

HOW BIBLE TEACHER NICKI KOZIARZ CAME BACK FROM A LONG SEASON OF DESPAIR & DOUBT

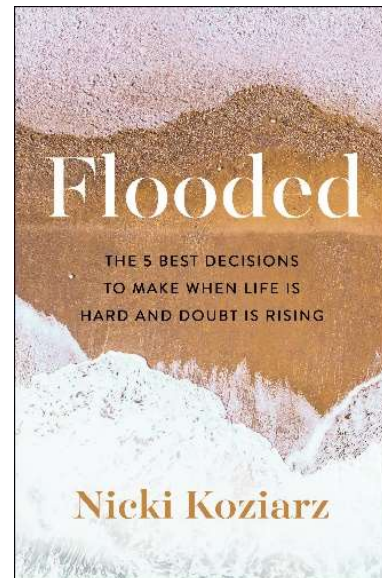
*She Lost her Mother to a Brain Tumor, Then Addiction & Mental Illness Took Her
Brother's Life – then a Global Pandemic Arrived
Flooded, from Bestselling Author and Proverbs 31 Speaker Koziarz, Arrives March 2021*

Minneapolis, Minn., December 7, 2020 – “Please, God, no more hard things,” Nicki Koziarz whispered. She had lost so much and wasn’t sure if her faith could endure another blow. Like millions of others who have endured repeated blows to health and security over the past year, Nicki found herself stuck in a season of doubt. Doubting the goodness of God is painful for any believer, but it’s especially not a good look for a Bible teacher.

Nicki’s new book, ***Flooded: The Five Best Decisions to Make When Life is Hard and Doubt is Rising*** (Bethany House, March 2021), shares how her own struggles with doubt unfolded – and how she found a role model for faith and endurance in the life of Noah. Yes, that Noah.

After the painful loss of her mom to a brain tumor and her brother to suicide – and a dozen other hard, personal things – Nicki felt doubt flooding her soul. Her faith became almost unrecognizable.

“For the last couple years, my life has felt like unwrapping a daily gift of disappointment. I began to wonder if God really cared about all the hard things I was facing,” Nicki recalls. “My struggle drove me to scripture, where I found someone who faced a more impossible situation than my own. Noah’s life, his choices and faithful endurance, showed me a way forward.”



Though the reality of hard times fostered destructive doubt, Nicki now sees how tough seasons open the door to life-changing, faith-building decisions. For anyone wrestling with doubt and fighting back hopelessness, Nicki’s new book, ***Flooded***, will help readers:

- Quiet the fear that God won’t come through - by discovering the difference between wishful thinking and biblical hope.
- Resist the urge to control the uncontrollable - by finding peace in between the problem and the promise.
- Find the familiar faithfulness of God in His Word - when it feels like nothing is normal and everything is falling apart.

As Nicki read through Noah’s story in Genesis, she noted how he walked with God when others did not – including 120 long years of constructing a massive ark, forty days of destructive rain, and

another 350 years of life on earth. She was inspired by five key decisions Noah made in his life and set out to prioritize those same decisions for herself. As a result, Nicki's doubt began to recede as her faith in God's goodness was restored. Nicki offers unpicks those five decisions in the pages of her new book, *Flooded*:

- ❖ Decision One: To Walk with God
- ❖ Decision Two: To Listen to God
- ❖ Decision Three: To Rise Above the Doubt
- ❖ Decision Four: To Remember Who is in Charge
- ❖ Decision Five: To find the Familiar Faithfulness of God

Bethany House will launch a national pre-order campaign in mid-January 2021, and Proverbs 31 Ministries will feature ***Flooded*** as their Online Bible Study in March 2021. A national publicity campaign is already underway, and Nicki Koziarz is available now for interview.

Releasing alongside the trade paper and e-book editions of *Flooded* will be a *Flooded Study Guide* (paperback and e-book editions) and a *Flooded* teaching DVD (with Nicki Koziarz). All *Flooded* resources will be available from Bethany House in March 2021.



Nicki Koziarz (www.nickikoziarz.com) is a two-time ECPA bestselling author and speaker with Proverbs 31 Ministries. She speaks nationally at conferences, retreats, and meetings and hosts her own podcast. An evangelist at heart, Nicki inspires others to become the best version of who God created them to be. Nicki and her husband and three girls run a small farm just outside of Charlotte, North Carolina, which they affectionately call The Fixer Upper Farm.

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