

# I WILL SPEAK

I do not have the profound words of the experienced business person and I cannot advise on matters of law or provide insight on the deep political implications of world matters. But I have my own words and...

... I will speak.

Perhaps you do not value my words as much as others. It is possible you hear my advice and doubt its reality or even question my sanity. But I know my words carry just as much weight as others...

...if not more.

I speak not as a mother or a wife or a friend or a sister or a daughter. I speak as a woman of faith; someone who has lived a life that has taught me that God does not give you hopes and dreams and desires that God does not plan to fulfill...

...but in truth, provides greater than you could possibly ask or imagine.

Life is never a straight, smooth path. Times of joy are complemented with times of sorrow; hope is shadowed with moments of despair, love shares space with hate. Yet I know ...

...no darkness is so great as to extinguish the light of even my tiny flame.

Following God's direction means learning that trust must overcome uncertainty, confidence must shatter doubts, and growth must conquer fear. Sometimes the road is frighteningly difficult...

...and only makes sense in retrospect.

I will speak of my certainty in God's promises. I will speak of my choice to place my eternity in Jesus Christ. I will speak of my past that is a clarion call of God's love and care and grace. I will speak of my thankfulness of today come what may. I will speak of the joy of knowing that I am safe in the palm of God's hand through dark valleys and shining summits of joy. I will speak...

...what I know to be absolute truth.

I will speak of a life that is filled to overflowing with the blessings God has generously provided. I will speak of triumphs that can only come about through great trials. I will speak of the incredible peace that can only be known in times of true chaos. I will speak of strength in the midst of teeth-chattering fear. I will speak of battles vanquished and still ongoing...

...with breathless anticipation of what is still to come.

I will watch this life unfurl with pride in my eyes, love in my heart, and joy in my soul and I will speak of it...

...I told you so.

