



*A Love Note from the Author*

Dear Spiritual Daughter,

Please allow me to be a spiritual mother for a moment. I wrote this book for you. In 1985, I found myself pregnant at fifteen and scared. As I write to you, I don't know your situation, but if you are reading these words, my hope is to lift you up and encourage you no matter where life finds you. We have all suffered hard times. Maybe, like me, you are feeling hopeless and ashamed and feel like you can't go on. Believe that our heavenly Father knows right where you are, right now. He knows what you're going through, and he will see you through just like he did me and countless others.

Can I tell you something? You are so beautiful, no matter what! No matter what has brought you to this place where you find yourself, our heavenly Father loves you. He has a plan for your life. God says, "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" Trust him! He said, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you" (Psalm 32:8 NIV).

You might be thinking, "Easy for you to say!" I wish I could tell you that it was easy, but I can't. I didn't handle every situation with super faith. That is simply not the case. We're all human, and we fall short of the glory of God.

My mother pointed me to Jesus, prayed for me, and never gave up on me. As a spiritual mother, I am pointing you to Jesus, and I will never give up on you. I still battle every day. I'm still learning. But I've grown in my faith. Life does get easier, but I also know who my enemy is now. He has no power in your life or mine. Take your stand and fight!

There is a spiritual battle going on, waging against you. He wants to take you out, but you are not alone. The word of God says—and listen carefully: I have given you the authority that you now possess to tread on serpents and scorpions. That's not spiders. That means Satan and his demons and the ability to exercise authority over all the power of the enemy (Satan). Tell Satan to get lost! And nothing will result in any way to harm you. The Bible says we should consider it all joy, my spiritual daughter, whenever you face trials of many kinds because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

Persevere! Daughter, lift your head. You are significant. You are immovable, you are rooted, and you are strong. Be determined. Don't give up, and don't give in! Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man, this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God'" (Mark 10:27 NIV). As I close, I pray that you find encouragement in these words and face life head-on: Lord, you have heard these words. Fill them with comfort and peace. I plead the blood of Jesus over every person who reads these words. Lord, I pray that they find hope, love, and faith. And draw close to you, Father, and seek you with all their hearts. In Jesus's name, I pray. Amen

In Him I wait,

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