

Suggested Interview Questions for
SERITA JAKES
author of *The Crossing*

1. Mrs. Jakes, the people who know you through your ministry work at The Potter's House and through your previous books will be so excited to see that you've written a novel. What inspired you to do so? Can you tell us a little about the story?
2. What do you hope *The Crossing* will accomplish regarding PTSD?
3. The many ministries you've founded focus on women, marriage, and family. How is your ministry work connected to *The Crossing*? What will those who have benefitted from your ministries experience when they read your novel?
4. After Hurricane Katrina, many victims sought refuge in Dallas. Have you stayed in touch with the people you ministered to during that trying time? Do you think some are still suffering from the trauma?
5. You don't pull any punches in the book with some of the side effects of not dealing with unresolved trauma, such as over-spending and domestic violence. Is this something you see in your ministry?
6. Some people might have the impression that large churches don't do as much for the needs of the poor. Please tell us about what The Potter's House does to help those in need.
7. What are your future writing plans?
8. Do you have a website where we can learn more about your work?