



“God turned my mess into a message ... and a ministry.”

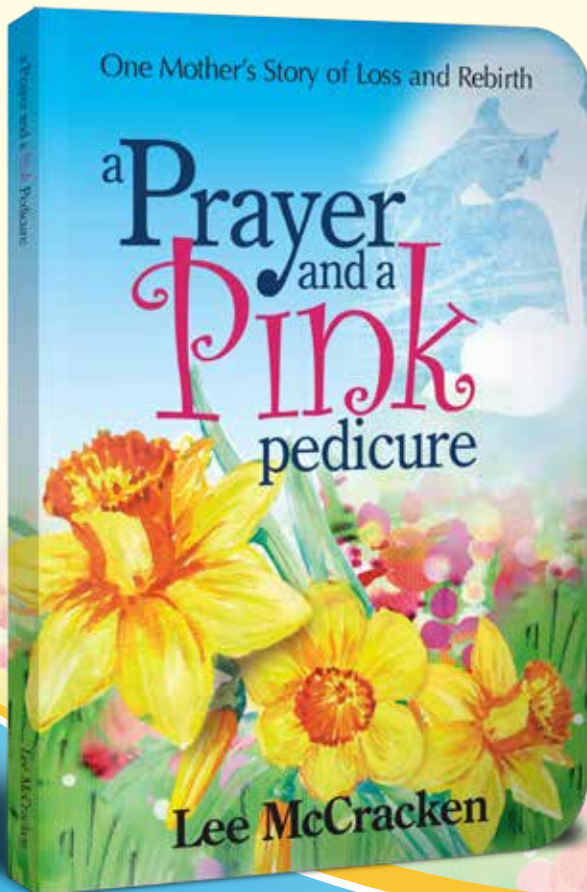
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Lee McCracken is a writer, editor, social entrepreneur and four-year breast cancer survivor. She lives in Charlotte, North Carolina. A veteran editor and owner of Joyfullee Written, Lee works mostly in corporate communications and publishing. She strives to encourage, inform and inspire people through the messages that spill into her heart from the fountain of God’s grace.

In 2011, this upbeat surTHRIVER created the brand Yes, Ma’am! mammograms are a must®. The social enterprise raises awareness about the importance of early detection and helps to fund annual screenings for women in need. Lee says, “Get your squeeze on!”

“A Prayer and a Pink Pedicure,” (September 2013) tells the story of survival and self-discovery following the death of two children, a teen daughter’s turmoil, a breast cancer diagnosis and a crisis of faith.

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a Prayer and a Pink Pedicure

by Lee McCracken

Lee’s book represents the intersection of pain, persistent questions, prayer and perseverance, and the result is a truly helpful destination. ... To know her story — pain, loss, near-devastation, grace hoped for and grace found — is to gain renewed hope that the same is possible for each of us ... for me.

Mike Moses, Senior Pastor, Lake Forest Church

“A Prayer and a Pink Pedicure” offers beauty and spirit. It invites readers on a brave, bold and genuine journey of Lee’s personal stewardship of her life. She writes eloquently and evocatively ... and we are left exhilarated.

Sherry Waters, The Koinoiah

Schedule Lee to speak with your Bible study group or women’s ministry.

(Topic suggestions on the back.)

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- 2013 MARCOM Gold Award in the custom book category, both honoring creativity in marketing and communications



Topics for women's groups:

A Tender Heart – From Sorrow to Survival

How does joy come from grief? Lee knows mourning is agonizing, lonely and even paralyzing at times. Moving from the depths of devastation toward healing happens as God's light and love slowly fill the empty space. Bits of hope begin to return with laughter, a shared memory and the anticipation of something ahead. God restores hearts and brings hope after despair. Living beyond grief and moving into a place of purpose is where Heaven meets Earth.

Loosening My Grip So God Can Take Over

Mothers dread the milestones of independence pre-scripted for their children: the first day of school, the first solo drive outside the neighborhood, the first move-in at college. Whatever the age of the child — from 2 to 52 — the act of letting go doesn't come naturally. The opposite is instinctive: Moms catch, rescue and protect. Lee shares the tension she felt when she couldn't kiss her babies' boo-boos all better or save her teen daughter from self-destructive behavior. She recalls when she wrestled with God over the grip on her children's lives. Faith and trust grew as she released them fully into the care of their creator ... gaining peace in her ever-loving mama soul.

It Rained on My Easter Bonnet

Daffodils dance in the sunshine. Gardens blossom with glorious color. Beauty and newness abound. Lee's favorite season is spring, but she has experienced many long winters of darkness and cloudy days that rained on her sense of well-being. She buried her first child at the young age of 28. Yet grief at the grave can be endured; death doesn't win. Even when her daughter left home at age 18, Lee remained hopeful. She has reclaimed joy without an embittered spirit. Jesus is Hope. After every season of sorrow, spring bursts forth.

... A testimony to God's faithfulness and one woman's daily perseverance to find joy in the midst of tremendous personal tragedy and heartache. Lee's strength and authenticity are a witness to the God who loves us and never forsakes us, even as we experience great suffering. You will be uplifted, inspired and changed.

Mary Kent Splain, Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner