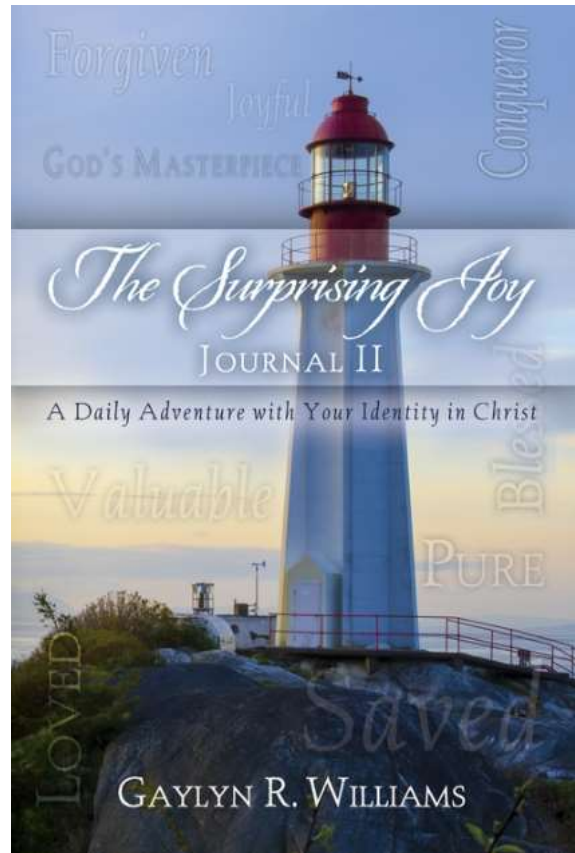
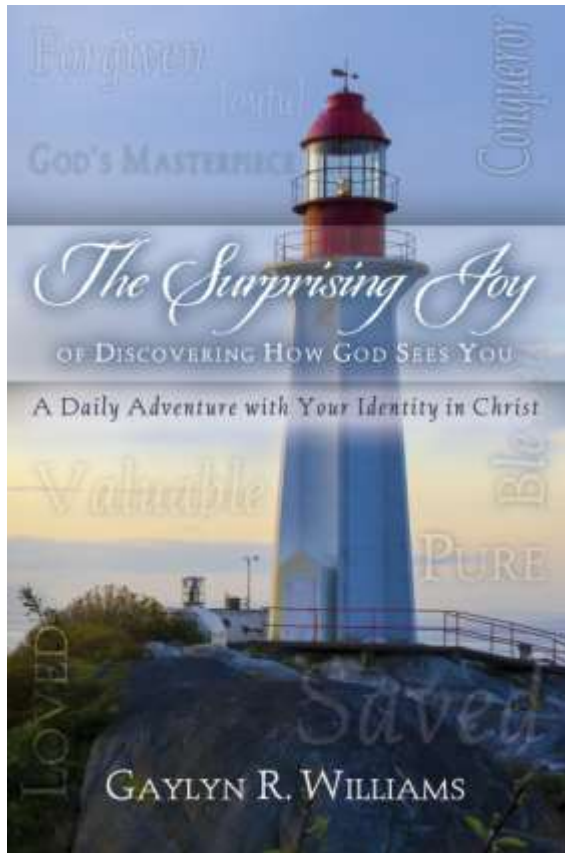


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### **How to Use This Book**

The purpose of this book is to reveal more of how God sees you so you can learn to view yourself in the same ways. It is not meant to be me sharing my wisdom. It is designed to help you dig deeper to discover more for yourself and grow in your relationship with God.

Each day has one or more Scriptures, questions to ponder and a short prayer related to the truth about how God sees you. You can use these as a springboard to a deeper study and prayer time. I encourage you to keep a separate journal to note what God reveals to you. Or use the accompanying journal, *The Surprising Joy Journal II: A Daily Adventure with Your Identity in Christ*.

I challenge you to take time not only to read the devotional for each day but to meditate throughout the day on how God sees you. Ask God to transform your view of yourself, so you can begin to see yourself as He sees you and begin to live with confidence, knowing who you are in Him.

Some themes are repeated throughout the book, such as God's love for us. They are similar, but each one is different. I have repeated them, because they are critical truths for us to understand, so we can become all God wants us to be.

If you are starting this book later in the year, I'd encourage you to begin at the beginning and do the first twenty to thirty days. They lay a foundation for everything else.

### **Meditation**

Meditation has gotten a bad reputation with Christians, because of the way other religions use it. However, the Bible has a lot to say about meditation. Look up the following verses. Think about what each one says about meditating on God and His Word:

- Joshua 1:8
- Psalm 1:1-2
- Psalm 48:9
- Psalm 77:12
- Psalm 119:27
- Psalm 119:97, 99
- Psalm 145:5
- Philippians 4:8—this uses the words “think about”

Other synonyms for meditate include: consider, think about, study, contemplate, ponder, deliberate and mull over.

I encourage you to take the time to meditate on and consider the truths from each devotional. Ask the Lord to reveal His truth to you as you meditate on His Word.

### **Further Study**

You might want to take one verse or question from one of the devotionals to meditate on throughout the week, so you can go deeper in your understanding of who you are in Christ.

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Whatever the topic is for the day, you can go deeper in your study by discovering what else the Word says on the topic. One way to do that is to go to [www.BibleGateway.com](http://www.BibleGateway.com). Put the word or words into the “Keyword Search Tool.” For example, if the truth for the day is “I Am a Child of God,” you could search for “Child of God.”

Read through each Scripture, meditating on what they say. You can write some of them either in your journal or on the appropriate page in the book. Note: you can look in several Bible translations at once in [BibleGateway.com](http://BibleGateway.com).

### **Declarations**

Throughout this book, I give you declarations to speak. Part of changing the way we think and view ourselves is speaking the truth out loud. Sometimes it isn’t enough to just think the right truths. There is something powerful about speaking the truth from God’s Word out loud.

In Romans 4:17 (NIV) Paul said about Abraham, “He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and *calls into being things that were not* [emphasis added].” Just as God calls things into being, we can do the same with our declarations. Our words are powerful. For example, if I am saying to myself (or if you are), “I’m tired,” “I’m dumb,” or “I’m a procrastinator,” then we are calling in what will happen. We will become more of whatever we say about ourselves.

In the last two or three years, I’ve been speaking declarations almost every morning, aloud so I hear them, but the enemy also hears them. I declare who God is, who I am in Him and what He has done for me. It changes my outlook on life.

I encourage you to say the title for each day audibly, as a declaration. For truths that are harder for you to accept, you might want to put them on cards or sticky notes and repeat them every day. You may need to reprogram your mind to accept what God says about you, rather than what your earthly family, the enemy, “friends” or the media has told you.

### **Conditions that Must Be Met for Some of the Truths**

Many of the truths in this book have conditions that must be met for them to be true for us. Some are written in the verses, others are not. Many of the truths are only true for those who have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. If you don’t yet know Jesus, I encourage you to get to know Him.

This book reveals what a true relationship with God can bring. I don’t want you to miss anything God has for you. If you want to know more, go to the back of this book, “Discovering a Personal Relationship with God.”

### **Scripture Memory**

I will often encourage you to memorize Bible verses. When you have the Word in your heart, you’ll be amazed at the times God brings it back to you—just when you need it. I’ve been memorizing Scripture since I was a child. Often during the night, when I can’t go to sleep, I’ll begin meditating on a verse. For help on memorizing verses, go to my blog [www.DailyNameofGod.com](http://www.DailyNameofGod.com).

### **You Can Use This Book In The Following Ways:**

- In your personal time with God, drawing you into deeper intimacy with Him

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- As a couples' devotional, growing in your relationship with each other and God
- With your children, helping them gain a bigger view of God
- In a small group or with one or two friends, sharing your insights together
- With your whole church or ministry. Every household in one church got a copy of the first book in this series. They were able to share with each other on deeper levels at church, rather than talking about surface issues.
- If you are studying the book with others, look at the "Leaders' Guide" in the back of this book for some helpful ideas.

### **Hebrew and Greek Words**

Some words from the original languages are included because often they add so much depth to the meaning. A word in Hebrew or Greek can have numerous meanings, yet they are translated with one English word. As a result, we miss so much of the meaning. Here are two of my favorite examples that we'll look at more in the future:

- *Shalom* in Hebrew is normally translated as "peace" in English. However, it also means the following: safe, well, happy, friendly, health, prosperity, favor, rest, welfare, friendship and more.
- *Sozo* in Greek is usually translated "save" as in "Jesus saves." However it also means so much more, including: deliver, protect (literally or figuratively), heal, preserve, make whole and do well. Think about all Jesus did for you, all that is included in the one English word "save."

The Hebrew and Greek words are written with easy-to-pronounce spellings, although there are other ways to spell them. Many times we will only look at the definitions and not include the word in the original language.

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### ***January 1*** **I Am the Light of the World**

*You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.*  
Matthew 5:14 ESV

#### **Steps on Your Journey to Discover How God Sees You:**

- Imagine you are a lighthouse sitting on a hill, allowing God's light to shine out of you. My prayer for you is that as you learn to see yourself more and more as God sees you, your light will shine brighter and brighter to everyone you encounter.
- What does it mean that you are the light of the world?
- In what ways are you a light to those around you? How can you be a better light?
- Jesus said in John 8:12 (ESV), "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
- How was Jesus the light of the world? How can you imitate Him? What might need to change in your life so you can be a light to those around you?
- What do the following verses add?

Philippians 2:15 (ESV): "Be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world."

Isaiah 60:1-3 (NLT): "Let your light shine for all to see. For the glory of the Lord rises to shine on you. Darkness as black as night covers all the nations of the earth, but the glory of the Lord rises and appears over you. All nations will come to your light; mighty kings will come to see your radiance."

- Who needs you to be a light for them? How can you do that?
- I encourage you to write Matthew 5:14 on a card or sticky note. Say it every day until you memorize it. For ideas on how to memorize Scripture, go to [www.RRbooks.com](http://www.RRbooks.com).

#### **A Prayer for You:**

*Jesus, thank You for coming as the Light of the world and that You are an example to me of how to be a light to those around me. Show me more how to bring light into this dark world. Forgive me for the times when I have blended in to the darkness rather than being a light.*



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### **January 2**

## **God Adopted Me as His Very Own Child**

*When the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman,  
subject to the law. God sent him  
to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law,  
so that he could adopt us as his very own children.*  
Galatians 4:4–5 NLT

### **Steps on Your Journey to Discover How God Sees You:**

- Romans 8:15 (ESV) says, “You did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’”
- When you were still a sinner, an enemy of God, He sent His only Son to pay for your penalty so that He could adopt you as His very own child. Think about these questions: How much did it cost Jesus for you to be able to be God’s child? How much did it cost the Father to watch His Son go through all the pain for you? What was the result of Jesus’ work for you? What did God get out of it? He got us as his children, who would often cause Him pain because of our choices.
- At a concert recently, Steven Curtis Chapman shared how, when he adopted his children, his view of God’s love for us totally changed. He saw in new ways how much it cost God to adopt us. The choice to adopt us as His children came at a very high cost to the Father—watching His precious Son endure betrayal, mocking, hatred, death and more. Father God had to turn His back on His Son when Jesus took all our sins on Himself. Do you understand what God did for you in adopting you as His child? How has that changed your life?
- What difference has it made in your life that you went from being a slave to being a son? Ask God to show you what it really means to be adopted as His child. Ask Him to show you any ways you are still living with a slave mentality, rather than a son or daughter mentality.
- You are now a prince or princess because the King of kings has adopted you as His very own child. Meditate on this today and in the coming days. If you would like to learn more about what it means to meditate on Scripture, go to the introduction of this book.

### **A Prayer for You:**

*Dear Lord God, thank You for being willing to send Your own Son to pay my price to take me from slavery to sonship. Teach me more of what this means and how it should affect my life. I give You permission to change my mentality so I see myself as Your child.*

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### **January 3**

## **I Have Been Made Right with God**

*We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ.  
And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.*  
Romans 3:22 NLT

### **Steps on Your Journey to Discover How God Sees You:**

- *The Message* paraphrases verse 24: “Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift. He got us out of the mess we’re in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ.”
- What a gift God has given us! Think about it.
- What do the following verses say about those who are made right with God, the righteous?

James 5:16 (NIV): “Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

Romans 4:4–5 (MSG): “If you’re a hard worker and do a good job, you deserve your pay; we don’t call your wages a gift. But if you see that the job is too big for you, that it’s something only God can do, and you trust him to do it—you could never do it for yourself no matter how hard and long you worked—well, that trusting-him-to-do-it is what gets you set right with God, by God. Sheer gift.”

Romans 5:1 (NLT): “Since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.”

- Think about this. God made you right with Him. All you had to do was put your faith in Jesus Christ. Have you done that? If not, what is holding you back? God longs for you to have a relationship with Him. If you are not sure, go to the back of this book to learn more.
- Do you see yourself as one who has been made right with God? Why or why not?

### **A Prayer for You:**

*Dear God, thank You for making me right with You when I placed my faith in You. Thank You that You said “the prayer of the righteous person is powerful and effective.” Since I am righteous, because I trust in Jesus, I’m believing that my prayers are powerful and effective.*

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**January 4**

### **God Has Lavished Me with His Great Love**

*See what great love the Father has lavished on us,  
that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!*

1 John 3:1 NIV

#### **Steps on Your Journey to Discover How God Sees You:**

- Write out this verse and begin to memorize it. Meditate on this fact. Say it out loud as your declaration: “I have been lavished with the Father’s great love.” Do you believe that? Why or why not?
- What do the following verses say about God’s love for you? Meditate on each one, asking God to reveal His truth to you today.

John 3:16 (CJB): “For God so loved the world that he gave his only and unique Son, so that everyone who trusts in him may have eternal life, instead of being utterly destroyed.”

Romans 5:5, 8 (ESV): “Hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ... God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 8:38 (NLT): “I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love.”

- The Bible has so much to say about how much God loves you. I encourage you to read the entire New Testament to discover more. Have you experienced God’s love like this? If not, why not? If so, what has that felt like? Ask God to reveal more of His great love for you.
- I just got back from a trip to California with my mom. Some ministry partners lavished their love on us—paying for our flights, putting us up in their five-star hotel, taking us to dinner, and so on. But this is just a small taste of how much the Father loves us.
- Throughout this book, we will look at God’s love many times, from many angles. It has to be the foundation for understanding who we are and how God sees us.

#### **A Prayer for You:**

*Father, thank You for lavishing me with Your love. Help me to understand Your love in new and fresh ways. Show me anything that is holding me back from experiencing Your full love for me.*

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### **January 5** **I Am a Child of God**

*Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God.*

1 John 5:1 NLT

#### **Steps on Your Journey to Discover How God Sees You:**

- So many people are fatherless, whether their father has walked out of their life, has died or is abusive. What an encouragement knowing God is a father to the fatherless, whether you have a good earthly father or not (Psalm 68:5). What do the following verses add?  
John 1:12 (ESV): “To all who did receive him [Jesus], who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”

Philippians 2:14-15 (NIV): “Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, ‘children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.’ Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky.”

1 John 3:1 (NIV): “See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.”

- Regardless of what your earthly father was like, Father God loved you so much He called you His child. Think about that. The Lord calls *you* His child. It doesn't matter who you are or what you have done; if you believe in Him and accept Him, He gives you the right to become His child (John 1:12).
- What does it mean to you to be God's child? Take some time to meditate on that today. This is a key issue for us to understand. Ask God to help you to see yourself as He sees you.
- Do you act like a child of the Living God? Do you act like you are loved? Or do you act like an unloved orphan? Is there anything you need to change in how you act?

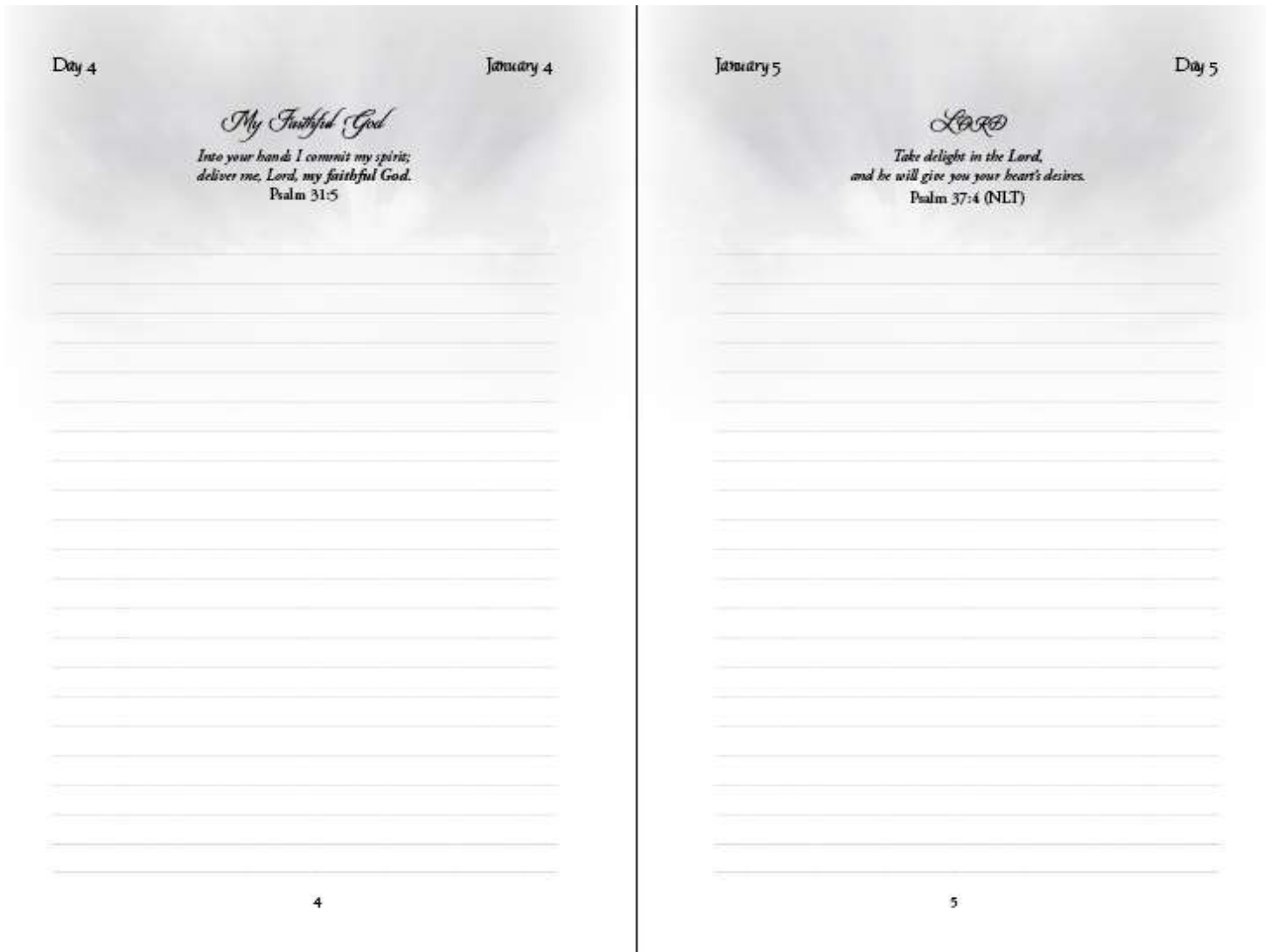
#### **A Prayer for You:**

*Father, thank You for making me Your child. Help me to experience Your love and feel like Your son/daughter. Show me anything that is holding me back from fully understanding what it means to be a child of God. Forgive me for the times I haven't acted like Your child, but have instead acted like an orphan. Teach me what Your children should act like.*

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### **Endorsements**

"I truly believe in the utmost importance of spending daily time with the Lord in prayer and in His Word. *The Surprising Joy of Discovering How God Sees You* is an incredible resource for seeking and connecting with the heart of God during those daily times. Filled with Scripture, insightful thoughts, and probing questions, this book will deepen your understanding and awareness of God's love for you, help you discover who you are in Him, and guide you in "walking out" that identity from day to day. Every page of Gaylyn's work is, as always, marked with her wisdom, encouraging spirit, and genuine love for the reader. This is a book I will be coming back to for years to come."

**—Dick Eastman, International President of Every Home for Christ**

"I highly recommend Gaylyn's treasures taken straight from the Scriptures! I am reminded of the passage in Ephesians, "...just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word," (Ephesians 5:25-26 NAS). Gaylyn's compilation of the Word of God with applications on "How God Sees You" is vital for each of us. As you and I spend daily time in this resource we will be reminded afresh of who we are in Christ. The result will be evidenced in our lives by greater cleansing, intimacy and power with our Lord. You will relish the time you spend sitting with Him and pondering these passages and principles. Get ready for wonderful times of refreshing from the Holy Spirit!"

**—Camilla Leathers Sebolt, Former Executive Director for Community Bible Study (1997-2013)**

"Until we understand our true identity as a child of God, we will never feel whole. Working on this book gave me a new appreciation for who I am in Christ. It taught me that God is the missing piece to everything that we lack. To the fatherless, He is a father. To the weak, He is strength. In this way, the book can be useful to anyone who feels inadequate in some form or another. As a teenager in this world of media and persuasion, I often feel less than. By learning my birthright in God's kingdom, I realized that I have access to everything that He is. My power lies in Him; therefore I am capable of anything."

**—Kacie Linamen, Teenager and College Student**

"Gaylyn Williams presents in this book an eternal treasure chest of who God is and how He desires to spiritually refreshen us. It's a great book to encourage you on your walk with the Lord."

**—Steve Koeppen, President, Living Way Ministries, Colorado Springs**

"As ever, Gaylyn's newest guide to applying specific Scripture portions to life is both practical and specific. Use these daily devotionals as a guide for your quiet time with Jesus or as a script for a small group studying the Bible together. Keeping a journal of your responses could be useful for later reference. However you choose to use it, this book of devotionals is bound to bless you, those you live with and those you minister to."

**—Sandra T. Auer, Cru Human Resources Specialist and Counselor**

"Just being able to do the research and looking up verses allowed me to finally realize who I am in Christ. The biggest benefit was just that, knowing who I am in Christ based on what the Word said. Another benefit was doing the research knowing that all of this was going to be put into a book. It allowed me to dig into the Word more."

## **Other Books by the Author**

### **Battlefield Strategies for Every Believer**

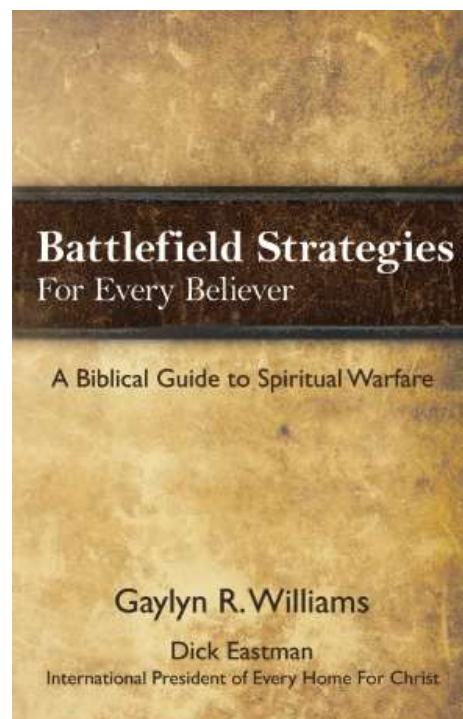
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- Protect yourself and your family with powerful, strategic prayers
- Exchange bondage for the freedom Christ purchased on the cross
- Demystify the enemy and spiritual warfare biblically and effectively



This biblical guidebook empowers you to successfully block Satan’s assaults today and every day. It is filled with Scripture, Bible study questions and proven principles, inspiring individuals and small groups to live victorious lives.

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*has faced her own share of difficult battles and emerged victorious in Christ. Gaylyn's humor and willingness to share from her heart and life will surely encourage you as you learn to walk in victory. Most of all, I am impressed by Battlefield Strategies because of its holistic approach and its clear focus on Jesus. Gaylyn thoroughly explores what the Bible has to say not just about spiritual warfare, but about every aspect that relates to our participation in it."*



## ***All Stressed Up and Everywhere to Go!***

### **Solutions to De-Stressing Your Life and Recovering Your Sanity**

co-authored with Ken Williams, Ph.D.

From the daily hassles to the catastrophic events, this book will empower you to successfully de-stress your life and recover your sanity. You'll discover easy-to-use skills enabling you to gain greater freedom from life's ups and downs.

In today's fast-paced, overworked world, stress is all around us: the economy, finances, raising children, health, job, school, family or lack of it, elderly parents, divorce, tragedy, debt, death and conflict.

#### **This is not an ordinary book about stress!**

This unique workbook contains practical, biblical tools for attaining spiritual, emotional, physical and interpersonal balance. It is filled with powerful personal stories to illustrate principles, thought-provoking questions for individual or group study, Bible studies, self-assessments and easy-to-apply strategies to develop a balanced lifestyle.

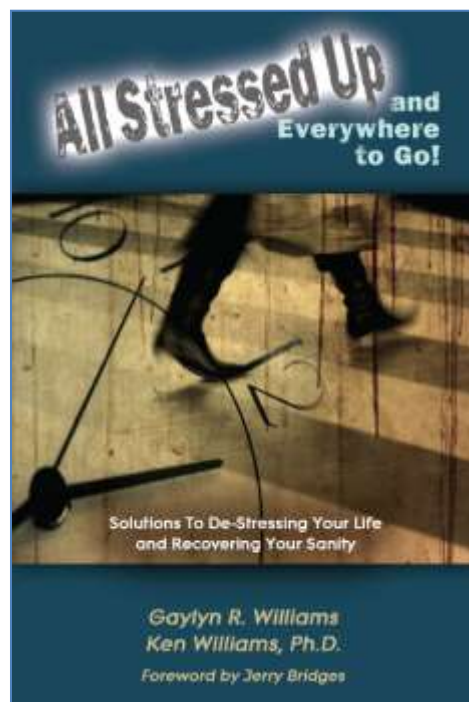
As you explore the timeless connection between biblical principles and this practical, life-enhancing approach, you'll gain valuable solutions to cope with your own stress, as well as help friends and family.

These powerful strategies have been proven worldwide. Over twenty thousand pastors and ministry leaders in eighty countries have benefited from these life-changing skills. Ken and Gaylyn first tested them in their own lives and continue to use them on a regular basis.

Rather than writing from a clinical perspective—although Dr. Williams, with his PhD in Human Behavior, could do that—they honestly share their personal experiences, having each dealt with numerous major and minor stresses. They have trained people in Christian organizations in these methods for twenty-five years. Now their work is available to you.

"I recommend you take the time to read this important book. The Biblical solutions and personal truths in this book can set your heart, mind and soul free. This book is a timely remedy for a culture consumed with pressure, over-scheduling, impossible deadlines and sleepless nights full of anxiety." —**Gary Wilkerson, President of World Challenge and Pastor of The Springs Church**

"Dr. Ken Williams and his daughter, Gaylyn, have teamed up to provide an excellent resource for believers who want to de-stress their lives through the application of God's Word mixed with healthy counseling principles." —**Bob Creson, President and CEO, Wycliffe Bible Translators USA**



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### ***Keys to Joy***

#### **How to Unlock God's Gifts of Lasting Happiness**

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Experiencing joy is a natural—but often elusive—part of Christian living. The hurts of life, unhelpful habits and unhealthy attitudes all lock out joy for many believers. And it remains locked until they take action to open it up.

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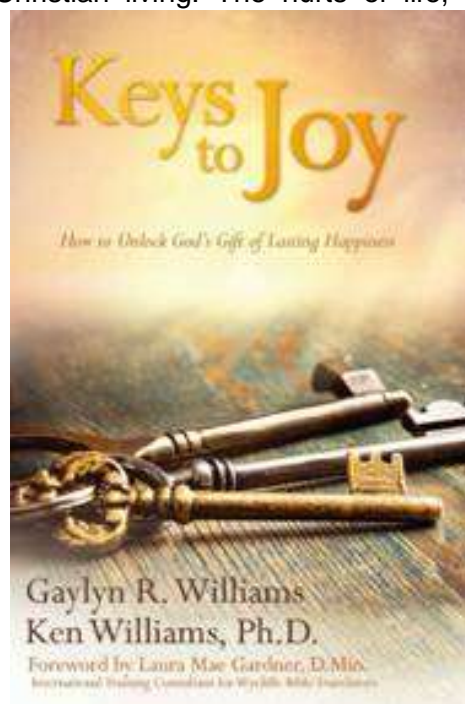
- Climb to new heights of joy in your relationships with God, family and others.
- Replace worry and fear with peace and contentment.
- Demolish unhappiness, misery and discouragement.
- Eradicate anything that locks joy out of your life.
- Transform trials into stepping stones.

In this practical, life-changing Bible study, you'll uncover strength and encouragement for your difficult times through the authors' powerful stories of God's joy in sufferings. Each daily study includes Scriptures with questions to contemplate and grow in your relationship with God. They are designed to empower you to experience the full joy God has for you.

Keys to Joy is for individuals, couples or small groups, and includes a leader's guide for group study. It provides the biblical understanding and life patterns you need to live joyfully regardless of your struggles. Once you've opened the door to joy, you'll know how to assure it's never shut again.

“John records a wonderful statement made by Jesus, ‘I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!’ (John 15:11 NLT). Jesus wants our joy to overflow. What are these things that Jesus spoke of? In this book, *Keys to Joy*, Ken and Gaylyn Williams, the father/daughter writing team, do us a favor by reminding us of the things that lead to joy in the Christian life. Based on the study of God's Word, the contents of this book will lead the reader to a greater sense of who God is, and a deep abiding peace in the One who loves us and wants a relationship with his children.”

—**Bob Creson, President/CEO of Wycliffe Bible Translators USA**



## ***The Surprising Joy of Discovering How God Sees You Sample***

### ***The Surprising Joy of Exploring God's Heart***

#### **A Daily Adventure with 365 of His Names**

#### **Embark on a Life-Changing Adventure!**

Do you long to fall deeper in love with God? Would you like to come into His presence in new and fresh ways? In as little as five minutes a day, enhance your intimacy with God as you explore His names.

#### **This powerful, daily devotional and journal will help you:**

- Discover new insights into your awesome God.
- Experience comfort, strength and hope from understanding God's character.
- Expand your vision for God's power, majesty and greatness.
- Enjoy a growing passion for God through praise and worship;
- Transform your prayer life and strengthen your faith.

This unique treasure contains 365 names of God directly from the Bible. Uncover daily encouragement as you dig deeper into who God is and how He relates to you personally.

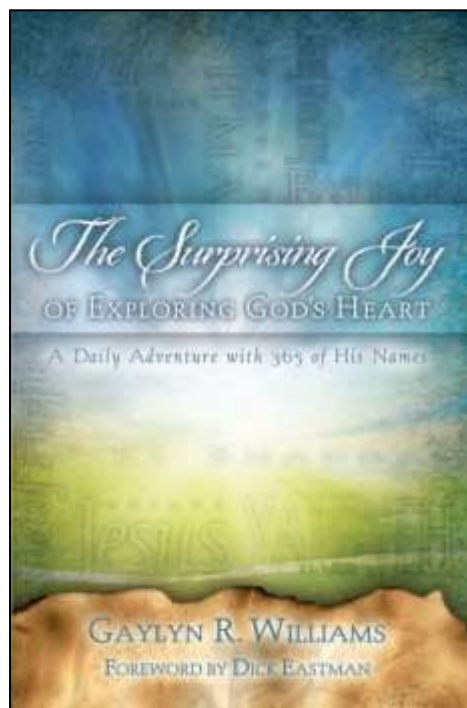
Individuals, couples, families and small groups can use this simple, yet powerful tool to climb to new heights in your relationship with God and others. You'll be forever changed as you get to know God in new ways.

"In this series, Gaylyn Williams has done a remarkable job of identifying and explaining the various names God uses to describe Himself. Meditating on these names, one day at a time, will help us to know God more intimately."

**—Jerry Bridges, Author of twelve books, including, *Trusting God***

"Knowing the names of God is to know the heart of God. Gaylyn helps us know God better by revealing his character and nature. Take the time to read this book and you will be changed."

**—Gary Wilkerson, President, World Challenge and Lead Pastor, The Springs Church**



***This devotional has an accompanying journal.***

## ***The Surprising Joy of Discovering How God Sees You Sample***

### **2031 Names of God**

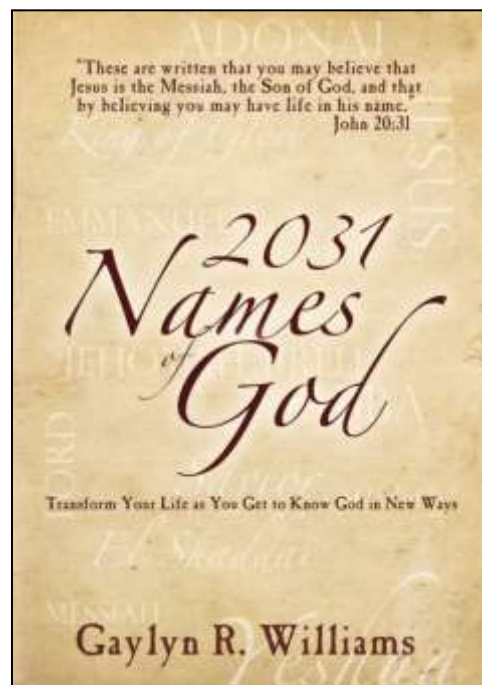
#### **Transform Your Life as You Get to Know God in New Ways**

#### **Enhance Your Intimacy with God as You Explore His Names**

Do you long for know God better? This simple, yet powerful book will help you:

- Experience the fullness of your awesome God through His names revealed in his Word;
- Come into God's presence in new and fresh ways;
- Discover comfort, strength and hope from understanding God's character;
- Expand your vision for God's power, majesty and greatness;
- Enjoy a growing passion for God through praise and worship  
Transform your prayer life and strengthen your faith.

This unique treasure has 2031 names of God directly from the Bible, along with Scripture references and over 400 Greek or Hebrew names. Uncover daily encouragement as you dig deeper into who God is and how He relates to you personally. You'll be forever changed as you get to know God in new ways.



#### **This life-changing reference book will empower:**

- Individuals, couples and families wanting to grow in their relationship with God
- Small groups desiring a unique study
- Pastors preparing for sermons
- College and seminary students doing research for classes

Missionaries and others in ministry seeking to maintain their love for God in difficult situations

“We serve an amazing God! Understanding and appreciating the character of the Lord is the beginning of knowing who we are in Him. In Gaylyn Williams’ *2031 Names of God*, she explores and uncovers who God is by examining the 2031 names given to the Lord. As a military retiree who spent 30 years serving my Nation and my Lord, how refreshing it will be to those who serve to discover in a more intimate way the Lord they serve through this journey Gaylyn will take you on.”

—**Brig General David B. Warner, USAF (Ret.), Executive Director, Officers’ Christian Fellowship**

## ***The Surprising Joy of Discovering How God Sees You Sample***

### ***Never Do Fundraising Again***

#### **A Paradigm Shift from Donors to Lifelong Partners**

co-authored with Ken Williams, Ph.D.

**In this practical, biblical book you will discover how to:**

- Convert one time gifts into lifetime support;
- Experience the amazing power of gratitude to motivate people
- Employ effective communication skills—both written and verbal;
- Transform the stress and drudgery of fundraising into a joyful ministry;
- Utilize proven strategies to spend less time, effort and money to maintain full support;
- Cultivate life-long ministry partners *and* close friends;
- Inspire your partners to become your best recruiters for more support;
- Enjoy freedom from worry about your financial needs.

*Never Do Fundraising Again* contains over 200 pages of proven strategies and skills for building and maintaining your support. It is filled with powerful stories from the authors' lives and others who are using the biblical principles.

This book is written by Ken and Gaylyn Williams, a father/daughter team with over 85 years' experience (combined) as supported missionaries. Gaylyn, as well as Ken and his wife Bobbie, served with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

“An outstanding book, applying Biblical principles to partner development.”

—**Ken Royer, D.Min., Director of Pastoral Care, Link Care Center Fresno, California**

“This book reflects our core belief about the types of relations needed for sustainable, effective work (and life in general). Thanks for helping us understand resource realities (finances) in light of relational resiliency (friendships). Your use of metaphors, examples, Scripture and suggestions really help to make the material practical.”

—**Dr. Kelly O'Donnell and Dr. Michèle Lewis O'Donnell, Consulting Psychologists, Member Care Associates, Inc.**

