

Gwen Smith

## **Worship Leader • Songwriter • Speaker**

Gwen Smith is a woman of passionate faith and contagious enthusiasm for both the Lord and for life. As a worshipper, she lifts up the name of Jesus sincerely and wholeheartedly. As a student of God's Word, Gwen depends on the Bible as a necessity for living. As a wife to Brad and mother to Preston, Hunter and Kennedy, Gwen daily strives to weave scripture-based truths & principles into the fabric of her home. As a worship leader, she guides from a heart that is deeply devoted to God. As an award-winning published songwriter, Gwen creatively exposes the goodness of Jesus Christ through her lyrics, & honors Him with timeless truths.

Gwen Smith is a worship leader, recording artist, songwriter and speaker. Reaching thousands of women each year, she travels the nation both independently, as well as with Proverbs 31 Ministries, Journey Ministries and Women of Himfluence conferences, sharing the hope of Christ through her music and words. A co-founder of Girlfriends In God Conferences, with a continuously expanding ministry platform, Gwen has recently been featured on LaSEA Broadcasting's The Harvest Show with Debra Maffett (Feb. 2006) and Atlanta Live hosted by Babbie Mason (Nov. 2005.)

- In August 2004: Gwen won the Gospel Music Association Academy's national songwriting competition with "Through the Veil" in the Praise & Worship category
- In February 2004 she won the GMA Academy's Regional song competition for both Praise & Worship genre and Overall Song of 2004 for "Through the Veil", which is on her CD **Let it Rain**
- Gwen is the owner of Audio 31 Music and is working with Nashville-based Sunday Best Music, owned by renowned Christian songwriter & publisher, Dave Clark

She has written several songs for LifeWay Christian Resources, many of which appear in their various product lines, including: "Family Bible Series", "Made for Praise", "Children's Praise Series" and "Young Musicians". She has recorded and co-produced four independent CD projects (Through All Generations, Because, Show Me The Way and Let It Rain).

Gwen & her family reside in Huntersville, North Carolina.

## What Others Hre Saying About Gwen...

"If talent alone were the measure, I would be a Gwen Smith fan, because God has truly blessed her with some amazing gifts.

If commercial success was based on that raw ability to communicate with a room full of strangers, I believe Gwen would be a household name, because she was born to communicate. There is something in her smile that causes you to believe and something in her heart that compels you to want to know more.

That 'something more' is the passion that burns to make eternal differences in the lives of those she encounters. Count me on that list."

Dave Clark
Songwriter/Publisher
Brentwood Benson Music
Nashville, TN

"When Gwen Smith leads worship, I feel as though she takes me straight to the throne room of God. She has an amazing ability to take a room full of women and unite their hearts in an unforgettable worship experience.

Whether the group is seasoned saints who grew up singing old hymns of the faith or new believers and seekers joining voices in contemporary melodies, Gwen melts the hearts of women across generational, denominational and racial boundaries for a unified worship experience that glorifies God."

Sharon Jaynes Speaker/Author/Teacher Matthews, NC "Gwen Smith is an amazingly gifted songwriter and worship leader...way more importantly, Gwen lives what she sings, behaves what she believes, and puts into daily practice what she performs on stage ..."

Haven Parrott Women of HIMfluence Kannapolis, NC

"Gwen Smith is not only a gifted musician and composer, but an anointed worship leader as well. Gwen leads from a heart that is wholly devoted to God, inviting the listener to join her in worship and praise through song to the Father. Gwen loves the Word of God and lives to share God's truth with every person who crosses her path."

Mary Southerland Author/Speaker/Teacher Journey Ministries Charlotte, NC

"Gwen Smith is a portrait of the Fruits of the Spirit in the Bible. With love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, Gwen exemplifies a godly woman both on and off the platform. She ushered our women into the presence of the Lord as she shared from her own walk with Christ. Truly, Gwen led us in worship from a heart that is joyfully devoted to her first love—Jesus. I can't wait for her to lead our women in worship again!"

Julie Sanders Women's Ministry Team Leader West Park Baptist Knoxville, TN "Gwen Smith has been given the voice of an angel, a hand to write like that of a poet and a passion for Christ like that of a true worshipper."

Bobby Conway Lead Pastor Life Fellowship Cornelius, NC

"What do I think of when I think of Gwen Smith? I think of beauty and excellence and joy. I think of sincerity. I think of genuine worship. I think of God! Gwen is all about God – not self. Each time I have worshipped with Gwen, she has always set my heart and mind on things above – on Christ – because her life is hidden with Christ in God. Gwen's beautiful voice and heart-felt lyrics are reason enough to love her. But, more than that, I love Gwen Smith because she loves God. You will too."

Jane Currin PrayerForce Coordinator Raleigh, NC

"Gwen Smith's love of the Lord is evident from the minute you meet her. Her transparency invites an openness in worship and creates unity in groups of women who represent various walks of life. Gwen's passion to see women exalt the name of the Lord through worship permeates the room and leads to intimate & meaningful corporate praise."

Beth Rudisill Whole Woman Day Chairman Providence Baptist Church Raleigh, NC

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