

## About Jennifer J. Camp



A shy girl growing up on her father's almond orchard, in the dry foothills of Arbutle, California, Jennifer was like most teenage girls. She struggled with her identity and the overwhelming need for people to like and accept her. After building the scaffolding of an image she would be hard pressed to maintain, Jennifer found herself pregnant and frightened at the age of sixteen. Afraid of losing her reputation, she was determined to end the life inside her in order to save her good-girl image. It was a decision she pressed down deep in her soul and kept hidden for decades.

Jennifer was married, had three beautiful children, and was working on a ministry team at her church, ministering to other mothers—but she still hadn't dealt with the pain from her past. But eventually, God stirred her awake to the beautiful and painful healing that was available to her only through an act of total surrender. Jesus showed her He had been with her all along, and was now asking her permission to redeem the pain her pride had caused. Jennifer, at that moment, experienced a healing that only comes when complete transparency is met with love. It was that love—the love that transformed her completely—that she ultimately wanted to share with other women.

Through months of counseling, Jennifer discovered the gift of speaking—being heard and accepted—while God redeemed her role in the same mother's ministry at her church and continued to bring women into her life. For five years she organized speakers, led bible studies, and spoke and taught to large groups. With a website set up as a surprise by her husband, Justin, Jennifer began a blog called *You Are My Girls*, a name God whispered to her when He talked about His daughters. Jennifer wrote about the need for surrender, community, and faith, all while sharing pieces of her own story and the things God was teaching her.

Her newest adventure is called *Loop*, a twice-weekly email devotional with over 58,000 followers. It was born out of a desire to help women listen to God's voice, and to remind them of the truth about who they are. She also continues to blog at [jenniferjcamp.com](http://jenniferjcamp.com). Jennifer and her husband, Justin, are the founders of *Gather*, a nonprofit ministry that offers books and digital products to galvanize the faith of busy Christian women and men. Her new *Breathing Eden: Conversations with God on Light, Fresh Air, and New Things* is due out October 2016 from Zeal Books.

Jennifer earned her teaching credentials from UC Berkeley, an MA in English Education from Columbia Teacher's College, after graduating with a BA in English from UCLA. She has been married to Justin for twenty years, and they live in the San Francisco Bay area with their three children.

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