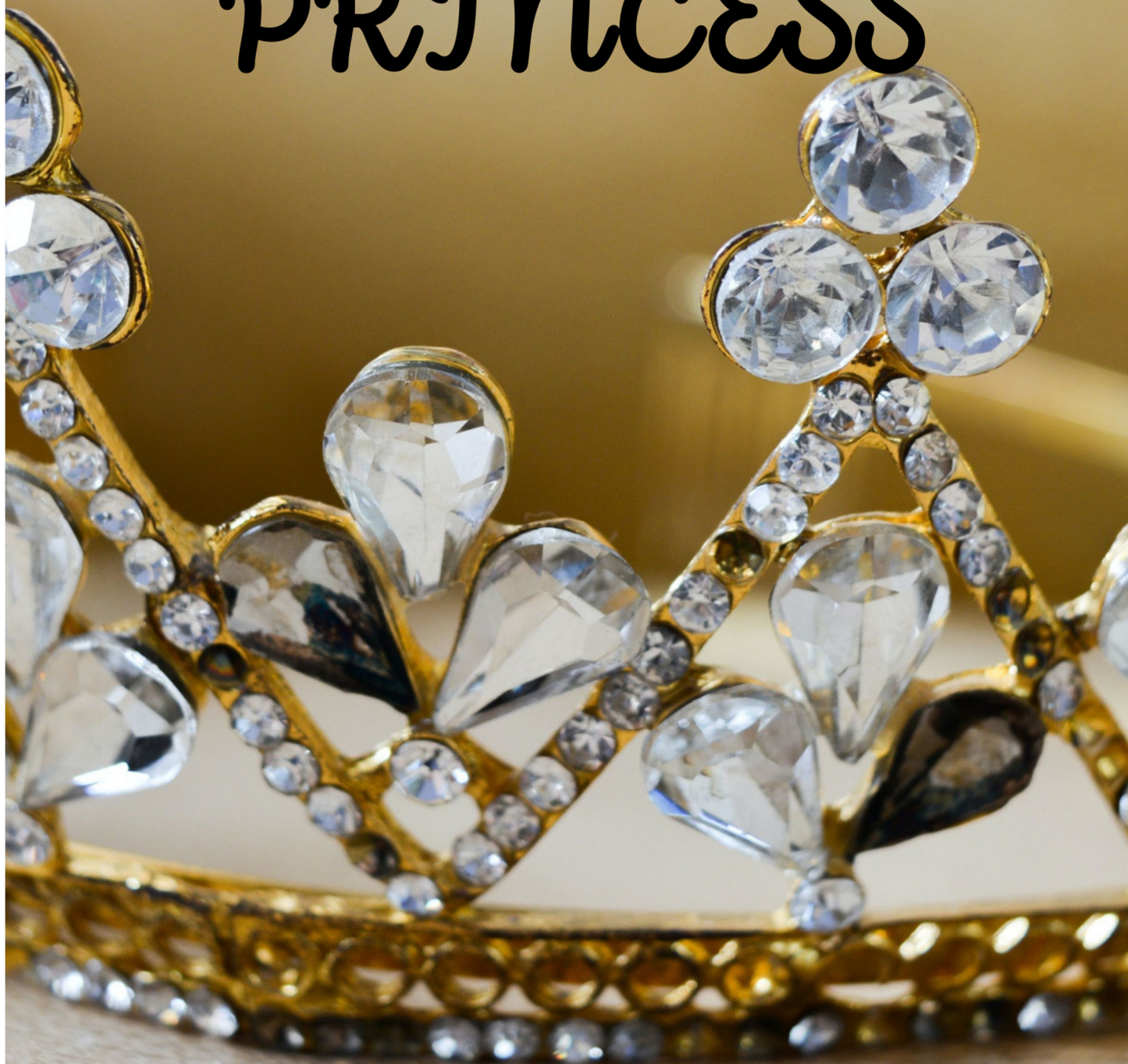


# Being A PRINCESS



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*“I will be a Father to you and you will be my daughter”  
2 Corinthians 6:18*



by “Princess” TerryAnn Porter

**I am a Princess.**

**My Father is the**

***KING of KINGS***

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# MEET TERRYANN

My name is TerryAnn Porter. I claim no big testimony. I live a simple life and often wonder how God can use someone who loves yarn crafts and teddy bears in His service.

Marrying at 18, and mothering 2 beautiful girls, I went through a divorce. A few years later I remarried and on the day before our 11th anniversary, I was suddenly a widow at 37. I don't know why or how Reed convinced me to marry again, but I am blessed that he did. We celebrate our 21<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary in January of 2022. My beautiful daughters are now married with children of their own, allowing me to experience the joy of being a grandmother.

Suffering chronic back pain, I left the corporate workplace. It was in this struggle I wrote and self-published on Amazon 2 “Knit and Crochet Bible Study Devotional Journals.” The first is titled “Stitched in Christ” and the 2<sup>nd</sup> is “The Proverbs 31 Woman: God’s Work in Progress”.

Continuing to seek God’s strength through the pain, I now help others find their self-worth with a coaching presence. It is in this experience I have learned the most about my life – about who, and whose, I am.

God can still use me to His glory by walking through life alongside others. “The blessing of helping others to find themselves helps me cope with the pain, helps to fight off the depression that often accompanies chronic conditions, and keeps me focused on Christ.

Yes, you can defeat the *LIES* of negative self-talk by looking with a new **PERSPECTIVE** exploring **POSSIBILITIES** and seeking the new **PATHWAYS** opening onto which you can *CHOOSE* to **PROCEED** in *TRUTH*.

As you read this book, you will notice that I write in the first person. I want you to feel as if we were sitting across the table from each other, sharing a cup of tea and chatting.

With that in mind, I have added space for you to write your thoughts. This is, after all, a conversation and not a monologue. I even added some coloring pages for you to enjoy.

Most importantly, it is my desire that you find the love of your Father God and see yourself as His daughter, giving you the title of “Princess”



# BEING A PRINCESS

I am a PRINCESS!

When you hear the word Princess, what comes to your mind?

I grew up reading books and watching movies about the fairy tale princesses – Cinderella and Snow White.

I noticed that these women were kind, often mistreated, but waited and were saved by the Prince who takes them off to the castle, making them a Princess with the final words of “and they lived happily ever after”.

I would place a headband on top of my head as a tiara and pretend I was the princess, standing tall before the crowd.

I didn't know what to do after that because these fairy tales ended with the words ‘and they lived happily ever after’ and we don't hear from them again.

What did they do? How did they live? Was it truly ‘happily ever after’? I always wondered.

*What is a Princess?*



The first - what I thought was a real Princess that I remember - was Diana.



I remember watching her wedding. I was a young mother of two little ones and with only three TV stations available and each one broadcasting the magical fairy tale wedding, it was hard to miss. Perhaps you are too

young to have witnessed that one, you may be more aware of Kate or Meghan and their fairy tale wedding.

Yes, I believed Princesses were made of fairy tales.

I began to research this idea and learned that those women and even about Cinderella and Snow White received the title of Princess as a courtesy title.

The authentic Princess title comes with birth or adoption as a child of royalty. In the fairy tale world, that would include Ariel, Elsa and Moana. In today's British Monarchy Charlotte, daughter of Prince William and Kate, has the authentic title of Princess.

My dad was born in Chicago, my mom in Arkansas. I have checked the family line through several generations. No royalty anywhere to be found. Hmm, I guess me becoming a true Princess is out. Or is it???



Scripture reading recently took me into Second Corinthians where a verse I had read a number of times suddenly stood out to me.

*"I will be a Father to you and you will be my daughter" 2 Corinthians 6:18*

This passage took on a whole new meaning to me. The lineage of my earthly family may not give me the title of Princess but being a child of the King of Kings certainly qualified me.

And there was more!

*See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!*  
(1 John 3:1)

(Eph 1:5) *he predestined us for adoption as His children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—*

(Gal 3:26) *for we are all children of God by our faith in Christ Jesus*

(Rom 8:17) *and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ*

To ensure your place in his family he sent his son to die for you. That is how much He loves you and wants you to be his child.

You and I are each a true Princess, we are daughters of the King of Kings. The title of Princess bestowed on us is not a courtesy, it is authentic.

I'd like to explore what it means to be a daughter of the King, for with this title of Princess comes some responsibility.

**Because of our adoption as a child of God we are Princesses, and as such we are**

- *qualified by God to be His child*
- *empowered to represent Him*
- *ambassadors for His kingdom*

## **GOD HAS QUALIFIED YOU**

When I talk about being a Princess, I am often asked, if I would rather be a Queen? No, I don't want to be a queen,

You see, I have learned there is a difference between being a Queen and being a Princess.

A Queen holds a position of authority.

Aside from being a beloved daughter, it is the role of a Princess to stand as a representative for the King/Queen. That is a powerful assignment. We are called and qualified as His daughters to be the earthly representative of our Heavenly Father.

Now, I hear those words and I immediately begin to wonder who this Princess is. I stand in



front of my mirror and loudly state, that is not the face of a woman who can stand as a representative of God.

When I stand in front of the mirror, I do not see a Princess. I see a woman who is unworthy, one who has made so many mistakes it is hard to believe she is lovable. I have nothing God could use.

What have I got that I could offer Him? I have made so many mistakes. I have a list of failures that could fill volumes, and I gotta tell you, sometimes this mouth of

mine can get me in a lot of trouble.

Can you relate?

What do you see when you look in the mirror?

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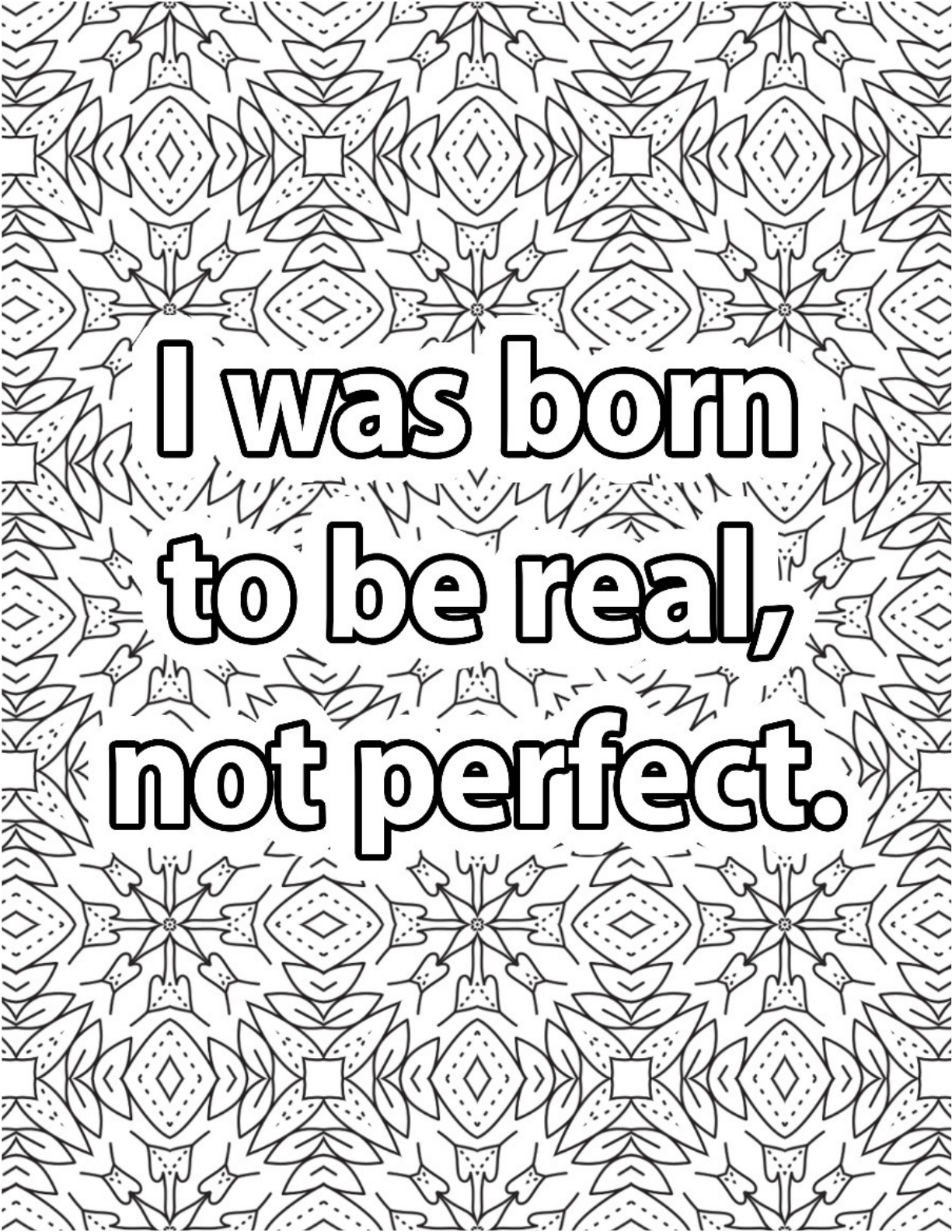
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It is in these moments those close to me remind me I am seeking to be perfect, not real.

Perfection is not possible. Ouch! (enjoy the coloring page on the next page)



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**I was born  
to be real,  
not perfect.**

The good news is that *God does not call the qualified, he qualifies the called*. God has called and qualified me to be His child and to represent him. God has called and qualified you as well. Despite our list of ‘unaccomplishments’.



One of my favorite descriptions of a qualified woman is found in Proverbs 31. For many years I hated this woman. She is perfect. I cannot begin to come close to the woman described here.

Then I reread this one day. Suddenly, I did not see this woman as perfection from birth. I saw her, instead, as a woman who has learned and grown into the one described. I realized that Solomon saw this in his mother over a lifetime. Called to be a child of God, she became qualified.

Let's take a quick look at what who this woman is.

- She is a woman of good character.
- She is confident.
- She does not set out to hurt others. Her conversation is useful, not condemning, hurtful, or spiteful.
- She is not idle or lazy. She finds opportunities to grow and steps into them.
- She cares for her family.

Did she make mistakes along the way? She most certainly did. She messed up, screwed up, and even spoke out of turn a few times. But she learned through all this. She learned by watching others and through her own experiences. She grew into the woman we see modeled here.

Even with the learning process, the necessary steps it takes to grow into the women we are called to be, God saw her and sees you as called, worthy, and qualified to stand to represent Him.

I am reminded of a story I heard years ago that helps describe it. I don't know where it originated. But it struck a cord in my heart. Here is how I remember it

*While presenting to an audience, the speaker would often hold the back side of a piece of embroidery for all to see. It was filled with hundreds of tangled threads hanging from it. Many wondered if she was holding up the wrong side by mistake.*

*She would say something like "Look at this piece of embroidery. This wrong side is quite messy. It is chaos. It is often how we see ourselves.*

*But, God knows what we do not know and sees what we do not see." She would then flip over the piece of embroidery and show a beautiful picture on the other side – the right side.*



*"We see ourselves like the wrong side, filled with our mistakes, our failures, our uncertainty. God sees His side all the time. He sees the beauty within us. He calls us, loves us, guides us, and qualified us."*

Just like we view the Proverbs 31 Woman, one day we shall see the embroidery side of our life from His view,

*Looking in that mirror, I now see an entirely different person. I see someone who is wanted, loved, and valuable.*

Take a moment. Think of someone you consider to be a Proverbs 31 Woman. Do you have someone in mind? What about her reminds you of the Proverbs 31 Woman?

What you see is the finished side of the embroidery of her life, all neat and tidy. Like you, she has lived the tangled side.

Let me encourage you to find time to talk with this woman, get to know her, and hear her story. Discover the ‘messy back side’ of her life. You will learn about experiences in her life that qualified her.

Now look back at your own life. What are you doing differently now than you had in the past? What led you to changing specific habits or mannerisms of yourself? That is part of growing, of becoming qualified. Write out some of these to remind yourself how far you have come.

(enjoy the coloring page on the next page)



*My past is not  
a reflection of  
my future.*





God does not call the qualified. He qualifies the called.

We have been called and adopted as a child of God. And as such, we been qualified and given the title of Princess by the King of Kings.

## GOD HAS EMPOWERED YOU

Have you ever been given an assignment, perhaps asked to take a lead on a project at work or church, or given an promotion, - you receive the responsibility, yet no real authority is given? As the oldest of 4 children, I was often responsible for the younger ones, yet no real authority to do anything. ‘You are not the mom’ pretty much took away any authority, yet I was still responsible.

It can be awkward.

When I think of responsibility without authority, I think of Queen Esther. Oh, yes, she had the title of Queen, but in married to the King No other authority. permission even to husband! She needed And he had not called days.



See *Esther 4:11* “*All people of the royal*

*man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that they be put to death unless the king extends the gold scepter to them and spares their lives. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king.*”

that moment, it only meant and running the household. This is proven by her needing speak to the King. – her permission to speak to him. for her for even a chat in 30

*the king’s officials and the provinces know that for any*

Despite this, she used her role to step up and serve God. Because of her actions, she helped save the Israelites from genocide. Read the book of Esther in the Bible for the complete story. It is truly fascinating to see God at work. She was empowered to do what she could. She couldn’t do everything. She wasn’t expected to do everything. She did, however, do everything she could.

She had no earthly authority, but she was empowered by God.

God has not placed the tiara on your head, called you Princess, and then sent you out into the world without empowering you.

We are not being asked to do everything. Only to do everything we can. We do our part, and let God do the rest.

## YOU ARE AN AMBASSOR

He has qualified us and HE HAS EMPOWERED US giving us **authority to represent Him**.

How do we do this?

*Acts 1:8 – you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth (ESV)*

*Gal 5:13 - For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love.*

*Matt 28:19 – (to) go out and teach all the nations*

*Titus 2:12 - Training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age. (ESV)*

*And in sending us out, he offers us protection.*

Do you remember as a child hearing your parents yell after you ‘put on a coat, it is cold outside’ or maybe ‘where are your gloves, you need gloves to protect your hands in this weather.’ You probably did the same to your children. I know I did to mine.

God tells us to dress properly as well. He has given us a wardrobe of armor for protection. Consider each piece as you dress.

*Eph 6:11-17 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

*Therefore. take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm.*

*Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,*



As you dress each day, consider repeating this passage. What piece of clothing can you attach to the image of the armor piece? As you brush your hair, can you imagine a helmet of salvation upon your head?

Given the authority, protected by his armor, we are empowered by His strength within each of us.

*Phil 4:13 - I can do all things through him who strengthens me. (ESV)*

*Psalms 18:35 - You make you're (His) saving help (is) my shield, and your (His) right hand sustains me; your help has made me great.*

*And we won't be going alone.*

*Joshua 1:9 - Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go. (ESV)*

*Matt 28:20 – He promises I am with you always*

As a daughter of God each one of us is a Princess and we have been given the assignment of standing as a representative of Him. He has called us. He has covered us in His armor and given us the authority to speak His words, to serve as He would serve, to love as He loves.

He has called and qualified each of us as His daughter, naming us Princess. He has empowered us, giving authority to represent Him. That makes us Ambassadors of God's Kingdom.

In this kingdom, you will not find the King behind the walls of a huge castle, protected by his knights and hidden away from his people. His throne is in the heavens, and his kingdom, the earth, and his spirit is within you and me.

*Isaiah 37:16 - you alone are **God over all the kingdoms of the earth**. You have made heaven and earth.*

*Col 1:16 - For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; **all things have been created through him and for him**.*

*To help you in this role we have been given knowledge*

In Mark 4:11 He told them “The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you.”

*Then in (John 14:25) **(Jesus told them) the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you***

*We have received our assignment*

Luke 4:43 “I must **proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God** to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.”

Each of us were personally selected for this role.

*John 15:16 - You did not choose me, but I **(God) chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last**.*

*He made you and me unique*

*Ephesians 2:10 - For we **(you) are God's handiwork** created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

*Ps 139:13 - For you **created** me in my inmost being, created **in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for (you) us to do**.*

I don't know about you, but even with all that, I argued with God. I understand being called, made unique, a child of God. But I am a nobody. How can I possibly be a representative of Him?

I was reminded of several women in the Bible.

The Woman at the Well. (read about her in John 4) Here, Jesus met this woman and spoke with her. Now, Jews did not speak to Samaritans at that time, but He not only spoke with her, he talked as if he knew her. He knew of her sins, discouragements, and disappointments. Yet, He spoke lovingly, not in judgement. She left her water jar at the well and went to the people of the town telling them about their meeting and encouraging everyone to come see him. Verse 39 tells us "many from the town believed in Him because of her testimony".

*Who brought you to Christ?* Take a moment to think of this person. Did they do anything special or just live their testimony?

The women at the empty tomb "**hurried away from the tomb**, afraid yet filled with joy, **and ran to tell his disciples**" in Matt 28:8 **Then the disciples listened and went to Galilee**, to the mountain **where Jesus had told them to go and there they saw Him**. (Matt 28:16)

2 Kings 5 tells of a young girl taken captive and assigned to serve the wife of an Army commander. He suffered from leprosy. This young Israelite girl told them of a prophet of God who could heal him. This man went to the prophet and upon healing declared in verse 15 "I know there is no other God". He was healed and believed because a young girl spoke up.

Each interaction appeared to really be simple everyday conversations in the moment. You don't have to be on stage, in front of a video camera, or write a best-selling book to be an Ambassador of God. All you have to do is live each moment as He has commanded.

I don't know about you, but I can easily become discouraged by life events. I don't have a title or corporate job description. Then these women I shared with you remind me of the importance of the Princess role. Quietly representing the King, loving as He loves, serving as He serves, giving as He gives; called to represent Him as His Royal Ambassador.

How will you remind yourself of this status? This all sounds good and maybe even believable while we are talking, but how do you carry this thought with you once you step away? How will you remember your calling and title when life gets difficult?



I would like to offer a simple and fun way. You may perhaps view it as childlike, but before you dismiss the idea, let me remind you Christ called us to come to Him “like a little child “ (Mark 10:15) Sometimes as adults we forget to laugh and play.



Find yourself a tiara-style crown. It could be made with real or synthetic jewels. Or perhaps, a plastic one like one my husband got for me at Party City. Or something as simple as a hair comb – like one I got in a pack of 6 from Hobby Lobby for \$2.



Put it on. How do you feel? Do you get a little smile, maybe even a giggle? Hold on to that smile. It's that little smile that allows love and truth to seep through our discouragements, disappointments and depressions. Open your heart and listen for God's still quiet voice.

When I get down on myself, my husband will sometimes say to me “I think it is time to wear your tiara for a bit”

You are laughing at me right now, aren't you? It's okay, you are not alone in this. You are imaging this 60 something woman in a plastic tiara and wondering if she is a bit off her rocker.

I found an amazing thing about this. The smile, the little laugh you got – I get it too when I put it on. And it is in that little smile that allows for love to break through the negativity and discouragement.

Perhaps you are not comfortable with the idea of a plastic tiara. That's okay. What are you comfortable with? Is there a piece of jewelry or clothing accessory that will remind you are a daughter of the King?

I held back for a long time, sharing what God has placed on my heart. At first, I was too young. That excuse doesn't cut it.

*1 Timothy 4:12 (tells us) - Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. (ESV)*

Time went on and I wondered if I were too old, perhaps it is too late.

*Not according to 2 Corinthians 4:16 - So we do not lose heart. (which reminds us) Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.*

Then I feared because of events in my life I cannot serve Him. I married at 18, had 2 beautiful girls, then after 6 heard the words "I am tired of being responsible for a wife and 2 kids". I became a divorced mother with 2 small children. A few years later I remarried. It was a marriage filled with pain due to pornography. Then, on the day before our 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary, he suffered a massive heart attack. I became a 37 year old widow with 2 teenagers. The girls went off to college, leaving me an empty nester. I don't know how, but a man came into my life and I entered marriage number 3. Later this month we will celebrate 21 years of marriage. On my 3<sup>rd</sup> marriage, living a life filled with many mistakes I have made along the way that certainly disqualified me. God has shown me otherwise. He loves me. He cares about me and my pain. He has healed me. He has forgiven me. He does not hold these against me.

*Psalms 103:12 - as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

He tells us in Proverbs 3:6 - *In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (ESV)*

I guess I have to admit, the biggest thing holding me back, was fear itself. I was just frightened. Frightened of the things I listed, and fears I could not name.

Just like choosing the faith to follow Christ, I must also choose to deny the fear. Faith over fear. It is a choice. It is my choice. And it is your choice.

Which will you choose?

What excuses do you find within yourself in regard to serving in the role of Princess?

(enjoy the coloring page on the next page)

FEAR  
WILL  
STOP  
ME.

And now, it is time to set your excuses aside. It is time to claim your title, to step into your role as Princess, child of God.

It is not a courtesy title. It is a true title. It is authentic. **YOU ARE A PRINCESS.** You are a daughter of the King of Kings

**I AM PRINCESS TERRYANN** and I am here to serve, representing my Father, God.

Are you ready?

Say it out loud. **I AM A PRINCESS** My Father is the King of Kings

Write it out.

Do you remember in school having to write “I will not talk” one hundred times to remind you to be quiet?

Write out 100 times **I AM A PRINCESS, I AM A DAUGHTER OF THE KING OF KINGS** to remind you of your role.

Say it with me. **I AM A PRINCESS, I AM A DAUGHTER OF THE KING OF KINGS.**

Ladies, you and I are each a Princess. Our Heavenly Father is the King of Kings and as His daughter, we are Princesses. The title is bestowed and cannot be taken away. There is nothing we can do to achieve the title and nothing we can do to lose it. I am a child of God. His daughter. You are a child of God. His daughter.

You have been called by God and given the title of princess. You look in the mirror and see the messy side of your life, He sees the complete side. He sees your beauty, your charm, your value. He calls you his daughter! He calls you Princess!! By His calling, you are qualified to represent Him.

**YOU ARE A TRUE PRINCESS.** Wear your tiara, whether real or imaginary, and live as a daughter of the King of Kings.