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Foreword

I am pleased to have been given the opportunity to introduce readers to this inspiring and stimulating volume of poems, each of which highlights a woman's encounter with the Lord Jesus. Written by a woman who loves the Lord and His Word, the poems are brimming with affection, adoration and appreciation. In large measure, they represent the outflow occasioned by musing on the Word of God during moments of private meditation.

I remember well the first occasion when Janice shared with me the idea of this series of poems and subsequently the many invitations to listen to, read and critique her efforts, as the work gained momentum. I am delighted that what started out as an attempt to provide periodic contributions to a magazine for young Christians has blossomed into such an engaging publication.

My desire is that this volume will be widely read. My hope is that it will motivate readers to return to the Scriptures and to relive the experiences of those whose lives were transformed as a result of their encounters with the Lord Jesus Christ. Moreover, my prayer is that those who read this booklet will find themselves becoming more detached from the blandishments of this world and increasingly attached to the Saviour.

If these poems lead readers to a deeper appreciation and a fuller enjoyment of the Lord Jesus, then the purpose and the publication of this volume will have been well served.

G McFarrel Howard
June 2006

Acknowledgements

Four years ago, I began this series of poems with the intention of illustrating, through the lives of seven New Testament women, examples of drawing near to the Lord Jesus - having close encounters with Him.

The women portrayed in this collection, encompass a wide range of personalities, dispositions and ages. They also highlight different levels of contact with the Lord Jesus: some needed to come to Him for help, healing and forgiveness, while others needed to learn and grow in their relationship with Him. Each woman, however, had her own personal and individual encounter with the Lord Jesus Himself.

There will be, I am sure, a variety of categories of women who will read these poems. It is my hope that those who do not know the Lord Jesus as Saviour will be encouraged, through these accounts, to have their own individual life-changing encounter with Him. For those of us who already know Him as Saviour, may we encounter Him daily in a personal walk of growing nearness to our dear Lord.

By the Lord's help and grace, this little book has finally come to completion. I must express my thanks to those who assisted in this project: my sisters in the Lord who graciously consented to having their photos included on the cover (Cynthia, Alice, Vernice, Abigail, Fay); Mac, who took most of the photos, provided a sounding board, and gave much encouragement; Paul, who designed the cover; Sam who provided the impetus for the book's completion as well as the publishing facilities. *"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place."* (2Co 2:14)

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Mary The Mother Of Jesus

*“But Mary kept all these things
and pondered them in her heart.”*

I held Him in my arms, that little One;
The angel’s words so clearly I recalled:
“That holy thing born of you, God’s own Son –
Son of the Highest, is what He’ll be called.”

I held Him in my arms, yes, God’s own Son;
Swaddled His tiny form in linen bands;
And as in lowly manger laid Him down,
Pondered that He too, held me in His hands.

I kept them in my heart – so many things –
Like shepherds come to see Him, angel-sent,
And wise men with their gifts for Him, born King,
And Simeon’s blessing, and Anna’s assent.

I kept them in my heart, His words to me –
At twelve years old He knew His purpose true –
He answered in response to my worry:
“My Father’s business is what I must do.”

I watched Him grow from childhood to a Man,
And was a witness of His pow’r divine –
I told those servants to heed His commands,
And He turned water into wedding wine.

I watched Him on the cross, hanging in shame:
A sword pierced through my soul to see Him there;
But from the cross, I heard Him call my name,
And give me over to belov'd John's care.

I'd held Him, watched Him, God's beloved Son:
I, highly favoured vessel, used to bring
Into the world God's own beloved One,
Who lived, who died, now raised – our coming King.

*Matthew 2:1-2, 11; Luke 1:26-38, 2:15-19, 21-51;
John 2:1-10, 19:25-27*

These poems recount the experiences of seven New Testament women whose encounters with the Lord Jesus changed their lives.

The retelling of these gospel accounts is designed to encourage the reader to have a close encounter with the Lord Jesus, either to find salvation or to grow in nearness to him.

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