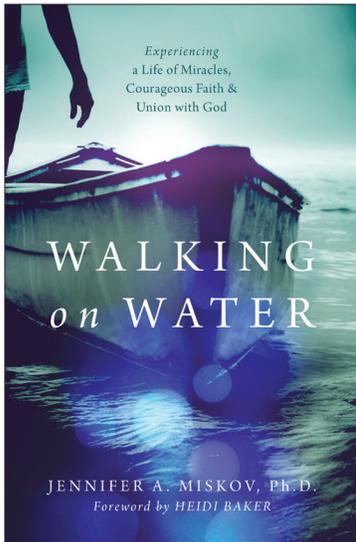




QUESTIONS & ANSWERS WITH JENNIFER A. MISKOV



Walking on Water

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1. Why did you write *Walking on Water*?

I wrote *Walking on Water* so that I could inspire a generation and bring them back to their first love. My heart is burning for people to get free from the busyness of life, ministry, addiction, and simply breathe in the love of the Father and set their gaze upon the face of Jesus once again. Whenever I minister, I regularly hear people say that it feels like they got born again *again* or that everything was stripped away and they encountered the love of Jesus like never before. My heart and prayer through this book is that it does the same thing. That as I am vulnerable to share my heart for the first time in this great of depth in any of my books, it would compel people to forsake all and cling to Jesus no matter what it looks like. I feel it will restore hope to the hopeless and ignite a flame inside each one to burn for Jesus like never before.

2. You invite us to a life of miracles, courageous faith and union with God. All of that starts with full, radical surrender. What does that look like? What prevents us from following Jesus with that kind of radical abandon?

Total surrender looks like being willing to lay anything and everything down for the sake of knowing Jesus more. It means allowing the fire of God to come and strip us from our pride, shame and fear so that we are brought back to the simplicity of the Gospel and loving Jesus face to face.

The thing that prevents us from living in wholehearted devotion to Jesus in a lifestyle of full surrender is a wrong view of who God is. If we really believed in the God of the Bible, we would understand that God is for and with us and would never do anything to harm us. If we have a wrong perspective of who the Father is, it will inhibit us from fully trusting in Him when He calls us deeper.

3. You say that this whole journey is about learning how to fall more in love. Say more about that.

A life of miracles and courageous faith comes from a place of being undone by the love of Jesus. Love is what compelled Peter to do the impossible. Having received the love of God and then being led by love to follow Him wherever He goes is really what the Christian life is all about. We were not put on this earth to follow rules and regulations and make a name for ourselves. We were put here because of passion and to share that passion with others.

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4. Give us some ways to steward our peace when we're in the midst of a storm.

There is something about worship and thankfulness that has the power to disarm anxiety and fear in our lives. Worshiping God with praise and thanksgiving is key. Getting our eyes off of the storm we are facing and onto Jesus, and recounting the faithfulness of God are such great ways to shift our perspective. Meditating and acting on the truth found in Philippians 4:4–7 are great ways to steward peace during hard times.

5. God loves to purify our desires. As we embark on this journey with Him, how can we prepare our hearts and minds and open ourselves up to being purified?

Something I regularly pray is “God, send Your fire over every relationship, commitment, thought, plan and have Your way, whatever it looks like. No matter what the cost, I must have more of You.” Welcoming and inviting the refining fire of God allows it to come and purify and prune us in our humility rather than Him having to pull us down from a high place to humble us.

6. Jen, what is your hope and prayer for those who read this book?

My hope and prayer for those who read this book is that they will get marked by the fire of God and be drawn back to their first love. I am believing for this book to lead people back to falling in love with Jesus all over again and returning to the One Thing. I am believing that it will strip people of everything that clutters in life to bring us back to face-to-face encounters with Jesus and remembering why we have chosen this Christian life in the first place.