

KRISTI'S CROSSING
FROM
TIMID TO BOLD

1971-today



A GENTLE BUT TIMID BEGINNING

Albuquerque: birth (ish) to 12-years-old



People:

- Mom & Dad
- Erica
- Aunt Norma
- Mrs. Wirth
- Jenny & Jannah

My Life:

- joyful, peaceful, happy home
- excellence & discipline encouraged
- piano
- church
- accepted Christ
- summer vacations



Challenges:

- painfully timid & shy
- camp
- 2nd grade bully
- Jenny moved in 3rd grade

God:

- gave me a good family
- constant friend
- Protector
- holiness
- gives me worth



Boldness:

- rode bus to school
- ended friendship with Allison
- began friendship with Jannah

BEGINNINGS OF BOLDNESS

Amarillo: 13-17 years old

People:

- Mom & Dad
- Erica
- Mr. Wheeler
- Mary Margaret
- youth group

My Life:

- happy home
- PIANO, PIANO, PIANO
- church
- 1st date
- 1st boyfriend

Boldness:

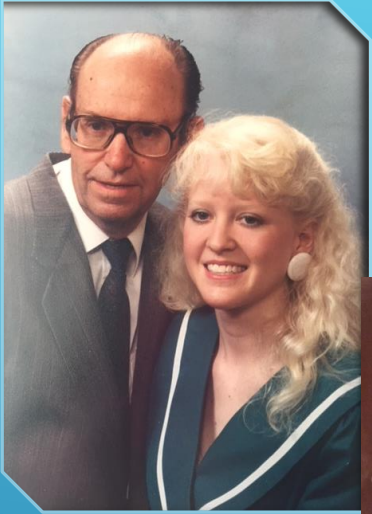
- piano
- concerto competition
- McDonald's
- junior year
- trip to Samoa

Challenges:

- trying to make friends
- Dad lost job
- Grandpa died
- Mary Margaret

God:

- constant, best friend
- has the right to put me where He wants me



BATTLES TO BOLDNESS

Arlington: Senior Year & Summer After



People:

- Jenny
- Paul
- Jody
- Dr. Coon

My Life:

- church pianist
- youth group
- no big memories of home

Hard Times:

- once again, new school
- piano was boring & unchallenging

Boldness:

- job at Kelly Miller
- brain surgery
- looked different

God:

- the Holy Spirit is real
- Comforter
- Healer

BOLD ON HOLD

Early College: 18-21 years old

People:

- Paul
- Danae
- Jody

My Life:

- UTA
- Kelly Miller
- Mi-De Pizza, Inc.
- church
- married

Challenges:

- abandoned friendships
- obsessed with marriage
- regrets
- strange "in-between" time

God:

- His plan not frustrated because I don't wait

Boldness:

- paid for college
- found jobs
- broke up with Paul
- began "adult" things



BOLD & THE BIBLE

Marriage Before Kids: 21-28 years old



People:

- Jody
- New Directions

Challenges:

- longed for spiritual depth in marriage

Boldness:

- BSF leadership
- reached out to neighbors
- discovered value in time spent with God

My Life:

- finished college in 1995
- 1998-left Domino's and began teaching piano
- home making
- began BSF
- ski trips
- piano & choir at church
- weekend picture fun with Jody
- hospitality

God:

- comforts the hurting
- unconditional love

BRUSHSTROKES OF BOLDNESS

Full-Time Homemaker: 28-46 years old



People:

- Collin, Lauren, Gretchen
- Alphonse & Francine
- Wallace & Joanne
- Marilyn Murray
- Shannon Upton
- Mom

Life:

- home with kids
- piano lessons; piano at church
- BSF & other Bible studies
- heart for missions
- homeschooling

Challenges:

- desperate for Jody to lead
- 3 remaining grandparents died
- Wallace & Joanne
- mothering
- left church of more than 20 years
- no piano place @ church

Boldness:

- BSF
- Pregnancy Center
- Competitive Piano
- Began PBC
- There (4)
- CWJC
- neighbors
- Taste & See
- Spain, Czech, Kenya

God:

- Worth Knowing Intimately
- Sees past my failures
- One I am to Please



BOLD NEW FRONTIERS

Middle of My Life: 47-years-old to today

People:

- SF Leaders & Staff
- Thursday group
- Mom & Patrick
- Erica
- Homegroup
- School friends

My Life:

- DTS
- MWC
- Thursday night study
- no piano
- nest almost empty
- high school & college

Challenges:

- age
- my expanding world
vs. Jody's shrinking world
- spiritual life of kids
- leukemia

Boldness:

- DTS
- Bible studies/Ladies Retreat
- Switzerland
- Germany
- confidence in who God
made me
- giving up the "pleaser"

God:

- filled with surprises
- enables me to serve with love
& humility

