INTRODUCTION

You may be wondering if this is the right devotional for you. That's a good question, so let's find out the answer! Please answer "yes" or "no" to each of these questions:

- 1. Are you a Christian woman?
- 2. Are you a wife?
- 3. Are you a mother?
- 4. Are you trying to teach your children about God? If your answer was "yes" to each of these questions, this devotional and you are a match made in heaven!

You may also be wondering what a week in this devotional looks like. That's another good question! So, here's a ...

SNEAK PEEK AT A WEEK...

Each week has a different theme, and the theme begins with a quote to set the mood. Next, the "Prepare Your Heart" page gives a simple overview of the 5-day theme.

DAYS 1, 2, 3, AND 4 all have these features...

Quote: Begin each day with a special quote that is expressly chosen to fit each of your roles in life.

Personal Story: Read stories that warm your heart, tickle your funny bone, and draw you closer to God.

Bible Connection: Meet some fascinating people from the Bible, and learn how their stories are similar to yours. (Note: These Bible stories are written as part of the devotional, but Scriptures are also listed if you'd like to look them up.)

Personal Connection: Make some meaningful connections between the Bible and your life.

A Welcome Retreat: Share a simple prayer, ponder one thought-provoking question, and listen to a special song. (Note: Choose contemporary or traditional music. The "Prepare Your Heart" page shows how the music connects to the theme.)

DAYS 1, 2, 3, AND 4 focus on different roles of life:

Day 1 – Christian Woman: Links your life with the lives of women from the Bible. The prayer is personal. Day 2 – Wife: Links your life with the lives of couples from the Bible. The prayer is shared with your husband. (Note: These are very simple prayers. If you've never prayed with your husband, this is an easy way to start.)

Day 3 – Mother: Links your life with the lives of mothers from the Bible. The prayer is shared with your children. (Note: This is an excellent way to show your children you pray for them consistently.)

Day 4 – Teacher of Your Children: Links your teaching with Jesus' parables. The prayer is shared with your children. (Note: This is a terrific way to show your children the Christian character qualities you want them to have in their life.)

DAY 5 gives you time to reflect on the theme...

There is one question for you to consider for each of your roles in life. Then, you say a simple prayer and listen to the music selection one more time as a closure to the theme.

A FEW FINAL THOUGHTS...

This devotional addresses common things you deal with in everyday life. I wrote this devotional so you can finish the book part in about 10 minutes because women who have all of these roles in life are especially busy. However, it is my prayer that you will think of the theme often throughout your day and week, as the little moments of your life bring connections to mind. I pray that these connections draw you closer to God, and I pray that the Lord is glorified through your time spent with Him.

Love in Christ, Julie Grosz