

Melissa Maimone

SPEAKER PACKET



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“No one has the gift of unearthing the common to reveal unexpected graces like Melissa.”

She reminds you of God's perspective and puts your thoughts back on His constancy, dwindling down your doubt and discouraging circumstances to whispers that you can blow away like a feather.

-Karen Lee
Forest Home Christian Camp
Director of Mother/Son Weekend

ABOUT MELISSA:

Melissa Maimone teaches women that an authentic life in Christ can be messy and magnificent at the exact same time. With her unique blend of theology, humor, and insight, Melissa provides down-to-earth lessons, practical applications, and life-changing perspectives. She is both teacher and friend to her audiences; creating a dynamic atmosphere of learning, inspiration, and shared experiences. Women leave their time with Melissa equipped with biblical, realistic, and transferrable tools to live a bold life of faith, no matter what they face.



She is the author of “The Radiant Midnight: Depression, Grace, and the Gifts of a Dark Place” and “Gathering Dandelions: Meditations and Musings on Faith, Fracture, and Beauty Mistaken for a Weed”.

Melissa has been a featured speaker at various Christian camps, women's events and retreats throughout the United States. Before she transitioned into full-time speaking and writing, Melissa served as the Director of Women’s Ministry (along with wearing a few other hats!) at a large church in Santa Clarita, CA for over a decade. She uses her wide range of church experience and her B.A. in Organizational Management to mentor other women in leadership.

She is a featured speaker for Compassion International, an organization dedicated to rescuing children from poverty in Jesus’ name. Melissa is passionate about their work and is honored to be part of a nationally recognized leader in changing the lives of children, their families, and their communities.

Melissa has been featured on Lysa Terkhurst’s Proverbs 31 blog, in Lifeway’s HomeLife Magazine, as well as various podcasts and radio shows. She and her husband Danny live in Southern California. They have two grown children. She loves Jesus, her family, and her friends. Her hobbies include reading, walking, watching weird documentaries, and eating tacos.

REVIEWS:



"Melissa is everything a communicator should be; approachable, winsome, authentic, and insightful. Seriously, every time we hear her speak, we laugh out loud, hold back tears, and write until our hands hurt! She embodies the reality that we are enough because He is. What a gift to call Melissa teacher and friend."

Jay and Katherine Wolf
authors, Hope Heals
Hope Heals Ministries



"Melissa is delightfully funny, winsome, and a biblically sound communicator. She is a rare speaker who can educate while entertaining. She unites women with laughter, shares the right amount of herself and hangs around long enough to help wipe away the tears. She's the real deal."

Nicole Johnson
Author, Speaker
Women of Faith

"Melissa knows God intimately and shares His truth in a vulnerable, god-centered way. She leads women to respond courageously as she models the life of a true disciple in her messages. She is an authentic, dependent, and disciplined disciple. Plainly, I trust her to bring the Word to the ladies I lead."

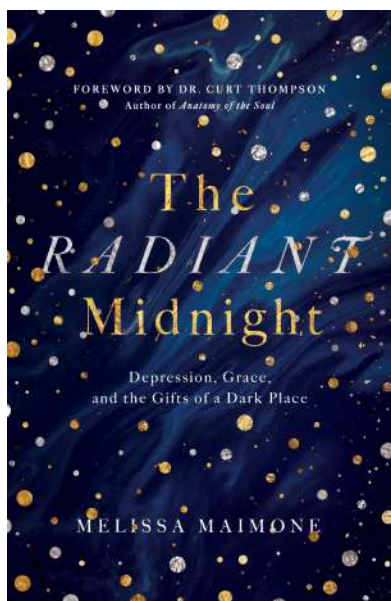
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THE RADIANT MIDNIGHT

by Melissa Maimone



"Melissa offers herself as a fearless tour guide into the unknown and gives us this compassionate book about her own journey into the dark to serve as handrails for those of us who find ourselves, willingly or not, descending into the underworlds of depression, pain, anxiety, and beyond to find the riches they hide."

*-Jason Gray,
singer and songwriter*



"Many of us (including myself) have felt unqualified for ministry because of our struggles with this invisible ache, and *The Radiant Midnight* reminds us of the glorious light that's worth fighting for."

*-Angie Smith, Bestselling Author
of Seamless, Chasing God, and What*



"Mercifully, Melissa doesn't hand out Band-Aids or tidy answers. Rather, she invites us to listen for the story of redemption that God is writing for each of us."

—Jen Wise, author of The Bright Life

"In *The Radiant Midnight* you will find Melissa's very bone and blood...it is here, then, in reading—rather, perhaps, listening to—her words, that your heart, trapped as it may feel in its own midnight, begins to see the first signs of dawn."

*-Curt Thompson, MD,
author of Anatomy of the Soul*



GATHERING DANDELIONS

by Melissa Maimone



"Love the authenticity in the way Melissa writes. It's as if she opens up her home and invites you over for coffee to talk about anything and everything. You feel as if you are invited into a conversation with someone who truly understands that life can be hard, but also wonderful. She keeps pointing you back to Jesus and reminds us that He sees and hears all that we go through and wants so much for us to come to Him with every part of our lives - the good and the bad. Do yourself a huge favor and buy this book."

-Michelle S.

"A MUST READ"

-Verified Amazon Review

"Jesus is masterful at seeing the exquisite in odd places. ... He came for both the sophisticated and the rubes. Jesus finds beauty in those who have been mistaken for weeds. He loves the unlovely and sees each one of us in amazing, unimaginably beautiful ways."

-from Gathering Dandelions: Meditations and Musings on Faith, Fracture, and Beauty Mistaken for a Weed

In her trademark communication style of transparency, humor, and poignant observations, author and speaker Melissa Maimone explores the delights and difficulties of faith-filled living. She shines a vulnerable light on both deep suffering and tremendous joy through short stories, Scripture, prayers, and reflective meditations that read like entries from a journal.

More than a devotional, every chapter is a declaration of hope, that in the midst of this ordinary, fractured life, you are deeply cared for, intricately known, and immensely loved by God.



"I had the pleasure (and blessing) of attending a women's retreat featuring Melissa as the speaker - and I was thrilled to hear that she had written a book because I couldn't get enough of what she had to say. She is authentic and transparent - and she is funny! Her biblical knowledge is solid and she uses it to lift women up and remind them that they are God's masterpiece. No matter where you are in your life, in your walk with Jesus, or even if you are of a different faith, this book will lift you up, reassure you, and inspire you. Give yourself the gift of this book."

-Anne Marie M.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Abundant GRACE**

So often, we can struggle with feeling like we are "Too Much" or "Not Enough". Yet, Jesus says "My grace is sufficient". How do we come to understand our own "enoughness" in Christ? Melissa takes us on a journey of discovering who we are, letting go of who we are not, and embracing the enough of God's abundant GRACE. In the end, we will see that enough really is ENOUGH!

Key Verse: 2 Corinthians 9:8 | Optional Group Craft/Activity Available

- **The Messy, Magnificent Life**

We are called to live as God's chosen people -- but sometimes it's hard to imagine how to do that when our kitchen counters are sticky, there are loads of laundry to be done, and the car has a dent in the fender! Melissa believes that an authentic life in Christ can be messy and magnificent at the exact same time - and that we can live a bold, beautiful life of vulnerability and victory because we are known, accepted, and deeply loved by God. Women leave their time with Melissa equipped with biblical, realistic, and transferable tools to live a life of JOY, no matter what they face in life.

Key Verse: Ephesians 3:19 | Optional Group Craft/Activity Available

- **Radiant HOPE**

Our lives offer happiness and pain, celebration and sorrow, bright days and dark nights. With so many changes, how do we develop an unwavering, steadfast hope? Melissa shares the powerful lessons learned from her struggle with depression--- and how the light of Jesus Christ offers each one of us a life-changing, irrepressible, radiant HOPE.

Key Verse: Psalm 139:12 | Optional Group Craft/Activity Available

- **Invitation to Renewal**

Busy, busy, busy! We are pulled in so many directions each day that it's easy to believe rest is only for those who have crossed off everything on their to-do list. Melissa teaches that God's Word shows us a better way to live; because silence isn't just for sleep and slowing down isn't only for vacations. A restful, renewed life is possible - even with a packed schedule. Melissa offers a refreshing look at the rest and renewal we are invited into when we place our trust in Jesus Christ.

Key Verse: Psalm 139:12 | Optional Group Craft/Activity Available



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- **Daughters of the King**

We are made for royal living, but our world isn't exactly castles, carriages, and crowns, is it? So, what does it mean to be a daughter of the king? What can we believe about our deepest identity? This is an exploration of who we are in Christ, and whom God calls us to be. Using examples of various women from Scripture, Melissa will help you discover your heritage as a daughter of the King!

Key Verse: 1 Peter 2:9 | Optional Group Craft/Activity Available

- **Unsinkable**

Life is filled with all kinds of adventures. Rough waters, glassy seas, dark skies and dazzling sunrises.

But even in the darkest moments-- when it feels like we are drowning and might not survive--we can still find

the HOPE that is an anchor for our souls. This is a hope that goes beyond circumstance, feeling, behavior, or strength; and one that carries us through any storm-- making us truly unsinkable.

Key Verse: Hebrews 6:19 | Optional Group Craft/Activity Available

"Melissa is a real, raw, and refreshingly honest speaker that shares God's truth in a unique and engaging way. She is a brilliant asset to any conference or retreat."

Suzann McCann
The Ascent Church
Colorado Springs, CO

CHRISTMAS EVENTS:

Unexpected Wonder

Do you need to believe in flying reindeer and talking snowmen for Christmas to be magical? Or is wonder for grown-ups too?

In this engaging and whimsical Christmas message, Melissa will take your audience on a journey to discover the breathtaking wonder surrounding them in every day, ordinary circumstances. Your guests will learn that the wonder of Christmas isn't found in the imagination, but in real places like Bethlehem, with real people like a man named Joseph and a woman named Mary. With down-to-earth storytelling, humor, and wisdom, Melissa will show that wonder, like Jesus Himself, is for everyone!

My Cup Overflows...with Tinsel?!

Christmas is a fantastic time to gather friends, decorate our homes, bake, wrap...and generally get overwhelmed by all there is to do. It sounds great to think through ways to "simplify" or "enjoy" or remember the "reason for the season", but there are still presents to wrap, parties to attend, and family to visit. How do we experience the abundance of God in the abundance of errands? With humor and realistic wisdom, Melissa invites women to find "peace on earth" right in the middle of shopping at the mall.



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- Yorba Linda Friends Murietta, CA
- Hello Beautiful! Women's Conference Manson, WA
- Agoura Hills Bible Fellowship Agoura, CA
- Mariner's Church Irvine, CA
- Falls Church Anglican Falls Church, VA
- Christ Community Milpitas, CA
- Community Presbyterian Danville, CA
- Hume Lake Camp Hume Lake, CA
- Women HAND in Hand Conference Sedro-Wolley, WA
- We Are Brave Together Church Rancho Mirage, CA
- The Messy Manifesto Life Church Lynden, WA
- Monte Vista Church Turlock, CA
- Valley Bible Fellowship Bakersfield Sugar Pine Camp
- Geneva Presbyterian Forest Home Camp
- Cornerstone Church Moorpark, CA
- Wonder Women Conference Richmond, VA
- Foothill Bible Calimesa, CA
- High Desert Church Victorville, CA
- Green Valley Church Henderson, NV
- Lodi Temple Baptist St. George, UT
- Grace OC Church Anaheim, CA
- Messiah Baptist Church Family Life La Habra, CA
- Green Hills Baptist Church La Habra, CA
- Malibu Presbyterian Malibu, CA
- Seasons Weekend Tour w/ Nicole Johnson and Sara Groves
- Holy Trinity Church Ladera Ranch, CA
- She's Still There Tour w/Chrystal Evans Hurst & Compassion International
- Canyon Creek Presbyterian Mount Hermon Christian Camp
- Gold Coast Church Oxnard, CA
- Calvary Chapel Oceanside, CA
- Breathe In, Live Out Conference Hillsborough, NC
- Valley Baptist Bakersfield, CA
- Women's Night of Hope Santa Monica, CA

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HUMOR AND TRANSPARENCY
AGAIN AND AGAIN.”**

**-JESSICA PATAY,
FOUNDER & PRESIDENT
WE ARE BRAVE TOGETHER**