

## Preface

*Enhancing Your Marriage: A Women's Bible Study* was born 19 years ago while my family and I were stationed in Toronto, Canada. I was asked to assess the needs of a lovely group of women with whom I fellowshiped and teach their Winter/Spring Bible study. As I got to know these women a little better, it was easy to see that most of them yearned for a *real* relationship with their husbands, longing for more depth in their marriages. As I sought God on how to approach the teaching, He began to unfold a new Bible study, one that was revealing my greater need of Him in my life and in my marriage. Over the ensuing years, God continued to refine my role as John's wife while refining my relationship with His Son. I was learning how intricately interwoven these two relationships were and how important it was to convey this to other wives.

Being in a love-relationship with Jesus Christ can't help but influence our love-relationship with our husbands. Jesus will see to that. He calls us to Himself and gently and lovingly begins to re-tool our souls. And much of this work takes place in the workshop of our marriages.

My prayer is that *Enhancing Your Marriage: A Women's Bible Study* will challenge you to follow God in your marriage, to let Him have full access to your life, to permit Him to re-tool your role as your husband's wife in accordance with His truth, all the while shaping you into the image of His Son. I also pray that you will commit the time, will, and energy God requires of you to complete this study; to view each lesson not only as "home" work, but "heart" work. Your investment will pay huge, lifelong dividends.

Whether you are studying this book on your own or with a group, know that your Teacher is the Holy Spirit. He will not only help you learn and apply the truth, He will help you unlearn and discard the lies. He will teach you to enjoy and maximize the perks of your marriage while building in you a new freedom and confidence to address the problems of your marriage. Your relationship with your husband will become an exciting, purposeful adventure.

May God bless the time you spend with Him in this book. Give Him everything you've got, and He'll return it to you "*pressed down, shaken together, running over.*" (Luke 6:38)

In His love,

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