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Dear Reader

Welcome to Facing the Sky, an autobiography of my childhood. It is written as a tribute to the Lord's work in my life—for without Him, I would not have this story to tell. Facing the Sky, is not only my autobiography, it is my testimony.

At 16 years old, the Lord searched my heart as I stood in front of a majestic sunset; this experience forever changed my life. As I stood facing the sky, I also faced truth about my life. His grace and sovereign strength surrounded and filled me. I accepted His extended hand of freedom and chose the “right” road, even though I had no idea how to become the person that God created me to be.

As you share my journey in the first few chapters of Facing the Sky, you will experience the greatness of God as I experienced Him. You will see Him plant of seed of promise in me and watch that seed take root and grow. This miracle of how God pulled me from despair cannot be fully understood, however, without knowing how I came to be in this low valley. The Diary of Memories contains this part of my life, step-by-step.

The Diary of Memories reveals events from the first 16 years of my life. This chapter is written in such a way to draw the reader into my world; to experience the emotions as I did then. It is not exaggerated; it is truth. I then share some of my adult journey with the Lord and additional thoughts in the last part of the book.

Because of my childhood experiences and seeing the effects of abuse suffered by those around me when I was growing up, I contribute designated proceeds from the sales of this book and related products to organizations that help identify and stop abuse. **I sincerely thank you for your contribution.**

Because I wanted my story to focus on the Lord's work in my life and not on the people who violated me, I have changed the names in the book. My pen name signifies the Lord's work in my life. Everything else is true as I knew it.

The Lord is the sole reason I could write this book in the first place, and I thank Him with all my heart; He has been with me every step of the way. I thank you, my readers, for listening to a story that is shared in silence by the “too many” victims in our world.

May you be blessed and made whole by our Lord.

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