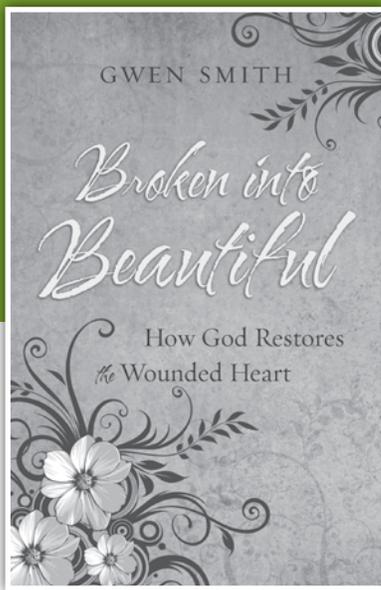


Behind the Smile



CNN.com reports one in four teen girls has an STD, according to a recent study. Sometimes, even one bad decision can result in lasting negative consequences. Unfortunately, bad decisions and past mistakes can also lead women to experience feelings of guilt, shame, and worthlessness. They may even feel that past failures disqualify them from service in the kingdom of God. But worship leader and songwriter Gwen Smith believes nothing could be further from the truth. Along with her own powerful story, Smith shares true accounts of women with shattered

dreams, shameful secrets, and damaged souls, and the God who makes them beautiful again. Her inspiring message will empower women to...

- ✿ **Live beyond their brokenness**
- ✿ **Embrace restoration and forgive themselves**
- ✿ **Find their worth in Jesus Christ**
- ✿ **Thrive in beauty**
- ✿ **Turn past wounds into weapons**

Raised in a Christian home, Smith never thought she would face an unplanned pregnancy before she was married. But after a season of secrets and compromise, that's exactly what happened her junior year in college. Feeling desperate and scared, she made a decision she knew was wrong when she opted to have an abortion. Now, Smith shares openly and honestly about her 15-year struggle to hide behind a smile and keep her abortion a secret—and of the transforming power of God's forgiveness and redemption that ultimately set her free.

“The great commission is for all of us, not for the perfect among us. Mistakes don't change that commission. There may be a time of healing, restoration, and discipline, but God can and will still use you.”

Although she knew she was forgiven, Smith felt disqualified from anything of significant kingdom value because of what she had done. But eventually, God showed her that He can use each and every person who surrenders her brokenness into His hands. Now, Smith delights in leading other women to meet with God's mercy and compassion. She encourages them to listen to the voice of Truth and watch as God's grace works something beautiful out of their brokenness, too. Don't miss the opportunity to hear Smith's uplifting message of grace, forgiveness, healing, and hope!



Lyrics

Listen live to “Broken into Beautiful” at
BrokenIntoBeautiful.com



“Broken into Beautiful”

Gwen Smith, Sue Smith, Chad Cates

She’s smiling on the outside
But she’s hurting on the inside
It’s getting hard just living anymore
And the shadows she has clung to
Painful things that she has been through
Have left her feeling worthless, Lord...but

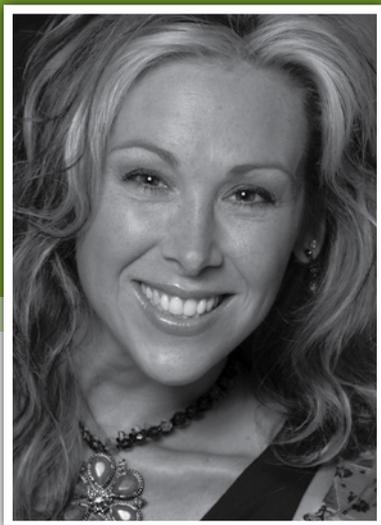
You change worthless into precious
Guilty to forgiven
Hungry into satisfied
Empty into full
All the lies are shattered
And we believe we matter
When you change broken into beautiful

We live with accusations
Sometimes heavy expectations
That tell us we can never measure up
And yet you repeat with mercy
That in your eyes we are worthy
At last we see how much we’re loved ‘cause

You change worthless into precious
Guilty to forgiven
Hungry into satisfied
Empty into full
All the lies are shattered
And we believe we matter
When you change broken into beautiful

Though we can’t see how we can stand before You, Lord
And feel valued, priceless and adored

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Bio Sketch

GWEN SMITH

Author of
Broken into Beautiful

Gwen Smith is a gifted worship leader, songwriter, speaker, and author. With a passion to see women experience a deeper relationship with God, this self-professed “girl’s girl” travels the country ministering to women. Smith is the cofounder and worship leader of *Girlfriends in God*, but also leads worship for other ministries, including *Proverbs 31 Ministries*, *Journey Ministries*, *Women of Himfluence*, and *PrayerForce*.

In June 2008, Smith was signed as a recording artist with Christian record label *Great Worship Songs*, owned by the *Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing* group out of Nashville (a *Universal Music Publishing Group Company*). She was also signed by *Brentwood-Benson* as a staff songwriter. Her next CD, *Unsearchable*, is scheduled for release in October of 2008 with *WORD* distribution.

As an award-winning, published songwriter, Smith has recorded and coproduced four CD projects and is the founder of *Audio 31 Music*. As a worship leader, she leads others into the presence of God through music that illuminates Jesus Christ. Her ability to take a room full of people and unite their souls in an unforgettable worship experience goes far beyond her soulful voice and engaging personality.

Smith was a contributor to the book *Experiencing God’s Power in Your Ministry* by *Mary Southerland* and is a regular contributor for *Girlfriends in God* daily e-devotions, sent to 90,000+ women subscribers.

Broken into Beautiful, Smith’s first book, is about the God who transforms lives from “worthless into precious, guilty to forgiven, hungry into satisfied, and empty into full.” Along with her own powerful story, Smith shares true accounts of Christian women with shattered dreams, shameful secrets, damaged souls, and the God who makes them beautiful again. As the book unfolds, women will be reminded of God’s willingness to eternally forgive and forget and of His heart to transform broken lives. *Broken into Beautiful* is ultimately about our beautiful Savior who became broken for us so that we could be transformed into a reflection of His flawless beauty.

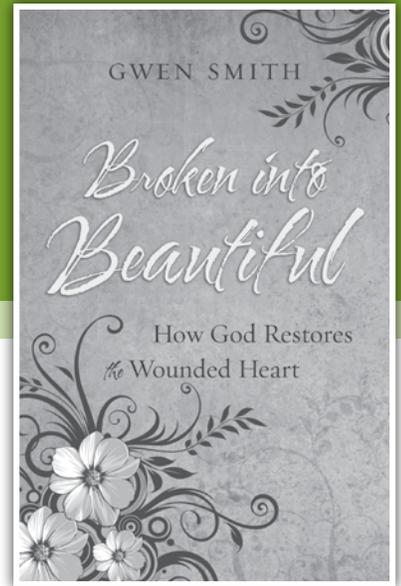
With a continuously expanding ministry platform, Smith has recently been featured on *The Christian Broadcasting Network’s The 700 Club*, *LeSEA Broadcasting’s The Harvest Show* and *Atlanta Live* hosted by *Babbie Mason*. She is also a featured speaker at several conferences and retreats across the country.

In her spare time, you can find Smith kicking back with her husband and three “blessings,” cheering loudly at a ballgame, or chatting with her girlfriends.

Her passions include bargain shopping, hanging out at local coffee shops enjoying the dark roast, writing new songs, and studying her Bible. Smith and her family reside in *Huntersville, North Carolina*, and attend *LIFE Fellowship Church*. For more information, please visit GwenSmith.net.

Interview Questions

for Gwen Smith, author of
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- * In your book, you share about a time in your life when you experienced brokenness that was seemingly unredeemable—will you tell us your story?
- * For a long time you felt very strongly that you had to keep your abortion a secret. Why?
- * When you were finally able to share your story, what happened?
- * Many people feel that past mistakes disqualify them from service in the kingdom of God. Why do you believe that *isn't* true?
- * What kinds of things, besides past mistakes, can make a woman feel worthless? What is the key to overcoming feelings of worthlessness?
- * Why do you say that restoration is something we have to choose and accept?
- * What about forgiveness? How can we know for sure that God has forgiven us?
- * What would you say to a woman who just can't seem to forgive herself?
- * In the chapter titled "Measuring Up," you say, "Every one of us suffers from a spiritual standard of perfection that's impossible to attain." Please explain what you mean.
- * You talk about "thriving in beauty." What does that mean? How can we do this on a daily basis?
- * Tell us why you are convinced that God can use every woman's story, no matter what has happened in her past.