



## DEAR READER,



Come in, friend. Have a seat, and put your feet up for a while. Can I get you something to drink? Maybe some spiced tea, hot chocolate, or flavored coffee? Those are my favorites, but you can have whatever fits your fancy. I know you won't be able to stay long, but there's Someone that's been waiting for you, and He's missed you lately or you wouldn't be holding this book. He has many different names, but He's your Friend, your Father, and your Savior all wrapped up in One, and nothing makes Him happier than spending time with you. Go ahead and sip your drink as you peruse the *Prepare Your Heart* page of this devotional. Did you notice a theme, connecting the different roles of your life together? Just like your Visitor, you have many different names too, like *Christian woman, wife, mother, and teacher* of your children. It's a big responsibility being all those things, but there's some people who have gone before you that can help. Your Visitor wants you to get to know them, that's why He wrote His amazing book called the Bible. These people are a lot like you, and much can be learned from reading about their lives. Each day you'll meet someone new, and each person has been hand-picked to fit your roles in life. You'll meet Christian women, married couples, mothers, and people from Jesus' Parables. These people are interesting, and they are worth getting to know. One last person you'll get to know is me, and I think you'll find I'm a lot like you. I've shared my life with you in this book, and you'll see I need to read this book just as much as you do. Please enjoy the *quote, my personal stories, a Bible connection, a few questions, some music, and the prayers*. It's time for me to go now. I have my own personal time with your Visitor too, and I don't like to keep Him waiting. So settle in for a little while, before someone needs you desperately – as they always do – and spend some little moments with your Visitor, our Lord and Savior. He's waiting for you...