Suggested Interview Questions for Nicki Koziarz

Flooded: The Five Best Questions to Ask When Life is Hard and Doubt is Rising

"Just because we are flooded with doubt doesn't mean we have to be destroyed by doubt. Where there is doubt, there is still hope, which is the way to rise."

-- Nicki Koziarz

- 2020 was a difficult year for people all around the world many faced enormous upheaval and now find themselves picking up the pieces, wondering if God really sees them or their struggles. Can you identify with their doubts about God's goodness?
- Nicki, your long season of disappointments and heartbreak began a couple years ago. Can you describe some of those situations and how they impacted your faith?
- When did you first realize you were struggling with doubt, questioning God's love and goodness? What did you do with that realization?
- Your new book, *Flooded*, describes how studying the life of Noah helped you rebuild your faith in God. What drew you to Noah's life and situation?
- You describe five decisions Noah made that have helped you deflect doubt in your own life. Decision #1 was to walk with God. What did that look like in Noah's life? In yours?
- You write that "God commanded. Noah listened." What is significant about Noah's decision to listen? Why are modern-day Christians so uncomfortable with silence and listening?
- Another decision for Noah was choosing to rise above the doubt. Sometimes our internal doubts are increased by external naysayers, which Noah surely experienced. What tips can you offer for trusting God and following his assignment but deterred by naysayers?
- You write that "God is in charge of the plan. I'm in control of my obedience." What does it look like to remember God is in charge? What has it looked in your own life?
- The final decision you recommend is finding the familiar faithfulness of God. You invite readers to remember that God was faithful before hard times, and that we will find he is still faithful on the other side of a hard season. Have you reached this place in your own walk with God?
- Please tell us a bit about your brother Mike and his struggle with mental illness and addiction. How have you experienced the familiar faithfulness of God after Mike's death? What hope can you offer families struggling with similar situations?

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