

# Terri McFarland



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## Is It In You?

When I hear this phrase, I instinctively picture an athlete sweating profusely while drinking Gatorade. Shrewd marketers make a direct attempt to persuade us all to believe that *what is in us* (a sport drink) will determine *what comes out of us* (our performance).

There may be some truth to that.

Now, I'm not promoting high energy drinks, but I am posing the question to you and to me—**what is in our hearts?** To what have we allowed an open door into our lives? Because whatever it is that's in us, will eventually come out.

*A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.*

Luke 6:45

This past year the Lord led me to examine my own heart and ask, *why do I do what I do?* Why do I choose to follow Jesus? Why do I choose to stand in faith for my marriage? Why am I so easily discouraged? Why do I pursue relational restoration? What is in me that informs my choices?

When we allow the Holy Spirit to reside in our hearts and transform us through the Word and His presence—we change. And it's evident because it comes out. Every behavior and decision, exposes our passions, our struggles, and our joys, which ultimately reveals the reality of our faith and what we believe about God.

### **What is it that is in you?**

I pray it's a life altering relationship with Jesus. For His Spirit, alive in us, will enable us to do the right thing even when the right thing isn't happening to us. He will empower us to love those who don't love us back. And He will embolden us to be more like Jesus—who, when persecuted, betrayed, and falsely accused prayed, "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34)

May we keep bringing good things out of the good stored up in our hearts.



### *Praise Report:*

- ❤️ **Contentment**
- Freedom in **Jesus**
- **Transformational** studies




*Sunrise on Sinai*



# Ministry Update

Excitement is building for the opportunity to serve the Lord during the coming months. From June 20<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup>, I will join **Under The Fig Tree Ministries** and teacher George DeJong, as we return to study the Text in context while hiking through Egypt and Jordan, and sleeping under the stars on the Sinai mountain range. Every trip to the lands of the Bible changes lives forever...including mine. Pray we follow the Lord well.

In the weeks ahead, we will be back to share the gospel in concert at **TriPonds Family Camp** in July, two drive-in churches in August, and a few scheduled women's events in the fall. Our **NW Indiana Fellowship of Christian Athletes** is also hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Power Camp July 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Many young people will hear about Jesus for the first time as they learn to connect their faith with sport. 

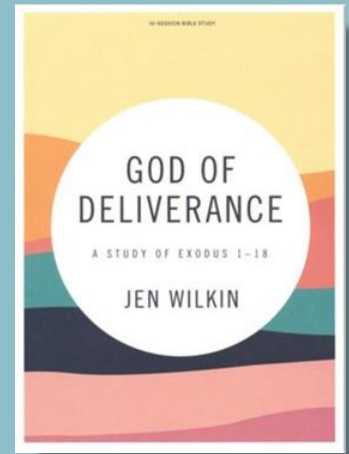
This September, we will begin a study of the book of **Exodus** which follows perfectly after our Egypt/Jordan trip! The Lord brought over 500 women from three satellite campuses together this past spring (both in person and on zoom) as we explored the book of Galatians. There is life in the Word—and people are hungry for truth.

We would love to connect with you and to hear how the Lord has been revealing Himself. Check out our website to find out where we will be next and join us. And please drop us a line to keep us up to date on the happenings in your life. It is an honor to know how to pray for you.

Pursuing His heart together! 



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*Our Study of Exodus*

## *Please Pray for:*

- Safe travels to **Egypt/Jordan**
- An **open** heart
- **More of Jesus** in me



*TriPonds Concert, July 18<sup>th</sup>*

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