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# Telling How God's Love is Expressed in Sacred Story

Inspiring  
Innovative  
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**Adult Education, Bible Study Groups, Women's Organizations, Retreats, Book Clubs, Community Groups, and others**

## **Dancing in the Footsteps Series**

These studies examine how we are engaged in our own Dance with God. Until we accept the Invitation of our Partner, we remain passive, sitting on the sidelines of life. It is up to us to accept the invitation to Dance with God. These work well as retreat topics, too.



### **Saying "Yes" to God**

Explores the response of Mary, Joseph, and others intimately impacted by the Nativity to the call of God on their lives. How can their responses inform our own dance of faith? We look at the Gospels and the Letter to the Hebrews.

### **Transformation**

A look at the story of Miriam, sister of Moses with reference to the Epistle of James where we see that the Love of God transforms our Dance, esp. in the midst of struggle and trial. When we learn to dance more closely in tune with our Partner, our lives are transformed.

### **Scars to Stars**

"Scars" are those things in our life that keep us from being fully a holy people of God. "Stars" make us stronger and wiser. By comparing Joseph's story to the Letter of Paul to the Philippians, we too can learn to dance with God who heals all scars.

### **Works or Faith**

Leah is a woman like many of us. Her identity is tied to what others think of her and their expectations of her. In this study we look at what Leah and the Letter of James can teach about seeking approval from God and each other rather than dancing in faith and joy with God.

## **Enter the Tabernacle**

Through comparisons between the design of the Tabernacle to church space and worship throughout the ages, you'll see how the design of the Tabernacle influenced and still impacts our worship spaces. We are, as Paul says, the tabernacle of the Spirit. By looking at the construction and furnishings of the ancient tabernacle in relation to our personal worship, we find new depth to the relationship with our Lord.



## **Meeting God on the Journey**

A virtual journey through the Galilee and Judea Jesus knew. The towns, people, & events of the time impacted Jesus & his followers. Walking with Jesus on his way to Jerusalem, in light of the Gospel accounts, you will find your faith enriched and you will draw closer to God in your own journey.

## **Scrapbooking Your Journey**

Using scrapbooking techniques, we explore our faith walk through photos, quotes, memorabilia, while exploring the lives of characters of the Bible.



## **Women of the Bible Speak**

Enter into the lives of some Bible women and see how their journeys inform our faith. Through story, we enter bodily into relationship by experiencing the times, places, & life of the character. In relationship, we are enriched, encouraged, and educated. Their lives can help us see our life in a different way. Like us, the women (and men) of the Bible struggled to find God in the circumstances of their lives.



## About Cynthia Davis

**Cynthia Davis**, the best-selling, award-winning author of books, Bible studies, and drama presentations has a unique way of presenting Bible characters to individuals and groups. Davis' love for the sacred story of the men and women in the Bible is hard to resist. Her adult education presentations, small group discussions, and retreats have been well received by groups in the Lutheran, Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Methodist, and non-denominational faith communities.

People say, "She brings the Bible to life" and "I got a new perspective on the Bible account after hearing Cynthia Davis." Clergy note, "Davis makes the Bible sing" and "I use her books to introduce people to the Bible story."

Davis has been "telling the story of the people of God" since the early 1980's. A published author for over a decade, she has been fascinated by the people of the Bible all her life. "It is in kinship with those who lived in centuries past we can find hope for today and tomorrow. Women and men throughout history were affected by the same difficulties we still struggle with, yet they persevered and triumphed with faith and courage," she says

Cynthia Davis learned early that we are very similar despite race, creed, or culture. Reading children's Bible stories and later authors like Taylor Caldwell and Victoria Holt helped Davis discover God's love herself. Davis deepened her knowledge of the Bible as a graduate and mentor of the Education for Ministry program of the University of the South. Involvement in the Logos Ministry solidified her belief in the importance of seeking common ground through ecumenical work.

Teaching Sunday School inspired Davis to use story to share God's love. Instead of following the established curriculum, she invariably augmented the program with puppets and/or felt board plays. Writing original VBS and summer study programs for children as Director of Religious Education gave her another outlet for sharing the stories of the Bible. Her innovation and creativity was recognized when she contributed to a revision of the St. John's Curriculum in the 1980's.

A decade later, Davis' immersion in the story of the Bible led her to write her first full length novel-*It is I, Joseph*. Seven more books followed in quick succession. Davis discovered the joy of speaking to groups and sharing her journey from Bible reader to Biblical novelist soon after *It is I, Joseph* was released.

Developing studies and leading retreats was the next step. Davis loves to introduce people to the women and men of the Bible. Many people, even regular church goers, don't know the characters of the Bible. When they 'meet' Leah or Miriam or Joseph they realize that the men and women in the scriptures were struggling with faith and sin and redemption like us.

Cynthia Davis has been married since 1975 to her high school sweetheart, Ken. The couple enjoy their 3 daughters and 8 lively grandchildren. Together they share a love for God expressed in the *Footprints from the Bible* ministry. Ken tells the story of God's love through his wood, metal, & ceramics, some of which are made as gifts to disadvantaged children. Davis' books, studies, and retreat topics help us see the 'footprints' of our faith ancestors. Our journeys are enriched when we learn from the lives of those who led the way.

Davis will stimulate you, your congregation, and friends with her books, studies, and blog mediations. She inspires new understanding of our faith ancestors by "**Telling how God's Love is expressed in sacred story.**"

