

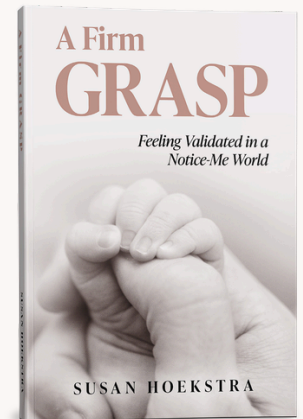
# Susan HOEKSTRA

A professional clarinetist, songwriter, ministry leader, podcast host, and lay counselor, Susan Hoekstra is author of the books *A Firm Grasp – Feeling validated in a notice me world* and *Gifts, Talents, & Skills, Oh My!* Unwrapping the Gift of you! Host of THE NOTICE podcast, she lives on a 14-acre property in northern Michigan known as Maple Ridge PLACE where she serves as Director of Affirm Ministries offering counseling, workshops, worship and testimony events, mini-retreats, and more.



## SPEAKING TOPICS

- UNWRAPPING THE GIFT OF YOU
- VALIDATION & AFFIRMATION
- NOTICING GOD
- LONGING TO BE HEARD
- CREATIVITY
- MINDING MY OWN BUSINESS
- OPINIONS – OFFENSE – CONFLICT
- I AM NO VICTIM



*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.*  
2 Corinthians 1:3-4

## COUNSELING

My life is rooted in a deep love for Jesus. I look to God's Word and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as the foundation for every conversation. My approach is a thoughtful blend of counseling, coaching, mentoring, and discipleship—woven together to support your unique story and the places where God is gently at work within you.

## WORKSHOPS (4 hours)

- **ESTRANGED** – for parents of adult children
- **VALIDATE** – to honor others
- **CREATE** – for those called to create
- **ENABLE** – for those eager to help
- **UNOFFENDABLE** – exploring offense and conflict resolution
- **BETRAYED** – for women who have been betrayed by their partners

