

## *Love Letter From Lisa*

9-8-17

Hey! I need to tell you something so please give me a few minutes right now... OK I understand that may be unreasonable, but I do want to urge you to read this since the conviction I felt to write it was stronger than any I have previously experienced.

Upon completing my week of Bible Study gatherings, I felt this overwhelming sadness. Not because of a lack of positive feedback; in fact, the response to our first video and group time was overwhelmingly hopeful. Ladies, could feel the power of what is to come. The sadness I felt was for those that God had placed a desire in to be with us BUT had been kept away by forces in the world.

The Women's Ministry Steering team met early this year to decide what to study for the spring months. For the first time ever, this team decided to wait on the study we had chosen and instead do studies Pastor Mike had written. So the study "Finding I Am" by Lysa TerKeurst would wait until the Fall. In the space between, God opened up time for me to read and the book He put before me was Uninvited by Lysa TerKeurst. The next read put before me was by a friend in Georgia: a blog post from Lysa written in June of this year sharing the painful journey she had been on while writing "Finding I Am" and Uninvited. So the decision to wait on this study, my opportunity to experience more of her writing, and the revealing of Lysa's experience behind these writings screams God is up to something.

My spirit murmurs The Lord is casting a wide net NOW reaching out to His beloved daughters FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS. Which means that the enemy of our souls and all the souls each of us has been called to love, the prince of this fallen world is going to be busy finding ways to stop us.

If you are one that has already experienced the transformation that comes with studying with us, then you probably have experienced the last minute urgent need just before you are heading to study that begrudgingly pulls you away. Or the overwhelming desire to skip because it would just make life easier that day.

Or perhaps you are someone that has not yet found the break in your schedule you need to join our fellowship and/or it seems like just too much to take on right now.

I want to ask that you prayerfully consider if all of it is the enemy keeping you from the intimacy with Jesus our spirit-soul-heart desperately seeks? Is it a strategy of satan, the liar, accuser, and divider, to impede your need for Jesus? If GOD, is pulling on your heart as you pray this, I would like you to consider giving Him top priority for a few weeks. Or maybe even one week. I believe it will inspire more than you can imagine.

One thing I know for sure is that Jesus is a GENTLEMAN. He will never force Himself on any one. That is why I am so in LOVE with Him. That is why I give Him my all and know that He will lead me to where I NEED to be. I am safe and covered ALWAYS by His will and timing. And when the enemy tries to pull me off that track, I turn my HEART to Him and He makes a WAY.

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This is my urgent plea to you because I really do love you. I have attached video session one for this study so if you missed, you can experience a bit of what many of us did these past few days. The rest can be experienced in one of next weeks gatherings. There are books, loving arms, and energized spirits ready to receive you.

And if not this time, I understand. This letter was not meant to disparage anyone's current situation or struggle. I pray that wherever you are right now, you feel the love, comfort, and peace of our Savior. That is really what all of this is about... the LORD being just that our Lord, the ONE we are fully SURRENDERED to.

<https://youtu.be/7n-C7OZMV8M>

I pray I see you soon...

Love Lisa