

In a world of relativity, Michelle Christy believes there is a defining word that is true and life-giving. Michelle's passion is to encourage and enable others to experience the personal and transforming power of God's Word. She brings almost 15 years of experience to her inspirational speaking and Bible teaching ministry, *Defining Word* - leading others to an encounter with God through the study of His Word.

Michelle has a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and education. In 1997 she experienced God's call on her life, one she has pursued through ministry within and outside of the local church. She is a 2002 School of Women's Ministry graduate, a 2006 "Proverbs 31 She Speaks" graduate, and a 2009 breast cancer survivor. In December 2005 she had completed nearly a decade of service to her church as a ministry assistant, when she sensed God's leading to leave and further pursue her call to a speaking and writing ministry.

Most recently, Michelle hosted and taught a week long adult community at the Okoboji Lakes Bible and Missionary Conference, sharing material from her own study *The Goodness of God in the Waiting Rooms of Life*. The following fall, in 2010, over one hundred women participated in a cross community six week Bible study of the same material. Michelle's current study examines encounters of Jesus and women in the New Testament. Additionally, she is preparing to go to Uganda, Africa in June 2012 to host and lead a women's conference there.

Michelle's natural and sincere teaching style reveals her journey through life as a wife, mother, daughter of the Most High King and recent cancer survivor. She is married to Greg Christy, president of Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, and is the mother of Ryan (17), Madalyn (14) and Kyle (10).