

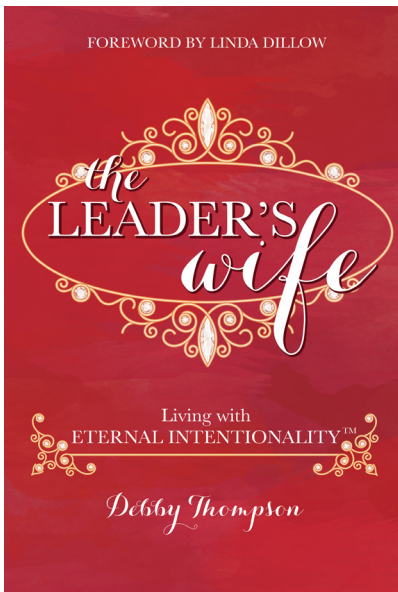


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NEW BOOK ENCOURAGES WIVES TO SEEK JESUS DURING EVERY STEP OF THEIR JOURNEY A DIRECTIONAL COMPASS FOR THE LEADER'S WIFE



For immediate release: Debby Thompson spent decades supporting her husband and family as they shared the word of God around the globe, including Communist Poland. Traveling and living all over the world gave Thompson the opportunity to learn many invaluable life lessons and meet women who live life alongside a world-changer as well. No matter how much support these women lend, how strong their faith is, or how giving they are to their family and God; the leader's wife still needs Jesus.

In her new book *The Leader's Wife: Living With Eternal Intentionality* (Ambassador International, May 2018, \$14.99) Debby Thompson shares life lessons that she has gathered throughout the years and arms women with a tool and weapon to help them become all that God created them to become. Thompson says, "Over countless conversations, one common theme has emerged: this woman desperately needs Jesus. She is a woman with a broad platform and extraordinary influence; her contribution to the cause of Christ around the world is immeasurable. However, as a woman who leads a life of impact, she finds herself going through life without clarity and equipping."

The Leader's Wife incorporates scripture and cameos from women of history as well as questions for personal reflection at the end of each chapter. Thompson stresses that, "this book is not theory. My passion is to offer, not a job description, but a GPS, not a to do, but a to become, not a how to—have to, must do, ought to—but a directional compass."

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About the Author: Debby Thompson and her husband Larry have served in global missions with Campus Crusade for Christ International since 1974, and are counted among the pioneers of Western missionaries who lived covertly behind the Iron Curtain in communist Poland. In total, the Thompsons spent 33 years in Eastern Europe, witnesses to a period of dramatic social, political, and spiritual change. Now living in Cincinnati, Debby is a speaker, writer, and mentor for women around the world.

To connect with the author or request a review copy of *The Leader's Wife* please contact publicity director Keli Garrett at media@emeraldhouse.com.

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Suggested Interview Questions for the Author:

1. How did you end up living covertly behind the Iron Curtain in Communist Poland?
2. Did you always set out to write a book for *The Leader's Wife*?
3. Explain the significance of the subtitle *Living With Eternal Intentionality*.
4. What is the greatest challenge a *Leader's Wife* encounters?
5. What can a reader expect to gain from reading what you have written?
6. What does your husband think of what you have written?
7. Perhaps you were too candid; what do you have to say to the reader who takes this view?
8. Is your book written for one specific age group?
9. Do you plan to write a follow-up book?

Endorsements:

I am the wife of a leader and understand the feelings, fears, and failings of others like me. My dear friend Debby Thompson has written a GPS just for us! *The Leader's Wife* is your "go to book"—it will empower you with definition and direction in becoming the person and partner you long to be! Read this book! It is life changing!

– **Linda Dillow**, Author of *Calm My Anxious Heart*, *What's it Like to be Married to Me?*, and coauthor of *Intimate Issues*

At last, here is help for a very strategic and influential segment of the Christian community! Debby Thompson, in her groundbreaking book, *The Leader's Wife*, offers honest, thoughtful and practical insights to help empower wives of leaders who want to face their unique challenges with intentionality and confidence.

We have known Debby for almost 40 years and have watched as she bravely trusted God in some very difficult situations and observed how she has supported and partnered with her leader husband, Larry, literally all over the world. This book will be a must read for any woman who is married to a leader.

– **David & Claudia Arp**, Authors of the *10 Great Dates* series including *10 Great Dates: Connecting Faith, Love & Marriage*

Few women are as qualified as Debby Thompson to write *The Leader's Wife*. For one thing she is married to a leader, a proven, high-energy risk taking leader who accepts no limits for his vision and gives everything he has every day to his Lord. For another, she has lived everything she writes in this book. She is not a theorist, an armchair researcher. Her research comes out of the crucible of living for the Gospel under Communist rule, out of the crushing demands of raising three children while living in four cultures and struggling with foreign languages and radically different expectations. She has experienced it all with her husband: the joy, the stress and pressure of supernatural demands, the exaltation of supernatural answers, the loneliness of being home alone while he travels, the excitement of significant achievements, the criticism, the resentment when tough decisions have to be made and undesired directions must be taken. Debby knows what she is talking about.

And she says it well, really well, through story, teaching, illustration, and vulnerability all brought together by a heart for her readers. One of the things that makes Debby such an effective writer is her desire for those she serves. She writes this book out of concern for her readers because she has a burden for those who are confused and uncertain and don't know what to do with their leader husbands. Her encouraging empathy for them comes through in her identification with them and her exhortation for their growth and joy in marriage. She sees her role as a privilege, not as a painful burden that she must bear.

Leaders and their wives will benefit greatly from this well crafted and challenging word that comes from one of them, not as a wagging finger or a bleeding heart, but with the compassionate insight of a realist who knows all their struggles, who struggles with them, and who loves them as few can.

– **Dr. Bill & Lynna Lawrence**, Leader Formation, International

My excitement grew as I read *The Leader's Wife: Living With Eternal Intentionality*. I not only soaked in godly wisdom and truth, but my heart soared with hope as I pondered the far reaching, kingdom impact of Debby Thompson's work. She gets it! We as women have profound influence and to realize the transformational potential for us to become all that God intended is simply powerful.

– **Esther Fetherlin**, Wife and partner in ministry with Bob Fetherlin, President of One Mission Society

Debby Thompson has written a book that will be water to the soul of women longing for sympathy, compassion, and direction in their lives as they partner with their husbands in leadership positions in ministry. The book is filled with heart-felt stories, sound encouragement, and inspiration. She touches on the deep issues that women carry and stands beside them as an experienced mentor. A must read for all women in ministry who want to flourish.

– **Sally Clarkson**, Author of numerous books including *Own Your Life*, a conference speaker, and a popular blogger at sallyclarkson.com

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Endorsements Continued

I've known Debby Thompson for quite a few decades. I have enjoyed meals, coffee, dinner on the Danube, and many long conversations with this delightful woman of God. I have watched her lead the women God has entrusted to her, listen to their hearts, share her heart. I have heard her speak and encourage and pray. I have admired how she has partnered with Larry to lead thousands of men and women, often in difficult situations, in different languages and countries, guiding them to the place of help and hope—to Jesus.

This book is not theory. It is lived out experience. It is love in action. Debby Thompson is the right woman to write it. You will be glad when you read it.

– **Judy Douglass**, Encourager, Writer, Speaker, Director of Women's Resources, Partner with Steve in leading Cru

Debby Thompson has served extremely well as the wife of a Christian leader. She has made a strong contribution to his success. She not only provides some complementary strengths to him but also blends them in with humility, grace, and joy. On top of that, in her own right, she makes excellent contributions to our ministry and to the lives of the people around her. I trust you will be blessed by her transparent style and excellent, practical ideas.

– **Steve Douglass**, President, Campus Crusade for Christ, International

The Leader's Wife—What an insightful book for millennials! We serve in a busy environment of social media, travel, family, and work. Seeking a unified marriage grounded in God's Word, we love the challenge that Debby Thompson provides with humor, candor, and a clarifying focus on Christ in all aspects of a marriage. Speaking from her heart and life, her challenge to your heart, will encourage you to connect truth to your marriage and provide practical steps to strengthen the vital relationship that God entrusts to you with your spouse.

– **David Thompson & Beth Thompson**,

Samaritan's Purse

Senior Director of Operation Christmas Child International

Medical Program Specialist, Nurse

Years ago, someone once told me, "It is lonely at the top." At the time it was a fleeting comment, but now as the wife of a senior military leader, it is accurate. Quite often the wife is left on her own with very little guidance or direction. Debby Thompson touches on issues, thoughts, and feelings that I regularly wrestle with as the wife of a leader in her book *The Leader's Wife*. God has been and continues to be my stronghold, but *The Leader's Wife* provides me with inspiration and encouragement from a godly woman who knows first-hand the challenges we face. Many wives of leaders suffer in silence for a variety of reasons, but Debby's book exposes, not only the suffering, but also the loneliness that so many of us endure. This book establishes a God-centered road map equipping me to walk side by side with my world-changing husband.

I first met Debby twenty years ago in Budapest at a small International Church. She invited me, along with other American women living in the city, to a Bible study she was leading. Her Bible studies were life changing and critical for many of us living in a foreign country. She is filled with God's love, a passion for women's hearts, and is an exceptional communicator. *The Leader's Wife* provides reassurance of knowing that I am not alone in my doubts and feelings as the wife of a leader. Thank you, Debby, for this intimately personal resource that is desperately needed in today's world!

– **Margaret Briggs**, Spouse of JL Briggs, Maj Gen, USAF (Ret)

Debby Thompson has lived the reality of these principles for many decades as the wife of a world-changing leader. She has done so with strength, consistency, and winsome character. I highly recommend that women comb through the pages of this book and glean from Debby's valuable words and experience. Truly, this is a unique opportunity to learn and be changed by an exemplary life.

– **Mary Henderson**, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Author of *Break Free* and *Retrain Your Brain for Joy*

This book answers the heart cry of many wives of gospel-minded, ministry leaders . . . "while he is changing the world, where do I fit in?" Debby responds with tenderness, understanding, and compassion as she urges each wife to not just buck up under the load, but to recognize God's holy call on her life and to join in the work that He has given her to do. Debby dares to go where few have gone before honestly and openly encouraging wives to love their husbands well. I have several women in mind already that I will give this book to when it is in print, and I look forward to seeing its impact for the kingdom of God.

– **Dr. Jayne Cuidon**, Co-author of *Building Your Child through Love and Trust* and co-director of the Barnabas Zentrum, a counseling center for those in full-time ministry

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