with people instead of dragging them forward. When we model gentleness and empathy, we reflect the heart of the Good Shepherd, and create space for God to do His healing work.





THE SPIRIT OF THE
SOVEREIGN LORD IS ON ME,
BECAUSE THE LORD HAS
ANOINTED ME TO
PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS TO
THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME
TO BIND UP THE
BROKENHEARTED, TO
PROCLAIM FREEDOM FOR
THE CAPTIVES AND RELEASE
FROM DARKNESS FOR THE
PRISONERS.

ISAIAH 61:1 (NIV)

“Wholeness is not the absence of brokenness, it’s the decision to rise, again and again, with God’s truth as your foundation.” — Jennipha “Jae” Ricks, The EmpowerHER Mentor

EMPOWERING THROUGH PARTNERSHIP, NOT PITY

There’s a fine line between helping and hindering. When we pity those we serve, we reduce them to their pain. But when we empower them, we remind them they are more than what they’ve been through.

Trauma-informed leadership affirms agency and dignity. It means walking with women, not ahead of them. It’s about offering tools, truth, and trust, and letting God do the rest.

CLOSING ENCOURAGEMENT: HEALING IS HOLY WORK

Trauma-informed ministry is not only compassionate; it’s Kingdom work. When paired with the living Word of God, it becomes a catalyst for inner healing, renewed identity, and bold transformation.

Whether you’re mentoring, leading, or simply doing life with other women, remember this:

You don’t have to have all the answers. Be present. Be safe. Be faithful. And trust the Holy Spirit to do what only He can.

Let us lead with hearts that are both wise and tender, so that the women we serve don’t simply survive their stories, they rise within them.

You are called to this. And God has equipped you for it.



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OUR VISION

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November 2023 brought the sound of tiny cries and the warmth of new life into our home. Our second child, Taya, had arrived—a season wrapped in joy, sleepless nights, and the kind of gratitude that makes you pause and breathe slower, just to take it all in.

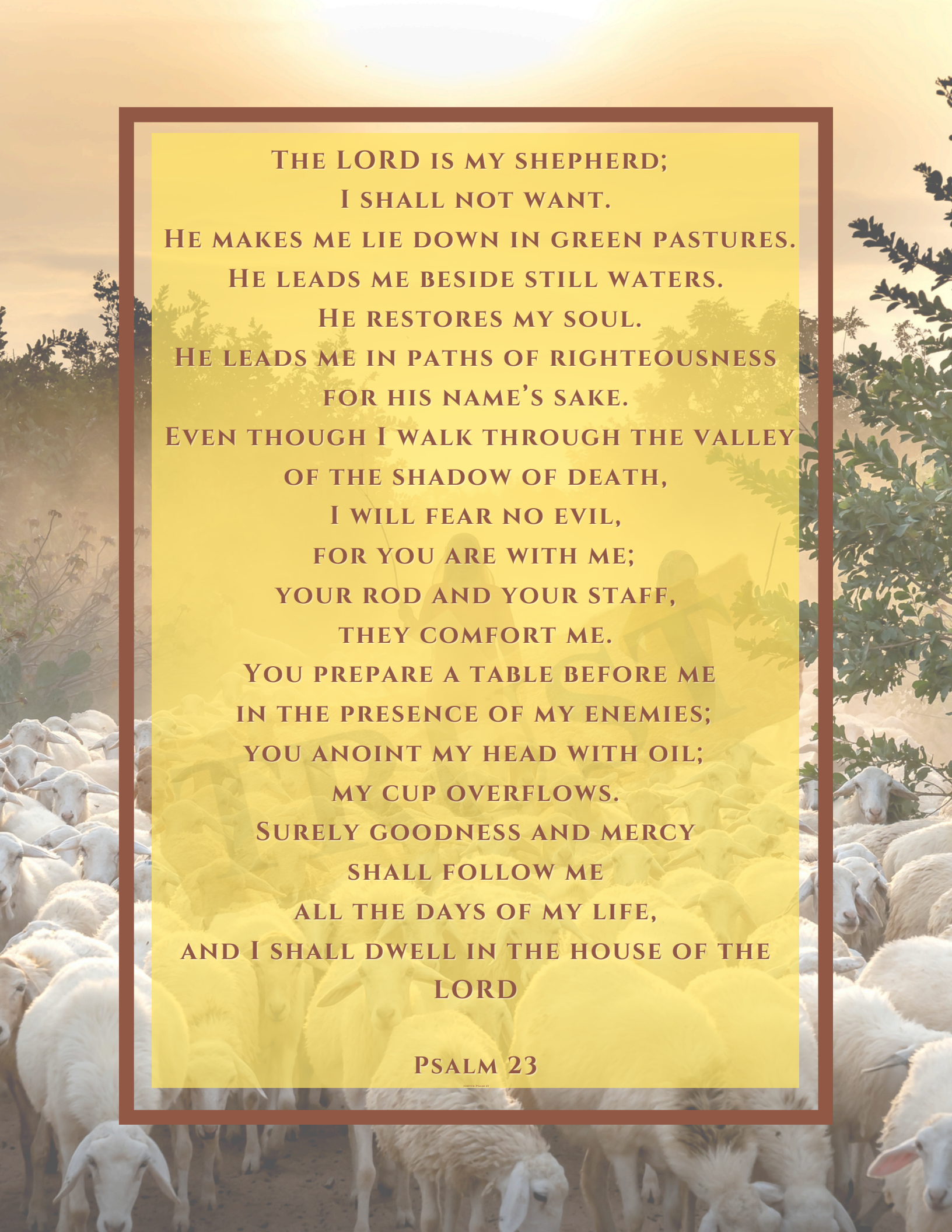
But joy has a way of being tested. Only a few months later, in February 2024, we received news we hadn't prepared for—my wife's job contract had been terminated.

I remember that night vividly. The children were finally asleep, their soft breathing filling the quiet house. At the

dining table, two untouched cups of tea sat between us, steam curling into the stillness. My wife stared at her hands before looking up at me. "What are we going to do?" she asked softly.

I reached across the table and met her eyes. "We'll pray and trust God," I said, my voice steady. "God knew about the situation before we did. He'll make a way."

We prayed. We fasted. But with one income, two little ones, and a house manager, we knew we needed a more affordable home. Every house we viewed was beyond our budget, and the end of March—our moving deadline—was closing in fast.

A large flock of white sheep is gathered in a field, with some sheep looking towards the camera. The background shows green trees and a bright, hazy sky. A large, semi-transparent yellow rectangle is centered over the image, containing the text of Psalm 23 in a dark brown, serif font. The text is arranged in a poetic, line-by-line format.

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD;
I SHALL NOT WANT.
HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES.
HE LEADS ME BESIDE STILL WATERS.
HE RESTORES MY SOUL.
HE LEADS ME IN PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE.
EVEN THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY
OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH,
I WILL FEAR NO EVIL,
FOR YOU ARE WITH ME;
YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF,
THEY COMFORT ME.
YOU PREPARE A TABLE BEFORE ME
IN THE PRESENCE OF MY ENEMIES;
YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL;
MY CUP OVERFLOWS.
SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY
SHALL FOLLOW ME
ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE,
AND I SHALL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE
LORD

PSALM 23

Then, on March 23, a friend casually asked if I was still searching for a house and handed me a contact. That single conversation changed everything. The house we found was perfect—affordable, spacious for the children, and in a peaceful neighborhood. By the end of March, we had moved in, hearts full of peace and gratitude for God’s timely provision.

The new house was about twenty-five kilometers from where we had lived before. With only one salary, we made a simple rule—use the car only on Sundays for church as a family, and rely on public transport during the week, unless it was an emergency. Each month, we sat with our numbers, adjusting the budget line by line. With her background in banking, my wife took on the role of our financial strategist, managing every penny with wisdom and grace.

Not long after settling in, friends invited us to start a Thursday night fellowship for prayer and encouragement. One evening, as we were about to end Bible study, Caleb—the wise and funny one in the corner—spoke up. “I was thinking about how you guys ended up here, and it amazes me. You got the house on March 23, right?” he asked.

“Yes,” I replied.

“And you live in Block 23?”

I gave a slow nod. “Yeah . . .”

His eyes lit up. “And your house number is 2323?”

I froze, glancing at my wife. Then it hit me—she had been speaking Psalm 23 over our firstborn baby, Eleana, every night before bed.

That night, we named our home *Psalm 23*. It wasn’t simply a name; it was a declaration. *The Lord is our Shepherd, we shall not want* became our anchor. And in the months that followed, we saw provision again and again—doors opening we’d never knocked on, peace that didn’t make sense, and our little daughter reciting Psalm 23 without realizing she was speaking the same promise over her own life.

People would unexpectedly take us shopping. Strangers deposited money into our account. For nine months, a couple in the UK sent us about \$120 every month without fail. Our family members, friends, and church members visited on random days, and they filled our pantry for months at a time. Others brought groceries and foodstuffs without us even asking. There were times my wife would mention to me at night that we didn’t have one or two things and the following day I’d leave the house and come back with all that she mentioned. Every act of kindness reminded us that God’s resources are limitless. Psalm 23 became alive to us because God provided exactly what we needed.

At the time, I was still working as a discipleship pastor at International Christian Centre-Imara, but God began stirring my heart to resign. The thought terrified me, but I knew I had to obey since God was up to something. One evening, I told my wife, “I believe God is asking me to leave, and this is becoming stronger every day.”

She didn’t hesitate. “When are you going to leave? You’ve been talking about it for quite some time now. If God has said so, take that step of faith, Hun.”

I nodded slowly. “I know it’s what God wants me to do. I don’t have everything figured out, but my life has been a walk of faith.”



On February 28, 2025, I submitted my resignation, serving my final month. By the end of March, we were both without jobs. My wife's job applications went unanswered, and eventually she stopped applying.

We had some savings, so we made a plan together because we have been transparent with finances and have a joint account:



Rent was always paid first. Our home was our place of stability, and we protected it at all costs.



We ensured internet, water, and electricity bills were paid on time.



Third-party insurance for the car. We reduced fuel costs and used the car only when necessary and on Sundays for church.



No medical cover. We prayed for healing, trusted God's protection, and used simple remedies like concoctions for minor illnesses.



Increased our house manager's salary. We valued her contribution and wanted to keep her motivated.



Potty-trained our children early. This cut diaper costs by about 50%.



● Cut shopping expenses. We focused on essentials like fruits, vegetables, and basic household needs (we reduced our shopping budget by 40%).



● Maintained generosity. Even in lack, we gave from a place of faith, sometimes giving away household items, money, and other resources. I can say that we gave more from a place of sacrifice than when we both had jobs.



● Family vacation. We became creative and decided to have days out as a family in hotels and resorts when there's little traffic during low seasons and took advantage of discounted prices.

There were months when our pantry looked bare, yet we lacked nothing essential. We discovered that a job is only one of many ways God provides. His provision is not bound by salaries, contracts, or economic systems. We also learned that generosity during lack is not foolish—it's an act of trust.

Psalm 23 became our daily reality. Every time I walk through our front door, I'm reminded of the Shepherd who leads us, restores us, and prepares a table for us even in the presence of challenges.

We are still walking through this season, still trusting God daily. But we have seen enough of His faithfulness to know this storm will not last forever. Sometimes, the place you think will break you becomes the place where God writes His most beautiful story.

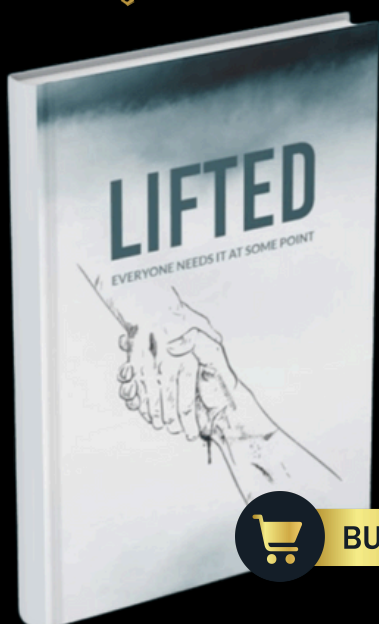




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GROW IN WHO YOU ARE,
LIVE VICTORIOUSLY, AND LEAD OTHERS TO
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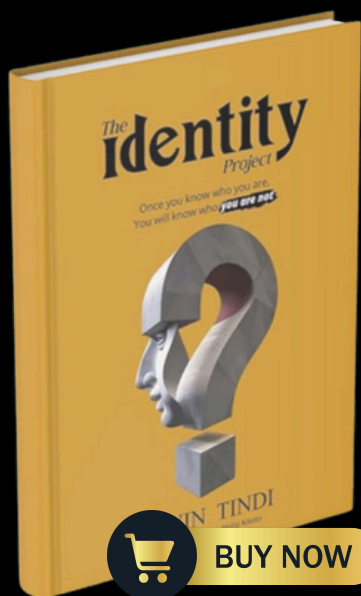
I am a husband, father, author, pastor, counselor, and life and purpose coach who helps people become confident in their identity, find their God-given purpose so that they live victoriously, and lead others to do the same. I have written two books to help you find your footing and to make a positive change in your life.



BUY NOW

Lifted: Everyone Needs It At Some Point

Connections happen daily; through touch, the scent of a favorite perfume, a touching movie, or a beautiful photograph on social media platforms like Instagram. The common thread for all connections is stories. I believe that stories are integral to our hearts because they inspire action. Which is what this book is about. Through an exploratory anthology of biblical and everyday stories, Lifted shares the stories of people who will inspire, stir, and stretch your faith as you connect their stories with yours. Above all, Lifted seeks to connect you to your Maker, the true Lifter calling you to a place where you will find true lifting wherever you are in life.



BUY NOW

The Identity Project

The Identity Project by Kevin Tindi emphasizes that understanding who you are helps clarify who you are not. In a world where many live contrary to their true selves, the book explores the struggle with identity and the importance of recognizing God's work in every season. Each chapter engages readers with biblical principles, practical exercises, reflective questions, quotes, and citations to guide them in discovering their identity in Christ and fulfilling God's purpose.

The book invites readers from all walks of life—students, professionals, singles, married individuals, or those in transition—to embark on a journey of self-discovery rooted in faith. It highlights the critical role of the Holy Spirit, offering wisdom and daily guidance for knowing oneself and living purposefully in alignment with God's will.



TAMMY LARGIN

AS FOR ME AND MY PARENTING

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You Are Not Leaving This House Dressed like That!

Should that be our response when our son or daughter comes down the stairs? Let's take a deep breath and think about the "why" behind your reaction. Do you think they're dressed inappropriately? Or are they projecting a style you don't approve of, such as boho or grunge?

As a young adult in the eighties, I didn't want to dress like my friends, with the gloves, torn t-shirts, and big hair. Nor did I want to dress like my mother in Halston suits and classic dresses. I wanted to be me—the inner cowgirl who preferred boots over heels and a country dress with flowers over solids.

Young adults use clothing as a way to project their inner self to the world. How would Jesus respond to your son or daughter standing on those steps? I am pretty sure His response would be, "I love you and I see you."

**I PRAISE YOU, FOR I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY
MADE. WONDERFUL ARE
YOUR WORKS; MY SOUL KNOWS IT VERY WELL.
PSALMS 139:14**

David gives thanks for being fearfully and wonderfully made, but many of our young people do not feel “wonderfully made” because they see themselves through the eyes of the world’s influencers. Downtrodden by the judgement of not knowing who they are, much less who they will become, clothing is an easy way to build confidence in your young adults.

Help them see how they can wear the beauty from within by choosing clothes that honor who God made them to be. Be supportive of their new style.

The truth is, it isn't the clothing you need to negotiate; it is helping him or her see their self-worth without saying it. Helping our children remember who they are in Christ, as they become adults, is a lost life skill.

Here are a few tips to help your children see how they are fearfully and wonderfully made.



1

FIND MENTORS

Mentors are adults who you trust, whom your child enjoys and is comfortable being around. It can be a teacher, family friend, or parent of one of their friends. Find three to five people of the same gender to form an investment group. They all need to be comfortable in their own skin, have their own style, grace, and confidence, and can spend time with your son or daughter teaching them something about themselves. Request that they meet once a month in a group setting or one-on-one. **DO NOT PICK THE PEOPLE YOU WANT.** Listen to your child and pick the adults they talk about the most. Ask your child why they like them. Then **PRAY** God will show you the right people to invest in your child.

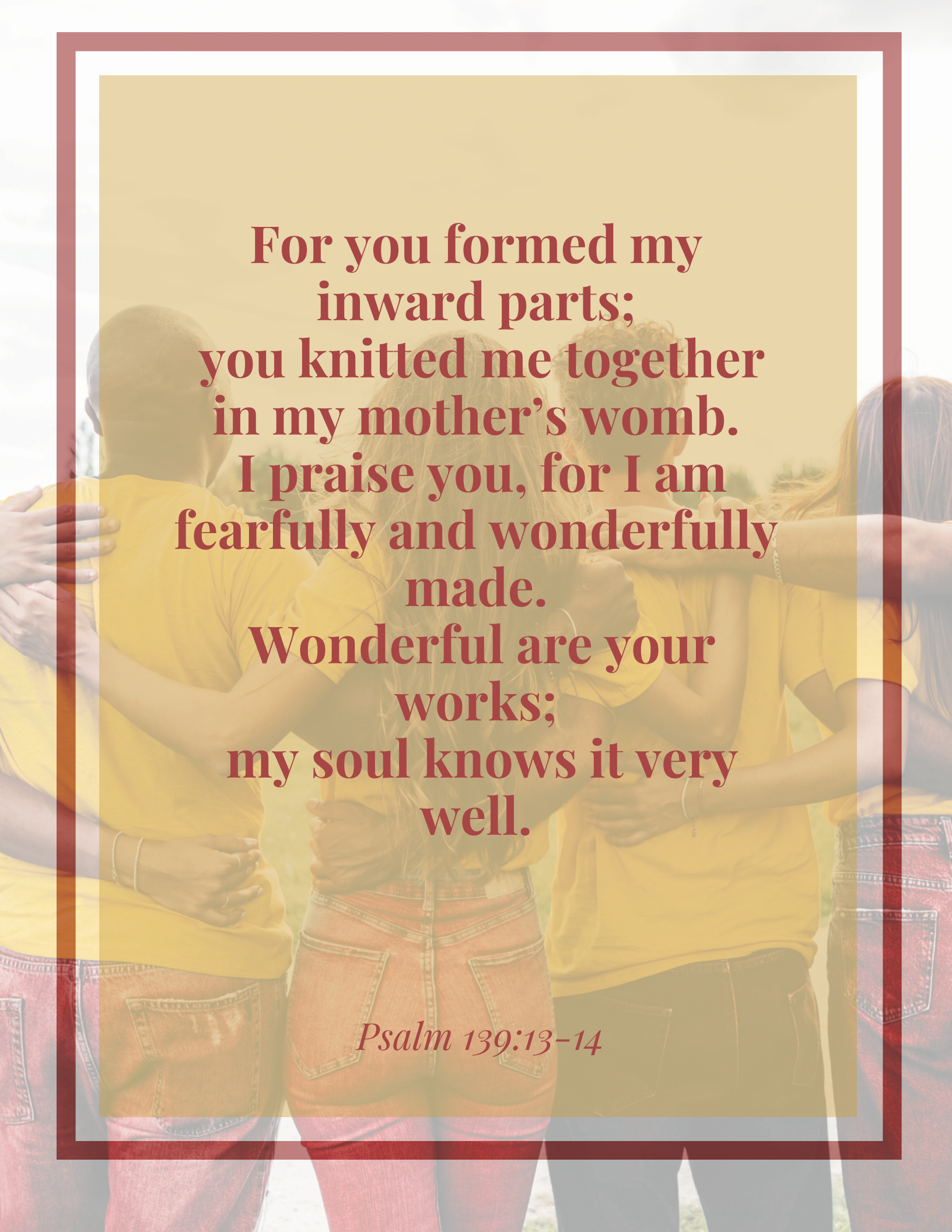


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STYLE & SELF-CARE

Help them find their style by making appointments for self-care. This one will cost you, but use it for a special occasion like a dance, birthday, or an upcoming event. As they watch the transformation, a new confidence is built reminding them it is okay to be themselves.

- a. Young men need to go to get a manicure, a real shave/facial, and a haircut. Let them pick the style, but remind them they will need to comply with the guidelines of their school and/or job.
- b. Young ladies will cost a little more. They will need a manicure/pedicure, haircut with styling, and a makeup artist for proper application. Both Ulta and Clinique hire artists and the cost for a demo is about \$30. Make it a party by inviting some of your daughter's friends and have Mary Kay or Arbonne come to your home.

A group of young people, mostly seen from the back, are hugging each other in a warm embrace. They are wearing bright yellow t-shirts and denim jeans. The scene is set outdoors with a soft, hazy background. A semi-transparent yellow rectangular box is overlaid on the image, containing the text in a dark red, serif font. The entire image is framed by a thick, dark red border.

For you formed my
inward parts;
you knitted me together
in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am
fearfully and wonderfully
made.
Wonderful are your
works;
my soul knows it very
well.

Psalm 139:13-14

3

RESPONSIBILITY

Allow your high schoolers (14+) to start a business or get a job outside the home. Working 5-10 hrs a week teaches time- and money-management. Decide together how this money should be used. Working for someone else builds a work ethic and allows our young adults to show they are ready for more responsibility.

4

SELF-DEFENSE

This last one is the most important in today's society: self-defense classes. With the growth of sexual crimes in our country, we need to arm our children with skills that will give them the ability to defend themselves and not feel powerless in dangerous circumstances. Again, this is a confidence builder. You will see a change in their demeanor and some children love the training enough to make it a lifestyle, giving them focus and protection.

PARENTING



As a parent we want to see our children strong and confident. We want them to embrace who God has created them to be and see themselves as fearfully and wonderfully made. Don't let clothing stand in the way of a good relationship with your young adult.

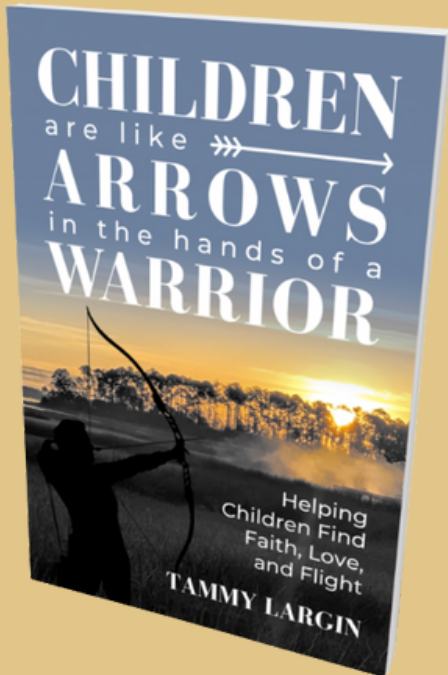
Remember life is a journey and that journey can lead us to Jesus, but we as parents sometimes have to stand back. Recently, my friend Missy, was crying out to God for her children to have more of a hunger for Him and the Father said, "Do not question the ways I draw your children to me, they are writing their own story." Words of wisdom when parenting.



Tammy Largin

Author • Speaker • Mom Mentor

Children are like Arrows in the hands of a Warrior



Now you can glean wisdom from “warrior,” author, mother, and teacher, Tammy Largin, who masterfully integrates biblical parenting and archery concepts with personal anecdotes of raising her daughter “differently.” In the pages of *Children Are Like Arrows in the Hands of a Warrior*, you will find both overarching parenting principles and nitty-gritty details, including:

- Embracing God’s love for yourself and your children so that you can help them find love and faith.
- Modeling biblical decision-making skills so that your children learn to make smart choices as early as possible.
- Developing age-appropriate manners and communication skills.
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IN GOD'S COMMUNITY, EVERY PART MATTERS

My name is Niccie Kliegl, and for the past several years, God has entrusted me with the call to walk alongside Christian leaders and everyday believers who long to live fully alive in their Kingdom purpose. This passion stems from my own journey—where God led me through a process of revelation, restoration, and activation. These three elements became the heartbeat of my 4-part discipleship series and the foundation for the work I do today.

Why does this matter? Because the Body of Christ needs every single one of us. Not one person is unnecessary. Not one gift is insignificant. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 12 that we are many members, but one body, and each part must do its work for the whole to thrive.

In this article, I want to encourage you to see yourself as an essential part of God's community.

FULFILL YOUR LEGACY



We'll explore four truths that I believe will help you step into your role with confidence and purpose:

- Revelation—Seeing Who You Are in Christ
- Restoration—Letting God Heal and Strengthen You
- Activation—Partnering with the Holy Spirit
- Legacy—Building Up the Next Generation of Believers

1 REVELATION—SEE WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST

Many believers live discouraged or doubtful because they don't fully grasp their identity in Christ. But when God gives us revelation, everything changes. Revelation isn't simply head knowledge—it's heart transformation. It's the moment when you realize you are HIS, chosen, set apart, and equipped for a divine purpose.

Without revelation, we try to operate in our own strength, comparing ourselves to others, or shrinking back in fear. With revelation, we begin to walk boldly, not because of who we are, but because of who Christ is in us. When you are in a mature Christian community, the whole of you starts showing up with confidence, knowing your voice, your presence, and your obedience matter. Together, you challenge each other and hold each other with loving grace.

2 RESTORATION—LETTING GOD HEAL AND STRENGTHEN YOU

Even with revelation, many Christians feel too broken or unworthy to step into Kingdom work. That's why

restoration is vital. God doesn't just reveal your calling; He restores your heart so you can carry it well. I've spent the last several years leading Christian entrepreneurs and ministry leaders, and what I've come to realize is that we all have areas that need healing, and if we let God do this work in us, we and those we lead go from glory to glory.

Think of a soldier sent into battle without proper armor. They may know their mission, but without protection, they will quickly fall. Restoration is God's way of healing our wounds, strengthening our character, and equipping us to withstand the challenges of ministry and life. In the Body of Christ, when we allow restoration, we not only serve from a place of strength—we also model what healing looks like for others.

3 ACTIVATION—PARTNERING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Revelation and restoration prepare the soil, but activation is when the seeds start to grow. Activation happens *when you begin walking in step with the Holy Spirit*, using the gifts He has placed in you.

This is where ministry becomes powerful. Whether your gift is teaching, serving, encouraging, leading, or interceding, activation means putting those gifts into motion. In community, activation creates grand growth and movement—because one person's obedience often unlocks breakthrough for another.

The beauty is that activation doesn't look the same for everyone. Some are called to speak from platforms, others to quietly intercede in prayer rooms, and still others to build Kingdom businesses that reflect Christ's character. But together, each activated believer makes the Body of Christ strong and effective.

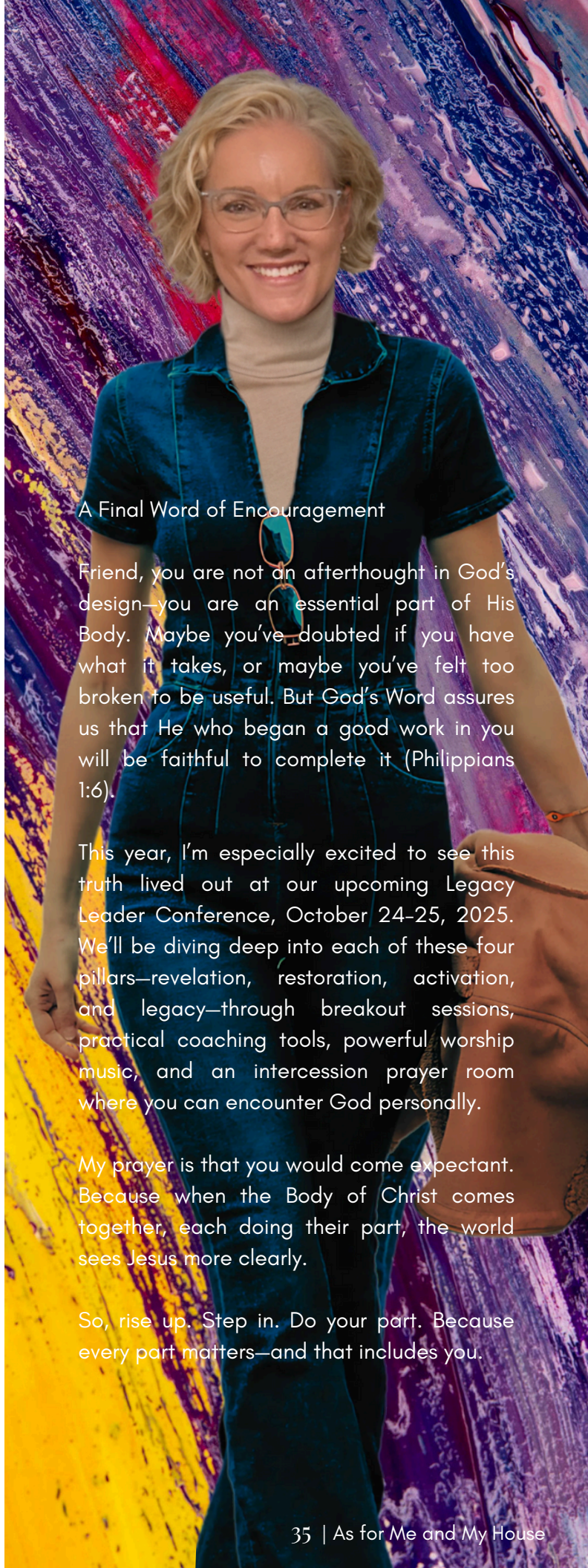
4 LEGACY—BUILDING UP THE NEXT GENERATION OF BELIEVERS

Finally, our role in the Body of Christ isn't only about us—it's about those who come after us. Legacy means leaving behind more than words; it means reproducing disciples who can also disciple others.

THEREFORE GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND SURELY I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE." MATTHEW 28:19-20 NIV

When you embrace revelation, restoration, and activation, you naturally begin to multiply. Your life becomes a testimony that inspires others. Your community and those closest to you become stronger because you're not simply consuming—you're contributing. Legacy ensures that the work God begins in you doesn't stop with you.

And that's what community in Christ is all about: each of us doing our part, so that together, we can advance the Kingdom of God from generation to generation.



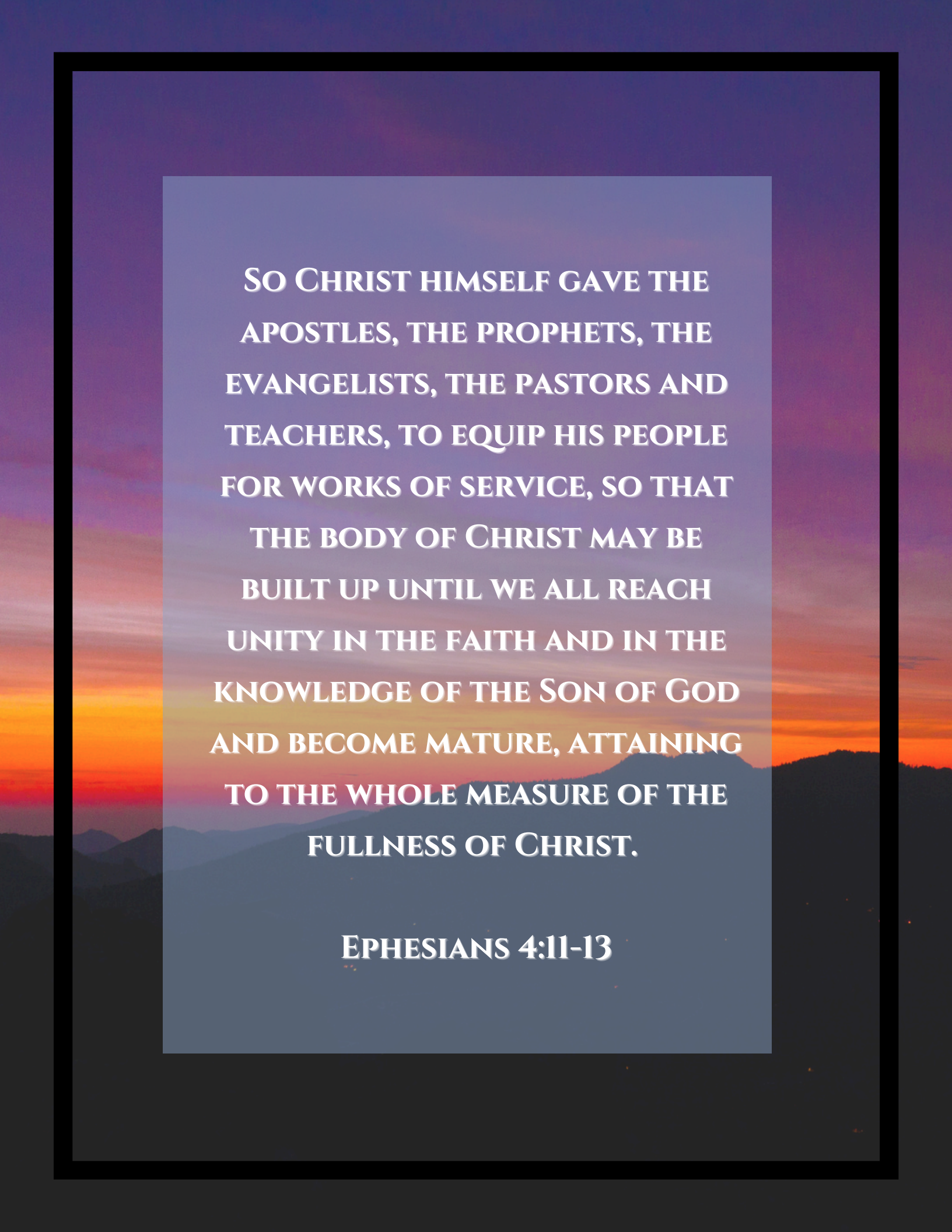
A Final Word of Encouragement

Friend, you are not an afterthought in God's design—you are an essential part of His Body. Maybe you've doubted if you have what it takes, or maybe you've felt too broken to be useful. But God's Word assures us that He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it (Philippians 1:6).

This year, I'm especially excited to see this truth lived out at our upcoming Legacy Leader Conference, October 24-25, 2025. We'll be diving deep into each of these four pillars—revelation, restoration, activation, and legacy—through breakout sessions, practical coaching tools, powerful worship music, and an intercession prayer room where you can encounter God personally.

My prayer is that you would come expectant. Because when the Body of Christ comes together, each doing their part, the world sees Jesus more clearly.

So, rise up. Step in. Do your part. Because every part matters—and that includes you.



SO CHRIST HIMSELF GAVE THE
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EVANGELISTS, THE PASTORS AND
TEACHERS, TO EQUIP HIS PEOPLE
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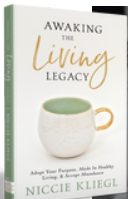
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