

## OURSTORY

with Joni Lamb & Doug Weiss

#### How did you first meet?

**DW:** I met Marcus and Joni over twenty-five years ago and we did many television shows together. Joni and I met for the first time on a personal level a year ago because of new circumstances in both our lives. We started to talk over the phone as I had called her initially on some Daystar business matters.

#### Tell us the story of how you started dating.

**DW:** After spending about 60 hours talking on the phone during one month, we realized we had so much in common and genuinely respected and grew to liking each other. We met on a trip to New York with her son and daughter-in-law. I took her to Empire State Building where we shared our first kiss.

## What are some of your favorite things about each other?

**DW:** I love so much about her that she is genuinely authentic in every situation. She is godly, good hearted, generous, fun to be with, and loves God and her family intensely.

**JL:** I love Doug's heart, his passion for truth and the things of God. I have so many favorite things about him, his fun sense of humor, his consistency in loving me and his family, and his deep desire to help hurting people

## How did God show you that this was the person He had for you?

**DW:** Early on I had a sense Jesus was doing something. The way we would look forward to talking to each other and how open we were with each other made it so easy to connect. My sense early on was we could easily be together.

**JL:** For both of us, it was a total surprise. Neither of us were looking for someone. We both felt our coming together was God filtered. It happened organically and over time we realized we genuinely cared for one another. As I prayed about it, God gave me a tremendous peace.

## How did Doug pop the question?

**JL:** He first discussed with Jimmy Evans, then told me we were getting pictures at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. We drove there and he took me outside beside the lake and then took a knee and asked me to take a life journey with him.

### What's one of your favorite relationship memories so far?

**JL:** The Empire State Building, Jeeping, working out, walking, watching the sun set at the beach, talking, and attending special events together.

#### Tell us about one of your favorite dates to go on together.

**DW:** We were in Steamboat, Colorado on a double date with Cindy and Darius Johnston. The outside restaurant had corn hole, so we played girls vs boys. We all laughed so hard because the guys started winning and Joni couldn't believe it – she is used to winning at corn hole!

## What is one thing that the other person brings to your life that blesses you, and why?

**DW:** Her relentless, positive, joyful attitude, her joy of reading the Word, and keeping her heart open.

**JL:** Doug blesses me with his loving, joyful, and contagious passion for life and all that God has called him to do. His time management is so purposeful and intentional as he is strategic about listening daily to Holy Spirit and following His lead. I love that!

## What's one thing you've learned about the other person that surprised you?

**DW:** How fun she is and what a deeply romantic woman she is. **JL:** I was really surprised at how funny he was and how much fun we have together laughing and cutting up.

#### What's one funny thing you disagree on?

**JL:** We don't disagree on much, but he has insisted that being "on time" is being 10 minutes early. I insist being "on time" is down to the minute. He allows for delays, etc. I don't...but he's probably right!

## What's one thing about your relationship that you would like to remind yourself of 10 years from now?

**JL:** How it is a gift from God and we are to keep serving His purpose.

## As you enter into this new chapter together, what's one of the best pieces of advice you've received while walking out this journey?

**JL:** Take your time. Ask a lot of questions. We went through several books of hundreds of questions to ask each other, and it was very helpful. Mostly, purpose to please God. Don't get caught up with naysayers who know nothing of your journey. Listen to Holy Spirit, surround yourself with seasoned, wise, godly counsel, and follow the peace God gives you.



**Empire State Building** 



Jeeping



The Broadmoor



Church Together

## THROUGH THE STORM

# Joni Lamb's Journey from Grief to Hope

Somewhere in the world right now, a woman is waking up to the painful silence of grief. She sits at her kitchen table drinking coffee. The chair across from her rests empty, once filled by the man she called husband for over thirty years. She wonders how she'll face the day. How did she end up here? They had so many plans for the future. What will it bring now?

Half a world away, a young man stands solemnly in front of an open closet. It's filled with colorful dresses, remnants of a daughter he now only sees in pictures. Lost long before anyone would have expected. He can hear his wife crying in the bathroom down the hall. He can't find words to console her because his whole perception of life has been shaken to its core.

The reality is that loss is perhaps the greatest grief we will ever face in life. When someone you love passes, it marks you. It transforms your reality with the knowledge that it will never be the same again. And nothing can prepare you for the moments that stop your breath. They are the sudden triggers like the familiar smell of perfume or passing by the place they used to love to go. It's reaching out to hold a hand and realizing it's no longer there.

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In our exclusive DVD, Through the Storm, Joni Lamb shares about the intimate moments of grief and the tears cried after the loss of her sweetheart, Marcus Lamb. Discover how she faced each day, hear her tough conversations with the Lord, and learn how she found peace and healing after such devastation.

Are you or someone you know facing the aftermath of a loss and are not sure how to even begin the healing journey? With tenderness and honest emotion, Joni shares what gave her strength and how God calmed the storm raging all around her.

Let God bring peace and stillness back to your life with Through the Storm, the exclusive DVD from Joni Lamb. Bring home this powerful story as a our thank you gift when you make a special donation to Daystar this month using the enclosed form.







Hello, Daystar family!

What an incredible year it's been so far! As many of you know, I started a big new chapter of my life, and I'm excited to share about that. A lot of you saw the special program, "Through the Storm," where I shared about my journey of grieving the loss of Marcus. Your responses have been tremendous. Thank you for all the prayers and support. I know it blessed many of you. As we look ahead to the future and what God has in store, I want to share a little about this new season.

On June 10th, I married Dr. Doug Weiss in a beautiful ceremony surrounded by family and close friends. Jimmy Evans officiated and Doug's pastor, Dean Hawk, administered communion. It was such a special day, but it was not a decision I approached lightly. Throughout our developing relationship, we submitted to the Holy Spirit and Church leadership, including oversight by Jimmy. I spent many hours in prayer and consulting family, friends, and pastors for wisdom. Because Doug had been through a divorce, we walked through counseling with Jimmy, and he affirmed that Doug's divorce was based on biblical grounds. But perhaps most importantly, the Holy Spirit guided me on this journey. I remember Jimmy asking me, "How do you know this is God?" I ran through all the list of "right" answers, but I felt the Holy Spirit say, "You're forgetting something." And I told Jimmy that really it was the incredible "peace" Holy Spirit had given me throughout the whole process.

One very special moment in the wedding was the ringing of the bell to announce my entrance as the bride. When Marcus and I married, my brother Lane, at six years of age, was the ring-bearer and rang a bell to call attention to the congregation that the bride was arriving. In a beautiful sentiment, Lane rang that same bell at mine and Doug's wedding before he walked me down the aisle to give my hand to Doug. It was a sweet moment I will never forget. And I will be sharing more moments and highlights like this in the future. So, keep an eye out for that.

As Doug and I embark on this new season, please continue to pray for us. Doug has already been a blessing in my life and has stood by me, encouraged me, and helped me be an even better leader. I am still and will continue to be the active President of Daystar. I take that responsibility very seriously. I want you to know how happy I am. We remain committed to bringing excellent content, sharing the Gospel, and look forward to seeing revival, having more salvations, and bringing hope to the nations.

Yours for Christian Television,

Joni Lamb

Co-Founder & President
Daystar Television Network

I just want to say how enriched my life is through Daystar. I go to sleep and wake up watching your programmes - it is my spiritual medicine! May God continue to bless the Lamb family and the ministry of Daystar!

Sharon from England

I "accidentally" stumbled on Daystar while flipping channels two years ago and I've been a faithful viewer ever since. I now know that was no accident! The Lord was directing my steps and He has made a complete turnaround in my life through Daystar. May God bless you!

Chantal from Massachusetts

## THIS MONTH

## EVENTS MINISTRY NOW

7/19 – Rabbi Marty Katz
7/24 – Dr. Alicia Britt Chole
7/26 – David Winston

## JONI TABLE TALK JULY 3

The Wild Ones

**Nate Johnston** 

Unleash your wild one and discover the daring boldness you were created for! Nate Johnson shares how to break the limitations off yourself to unlock a deeper, more empowered existence.

## JULY 6

Silent Cry

**Dorothy Newton** 

Break free from the cycle of abuse! Dorothy Newton shares her harrowing journey from experiencing domestic violence to finding healing and freedom.

#### **JULY 10**

Heroes of the Faith

J. John & Killy

What turned ordinary people into daring world changers? J. John and Killy John reveal what made those with such great faith so different and what inspiration we can gain from them.

### **JULY 21**

The Container of Your Soul

Russell Johnson

Are you dreaming too small? Russell Johnson shares how God wants to expand your capacity to do things that will impact generations!

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