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To all those who feel broken in their minds, bodies and souls, who are fighting to not give up in the midst of the struggle, who are bold enough to admit they need help, may God become the precious metal that repairs the broken pieces and makes you whole again.

I may never know how you found Seams Of Gold, but if anything I've written brings comfort and hope to you, then my joy is complete.



To Obed my husband and best friend, with whom I have journeyed through life and it's many ups and downs. You've been there for me through so much of the pain and struggle I have written about in this book, and I'm grateful for your kindness, wisdom, reminders and the many prayers prayed at all hours of the day and night for me so I wouldn't give up. Thank you hun.





## Introduction

Raw and honest, this book of poems is from the heart, written in times of searching for God, understanding my identity, experiencing death, seeking God's presence, and during the contemplation that comes in the aftermath when I've surfaced for air.

Inspired by the writings of the Psalmists and learning from them the freedom to express to God our raw emotions, knowing that he hears us, feels with us and wants the best for us, I have been encouraged to never lose hope, knowing that God, the divine potter is continually moulding me into a thing of beauty.

A couple of years ago, someone told me the story of Kintsugi, the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery by re-constructing the pot using gold, silver or platinum dusted lacquer. Kintsugi quite literally means—to join with gold, and the resulting repaired pot looks even more beautiful than the original because of the 'seams of gold' running through it. The philosophy behind this ancient art is that *nothing is ever broken*.

To me, this story became a powerful metaphor for life – my life.

So many things that we go through in life break us—in our minds, bodies and souls. Over a period of time, we can end up like broken pots, feeling useless and ugly. At the lowest point in my life, I was like a broken pot, and in complete desperation I called out to God for help, and He answered and gave me a second chance at life. To me, God became the precious metal that fused together my fractured life and made me whole again. It's a beautiful thing to be given beauty for brokenness, and it's why I'm grateful for every moment of my life.

In this book you'll find many parts of me through the poems I've written about. If you, like me, have been through pain and struggle in health, relationships, with yourself and your identity and the loss of a loved one, I hope this book comforts you and shines a light to the hope that is in Jesus.

If these poems resonate with you, drop me a line and let's share life stories and encourage each other!

## Treasure In Clay Jars

We are like common clay jars that carry this glorious treasure within, so that this immeasurable power will be seen as God's, not ours.

Though we experience every kind of pressure, we're not crushed. At times we don't know what to do, but quitting is not an option.

We are persecuted by others, but God has not forsaken us. We may be knocked down, but not out. We continually share in the death of Jesus in our own bodies so that the resurrection life of Jesus will be revealed through our humanity.

We consider living to mean that we are constantly being handed over to death for Jesus' sake so that the life of Jesus will be revealed through our humanity. So, then, death is at work in us but it releases life in you.

*2 Corinthians 4:7-12 (TPT)*  
*The Bible*