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AMANDA PITTMAN is a wife, mother, author, ministry leader, speaker, and entrepreneur. She is the founder of <u>Confident Woman Co.</u>, a ministry that equips women to stand confidently upon the finished work of Jesus. Through Confident Woman Co., Amanda hosts retreats, conferences, online events, coaching programs, podcasts, videos and more. Amanda is the host of <u>Confident</u> <u>Woman Podcast</u> and the author of five books, including *Stand in Confidence* (September 2022) and *100 Days of Life-Changing Confidence* (Fall 2022). Amanda and Michael Pittman live near Dallas, Texas, with their children Elijah and Lily.

HI, I'M AMANDA! I'm passionate about helping women establish their confidence in Christ and walk in their God-given calling. But this wasn't what I had planned for my life. I never expected to lead a ministry or encourage others online. Music was my thing.

Throughout school, I excelled at playing flute, which allowed me to play in exclusive youth orchestras, earn a spot in all-state bands, and even win money in a few solo competitions. Following my dream of becoming a professional flutist, I accepted a music scholarship to study at Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas, Texas, for Music Education.

During my first year of college, I abandoned God. Since I had experienced so much pain in my previous relationships and friendships, I figured that God was to blame. Yet it was during college that God recaptured my heart and showed me the path He wanted me to take in life. I rededicated my life to Christ, and soon after I met Michael Pittman in an 8am Art of Acting class during my sophomore year at SMU. We hit it off over winter break and started dating in the spring semester.

Michael and I shared our journey of dating God's way on YouTube, and our impact rapidly began to grow. After 11 months of dating, Michael proposed! Six months later, we got married in Ft. Worth, Texas, at the church I was raised in. After our wedding, we continued sharing our faith through Instagram, YouTube and blogging. It was once I saw the impact that we made on others that my heart for ministry began to grow.

After graduating college in 2015, I became an Elementary Music teacher and Michael pursued a career in finance. A few months after I began my teaching career, we were thrilled to find out that we were pregnant! In July of 2016, we gave birth to the most perfect baby boy, and we named him Elijah Apollo Pittman. Soon



after, we followed the call of God to serve at a church in Atlanta, Georgia. Since I wanted to be a stay-at-home-mom, I decided to pause my teaching career to focus on my family. I began serving even more within our church home and started dreaming of pursuing an entrepreneurial path.

In July of 2018, our family was completed as we welcomed my daughter Lily Blair Pittman into the world. Right after Lily was born, Michael and I stepped out into full-time entrepreneurship and our ministry responsibilities continued to grow. During the following years, our skills and experience in ministry and business expanded. God led me to launch a mentorship program and host an online conference. Soon, it blossomed into what is now known as Confident Woman Co. In 2020, we finished our time serving in Atlanta, and in 2021, we transitioned our lives back to Dallas, Texas.

Today I spend my time hosting monthly challenges for Confident Woman Co., leading a team, creating content to reach others online, writing devotionals and books, and preparing for upcoming events. And, can you believe it, I've also picked my flute back up and enjoy playing in a local community band.

Michael licenses his financial literacy curriculum, Simple Money Academy, to colleges and universities. He also serves at our church and enjoys playing on a few intramural sports teams. Our kiddos are thriving at their schools, enjoying their extra-curricular activities, and soaking up lots of time with their grandparents. While this wasn't what I planned for my life, what God had planned was far better. *I wouldn't have it any other way!*