

## **Patricia Cameron**

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Raised among the cypress trees and bayous of the Louisiana Delta, Patricia Cameron learned early on to cherish God and family. Losing her husband unexpectedly at 45 tested her faith, but also set in motion the desire to help others see that God is worthy of praise, even in times of grief. Her late husband's zest for life inspired Patricia to live her own, fully aware of God's presence, power and purpose — and to encourage others to do the same.

Attending church every Sunday morning, evening and Wednesday night (staying home was not an option), along with a loving home life, introduced Patricia to Jesus and grounded her in her faith.

#### **Overcoming obstacles**

Overcoming obstacles were shown by example, as her family lived through a debilitating accident that left her dad with two prosthetic legs. As he learned to thrive again, she also learned to persevere through difficult times.

Other experiences shaped her life. Although losing her husband suddenly rocked her world, it also set in motion a passion to share her experiences to help others gain strength and courage to live beyond their pain.

It is her desire that others experiencing great loss will know they can survive any season of suffering. And not only survive but go on to become better and stronger as they press on to know God and discover His will for their lives.

#### **Embracing adventure**

An adventurer at heart, Patricia loves traveling and anything outdoors, seeking to live life to the fullest. She enjoys “forcing” her sons on her many adventures, although they have undoubtedly surpassed her in many areas. When not cheering them on in basketball, soccer and tennis tournaments, she enjoys gardening, reading, walking outdoors and the occasional tennis match. She loves walks on the beach, long weekends at the lake, sunsets and sunrises, the thrill of downhill snow skiing, heart-to-heart talks, chocolate (who doesn't?), and an ice-cold Dr Pepper.

Patricia has the honor and joy of raising three sons, Connor, Garrett and Parker. Her daughter Ashlynn died at birth and is safe in the arms of Jesus.

#### **Corporate life**

Although diving into publishing was new territory for her, Patricia drew upon her 34-year career writing for and leading a corporate department of writers, designers and an audio-visual team.

Leaving her corporate job after almost 20 years to focus on family, she founded her own public relations consulting firm/now publishing company, Green Leaf Ink, then later combined talents with a colleague to launch a marketing/advertising firm, Great Minds Communication.

### **Journaling turned into writing with a purpose**

Patricia's writing and editing have transitioned from corporate PR and internal communications to advertising copy and marketing strategies, and on to material aimed at inspiring hope and encouragement. Journaling set in motion what she found to be a passion for writing, something she quietly embraced.

Patricia Cameron is an author, speaker, Bible Study leader and writer for her Faith-Driven Joy blog. Before writing *Grief Unwrapped: Discovering Joy in a Season of Sorrow*, she wrote devotions, led women's Bible studies, and taught small group classes for much of her adult life. She has been published in *Just Between Us* magazine and also writes a weekly blog through her Faith-Driven Joy platform.

### **Education/Credentials**

A Northeast Louisiana University graduate, she received a bachelor's degree in journalism with a public relations emphasis. Here she also served as an adjunct professor for one semester.

Patricia has earned the designation Accredited Business Communicator (ABC), a credential program recognizing communicators who have reached a globally accepted standard of knowledge and proficiency in their chosen field, by the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC), having served at the district and international levels.