

Lysa TerKeurst – Biography

Author of *Seeing Beautiful Again: 50 Devotions to Find Redemption in Every Part of Your Story*



Lysa TerKeurst is the president of Proverbs 31 Ministries and the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Forgiving What You Can't Forget*, *It's Not Supposed to Be This Way*, *Uninvited*, *The Best Yes* and more than 20 other books, with more than six million copies sold. Her latest book, *Forgiving What You Can't Forget* debuted at #1 on the *New York Times* bestsellers list and has appeared on *USA Today*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Publishers Weekly*, and CBA bestseller lists.

But to those who know Lysa best, she's just a North Carolina girl with a well-worn Bible who proclaims hope in the midst of good times and heartbreaking realities. Lysa has weathered her share of hard times. She has experienced significant relationship trauma and health issues, including an unexpected cancer diagnosis. Lysa's intimate, authentic, and engaging communication style invites women into a safe place where hard questions are welcomed, real problems are untangled and issues are tackled with solid therapeutic and theological help.

As president of Proverbs 31 Ministries, Lysa and her team have helped thousands of women make their walk with God an invigorating journey – via daily online devotionals, radio programs, online Bible studies, speaker/writer training, and more. Lysa's daily email devotional reaches more than one million subscribers. Over 2 million people follow Lysa on social media, and Proverbs 31 has more than 5 million followers. Between the two platforms, Lysa reaches more than 7.5 million people. The Proverbs 31 Ministries podcast averages 100,000 downloads per episode, with more than 1.1 million downloads over the last 90 days alone.

Each year, Lysa is a featured keynote presenter for more than 40 events across North America, including the Global Leadership Network, Catalyst Leadership Summit, Lifeway Conferences, and Women of Joy. She has a passion for equipping women to be effective communicators and leaders through Proverbs 31 Ministries' annual She Speaks Conference.

Lysa is a sought-after writing mentor and founder of a writing program, COMPEL: Words That Move People, which has trained hundreds of best-selling authors. In 2020, Lysa announced an exclusive partnership between COMPEL, literary agent Meredith Brock, and Thomas Nelson. They are launching a co-branded author training program and book imprint, with the first titles set to release in 2022.



Lysa's personal adventure of following God captured national media attention when she and her family adopted two teenage boys from a war-torn orphanage in Liberia, Africa. Their story led to features on The Oprah Winfrey Show, Good Morning America, *USA Today*, and *O Magazine*. Lysa has recently appeared on The Today Show, Extra and CNN.

Lysa's newest book is ***Seeing Beautiful Again: 50 Devotions to Find Redemption in Every Part of Your Story*** (Thomas Nelson, March 2021). A mother of five and grandmother of three, Lysa writes from her gray farm table and lives with her family in North Carolina.

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