

CD #4

Dedication *I dedicate this CD to my husband, Brent. He had many reasons to give up on me. When I remembered being sexually abused as a child (13 years into our marriage), we both went into a wide range of emotions, and that was just the start of what came to light over the next 20 years. My pain, triggering, and reactionary distrust of men were extreme at times. My personal journey through abuse was horrific—the raw edge—and healing required time, money, and energy. It took a special person to walk through this journey of healing with me. Most of our vacations were spent working on the “latest issues at hand” with the goal of getting me well—prayer sessions, counseling, and conferences. We have discovered that most marriages, where one spouse has severe abuse, do not survive long. Yet Brent stood with a long term commitment to me, no matter what was discovered. I am so thankful he made that choice. Over the years, we cried, prayed, talked, and sought God’s way of healing. Many of the days and nights pushed us past our personal limits—into the arms of God. Thank you, Brent, for your persistent love, listening heart, shared tears, crying out to God on my behalf, leadership, financial sacrifices, patience, and steadfast stability. Your support and hours of holding me close through the nightmares will never be forgotten. I love you! You have lived out this passage before my eyes—*

*“Husbands, love your wives,
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,
that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory,
having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing;
but that she would be holy and blameless.”
Ephesians 5:25-27 (NASB)*

Special Thanks *again to Joe Howard for your wonderful arrangements. You never cease to amaze me with your variety of styles, transpositions, and variations, weaving each song with different colors into a beautiful tapestry of His love. Thank you also to Teresa Orozco-Petersen for your gentle, sensitive, and delightful flute improvisations. Both of your creative gifts add to this CD in marvelous ways. Thank you!*

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