



Leigh's Bio

by Leigh McLeroy

Leigh McLeroy writes and speaks with a passion for God and a keen eye for his presence in everyday life. As an author, blogger, conference speaker and Bible teacher, Leigh fully engages in the moment – and tells the truth, but “tells it slant” – sharing the reality of God’s love and grace a way that beckons, woos, resonates and compels.

A former corporate marketing executive and mega-church staffer, Leigh now devotes the majority of her time to writing, speaking and collaborating on various creative projects. “I want to be available to go where God calls, and to do what God wants done. The assignment will look a little different for me every day – but I celebrate the beautiful uncertainty of this Christ-following journey called life.”

From her home base in Houston, Texas, Leigh can be found teaching in her inner-city church, City of Refuge Evangelical Presbyterian, traveling to various women’s conferences and other events as a keynote speaker, working on one of her books, or writing Wednesday words – a weekly e-devotional she launched six years ago that she says “has taken on a life of its own.”

Her books include Moments for Singles (NavPress 2004), The Beautiful Ache (Revell, 2007), The Sacred Ordinary (Revell, 2008) and Treasured (WaterBrook, 2009).

In Her Own Words

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Full name: Nona Leigh McLeroy (Nona was my paternal grandmother)

Place of birth: Honolulu, Hawaii (Dad was in the Navy)

Date of birth: December 31, long ago and far away (see "Place of birth")

Marital status: Never married, but might one day

Current residence: A 1920s cottage in an old, near-town neighborhood

Occupation: Christ follower, writer, author, teacher

Education: Bachelor of Science in Journalism, Texas A&M University

Church affiliation: Southern Baptist turned Presbyterian (EPC)

Work history: Little league scorekeeper, babysitter, drugstore clerk, television news reporter, junior copywriter, advertising account executive, marketing director, research assistant, ghostwriter

Strongly dislikes: Call waiting, text messaging as a means of conversation, brussel sprouts

Roommates: Owen, one handsome but spoiled Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Vices: Books and bread (Because man cannot live by bread alone...)

Favorite sport: Baseball

Favorite season: Autumn

Take my coffee: Black, or with one sugar

On my bookshelf: Emily Dickinson, Anne Dillard, Frederick Buechner, C.S. Lewis, Peter Kreeft, Ken Gire, Wendell Berry, Dorothy Sayers, the apostle Paul, Luther, John Piper, N.T. Wright, Eugene Peterson, Flannery O'Connor, G.K. Chesterton

On my iPod: Lyle Lovett, U2, Bruce Springsteen, The Supremes, The Temptations, Derek Webb, Andrew Peterson, Bebo Norman, Allen Levi, David Wilcox, Sarah Groves, Trisha Yearwood, Patsy Cline, Alan Jackson, Allison Krauss, Harry Connick, Jr.

Favorite hymn: There are two: Be Thou My Vision and Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Life verse: There are two: Philippians 4:10-11 and Psalm 16:11

Epitaph of choice: "Finally, she's fine."