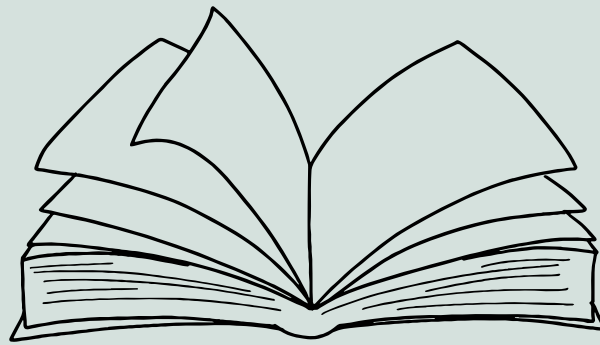




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A STORY OF STAYING THROUGH THE
STORMS

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ABOUT OUR PICK

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

CHRISTI GIBSON

Christi Gibson is an encourager, a storyteller, and a teacher. She lived most of her first 30 years in Texas and the second thirty in New Orleans. In her third thirty years Christi travels in Amazing Grace the RV. Home is whatever park, driveway, or parking lot she stops in along the way. Come Alongside Ministries is her speaking ministry, and she brings every bit of her life experience to the table—wife, mom, missions and discipleship ministry in a local church, teacher in seminary and women's prisons, and her M.Div in Biblical Studies from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Christi also shares her pain and her healing, her failures and successes, her strengths and her weaknesses, and her odd sense of humor and spirit of adventure.





READING SCHEDULE

This is our suggested flow of chapters per book club meeting based on the way we've arranged discussion questions. Feel free to alter the schedule to better suit the needs of your group.

WEEK 01

Chapters 1-2

WEEK 02

Chapters 3-4

WEEK 03

Chapters 5-6

WEEK 04

Chapters 7-8

WEEK 05

Chapters 9-10

WEEK 06

Chapters 11-12

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Chapter 1

- 1 Read Psalm 139:1-8. Do these verses feel promising or threatening to you?
- 2 Are there parts of you that you would rather not be known? Your thoughts? The places you go? How you rest? Your ways? Your words?
- 3 Do you long to be surrounded by God, or are there times you'd rather he stay out of your business? Is this knowledge wonderful to you?

Chapter 2

- 1 What impact do you want to have on the world around you?
- 2 What makes you matter?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Chapter 3

- 1 What has shaped your dreams for romance?
- 2 What makes you feel loved and cherished?
- 3 Have your hopes been fulfilled or disappointed?

Chapter 4

- 1 Do you sometimes feel stuck in a perpetual version of the *Bear Hunt* from childhood?
- 2 How has a can-do attitude worked out for you?
- 3 Has an I-think-I-can mindset ever failed you?
- 4 Is there something you face today that you cannot power through?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Chapter 5

Henry Blackaby calls these turning points a crisis of belief because they call into question what we believe about ourselves, God, and the world. When our belief is tested, the outcome directs our next steps.

- 1 What are some flashbulb moments in your life?
- 2 How has a flashbulb moment changed your thinking and determined your direction

Chapter 6

- 1 Have you had to make such a decision about a job, a team, or a relationship?
- 2 Do you have a particular bent toward going or staying?
- 3 What part do commitment, fear, image, safety, or other concerns play in your decision?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Chapter 7

- 1 “I had hoped” is such a sad little phrase. Can you think of a time that you had hoped, and hoped, and hoped some more - only to have that hope disappointed?

Another phrase turns hope lost into hope found. “But God.” Here are a few examples of “But God,” in scripture:

- Matthew 19:26
- Genesis 50:20
- Psalm 73:26

- 2 Practice laying a “but God” alongside your lost hope:

1 I had hoped _____,
but God _____.

2 I had hoped _____,
but God _____.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Chapter 8

- 1 Have you been ashamed of hope?
- 2 Take your shame and suffering through the cycle of Romans 5:4-5. What pain or sorrow have you suffered? How did you persevere in the waiting?
- 3 What sort of character did God build in you as you waited? Consider Galatians 5:22-23. Are you more loving, joyful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, or self-controlled?
- 4 How has God shown you who he is and how he's poured out his love on you?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Chapter 9

- 1 Has there been a time in your life when you felt naked and exposed?
- 2 What is there in your life that has or would withstand a storm or fire?

Chapter 10

- 1 Have you ever told a lie that became a way of life?
- 2 What shackles are holding you back from living in freedom?
- 2 What weight and constraint keep you from dancing?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Chapter 11

- 1 Did you have a normal life planned out for yourself?
 - What did that life look like?
 - Does the life you live look different from that plan?
 - Does different from normal seem less than normal to you?

Can you see God's super-hyper-abundance at work?

- 2 Compare these three states of normality in your life:
 1. The normal I had planned
 2. The not-so-normal I live in now
 3. God's exceedingly, abundantly beyond normal in my life

Chapter 12

- 1 Where do you long to be free to go?
- 2 Do you need to let go of possessions, privileges, anger, unforgiveness, or something else you're holding onto?

SUGGESTED GROUP ACTIVITIES

Want to add interactive activities to your meetings? Check out some of the activities we've come up with below. Feel free to use as few or many as you want to better suit the needs of your group.

Held & Sustained Table

Host a snack night that reminds each person that God sustains even when life feels fragile. Ask each to bring a snack that reflects these two categories:

- Stable foods (bread, cheese, nuts, grains)
- Fragile foods (crackers, berries, pastries)

Reflect on where you feel fragile and on what is holding you together.

Hope Timeline

Have each person draw a timeline of a season of life, one that has recently ended or changed.

- Mark moments of grief, waiting, faith, or uncertainty
- Then mark where hope remained (even faintly)

Remind each person that hope remains, even when we don't yet see the resolution.

Pocket Scripture Cards

Provide each person with 4-5 cardstock squares to decorate. Write Scripture reminders to keep in their purse or car.

Hope Paper Chain

Provide each person with 1-2 strips of paper, depending on how large your group is. Have each participant write:

- A truth about God OR
- A statement of hope

Connect strips into one long chain and hang as a reminder of the importance of Christian community in times of struggle.

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Make it Missional! Meal Train Prep Night

Instead of a typical potluck, help prepatate freezer meals together for:

- A family in need
- A new mom
- Someone in crisis
- A local ministry partner

Structure

- Assign ingredients ahead of time
- Assemble meals together during book club
- Include encouraging and scripture cards with the meals when you deliver them

Reflect on how others have cared for you in times where you couldn't carry everything yourself.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

This section offers resources your group can use to promote or make better use of your book.

Here's what you'll find:

BOOK REVIEW

This blank worksheet is here to help you and your group make sense of what you're reading. It's meant to spark discussions by encouraging everyone to jot down their thoughts. As a leader, you can also use it to check in on how your members are doing spiritually.

POSTER

This 8.5x11 poster/flyer is designed to help you promote your book in your church/ community. Simply fill in the blank meeting info and they are ready to use!

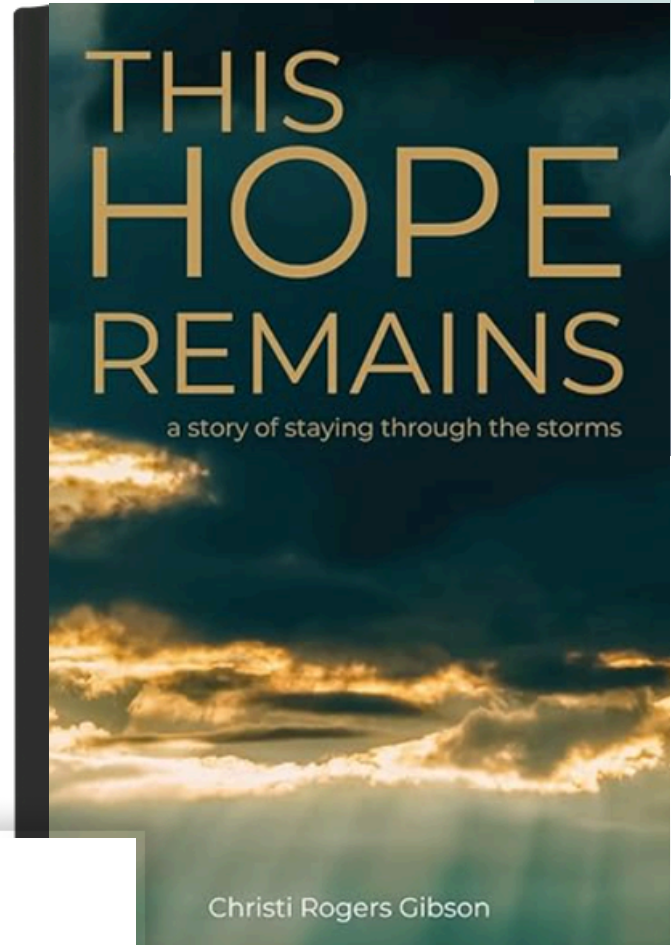
BULLETIN INSERT

Like the poster these half-page "bulletin insert" size sheets are designed to help you promote your book in your church/ community. Once again, Fill in the blank meeting info and they are ready to use!

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Join us as we read and discuss
*This Hope Remains: A Story of
Staying Through the Storms* by
Christi Gibson.



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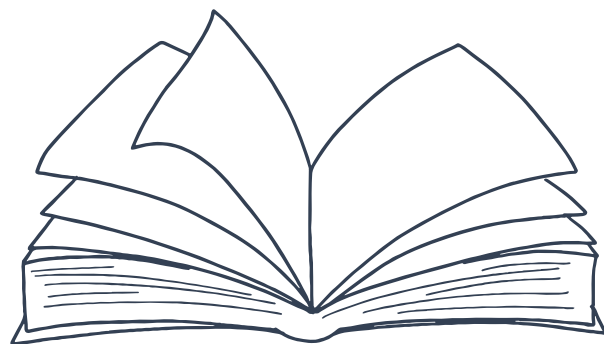


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BOOK REVIEW

BOOK TITLE:

AUTHOR:

SUBJECT:

MY FEELINGS ABOUT THIS BOOK:

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| ☐ BEST BOOK I'VE EVER READ | ☐ I DID NOT LIKE IT AT ALL | ☐ MUST READ |
| ☐ READ BETTER ONES | ☐ THIS BOOK MADE ME CRY | ☐ WISH I HADN'T READ THIS |
| ☐ I COULD NOT FINISH | ☐ SO BORING | |

BEST MOMENTS:

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LEAST FAVORITE MOMENTS:

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FAVORITE QUOTES:

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HOW WOULD I RECCOMEND (OR ARGUE AGAINST) THIS BOOK TO A FRIEND:

Yay!

Woo-hoo! You're wrapping up your book club session, or maybe you're still right in the middle of it—either way, we're thrilled! Share your book club adventures with us by tagging us on social media or sending us an email. Your stories could inspire others to start their own book clubs. Keep an eye on our socials for future book club materials, and if there's a book you'd love to see us include, let us know! We're excited to support you every step of the way.



Keep the *Conversation* going

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