## But God Still Loves Me Hannah Overton

Have you ever felt forgotten by God or questioned His love for you in the midst of your pain? 1 John 4:18a says *There is no fear in love; instead, perfect love drives out fear...* 

On September 7, 2007, I was convicted of capital murder and sent to a maximum-security prison for "life without the possibility of parole." I was convicted of the death of my son, a crime I did not commit. I started questioning everything! Fear consumed me! My five children were left without a mother, and Emma, my 7-month-old, was still nursing. I knew God was God and He was sovereign, but I couldn't grasp how He could love me and allow all of this to happen. How could I have faith that He had good plans even when my world had turned upside down?

My physical freedom had been taken away... **But God** had plans to use this to bring freedom to many others. On May 10th 2017, I was finally declared Actually Innocent! Satan thought he had won with suffering and tragedy, **But God** has turned tragedy into so much more! He began a ministry while I was still inside prison. I stand amazed at how He touched lives then, and continues to change many through His testimony of faithfulness!

## **But and only God!** He touches the World with His Love!

This workshop will explore how to move from Doubt to Trust:

- Satan may be allowed to touch our circumstances and hinder us from even being with those we love.
   But God is faithful and His Word says the Enemy can't separate us from the love of Christ or stop God's work in our lives.
- We may feel overwhelmed, **but God** is able! Jesus promises that *nothing can separate us from His love*, no matter what the circumstances or obstacles we face. He also promises that with His help, we will be able to come out *more than conquerors*.
- We may feel like our fears are more than we can bear, **but God** is more than enough to keep our fears under control once we let Him!

God's love is perfect and His plans for you are good! There may be times when life seems out of control. **But God** in His faithfulness will carry us through and work all things out for good. When we put Jesus between us and our fears, putting our trust in Him, we find freedom not just for ourselves, but help others find it as well.

## **RESOURCES**

Streams in the Desert by L.B. Cowman
Healed and Set Free by Tammy Brown
When a Woman Lets Go of Fear by Cheryl Brodersen

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Remember those in prison as if you were bound with them, those who are mistreated as if you were suffering with them. (Hebrews 13:3)