

## **The Jesus-Hearted Woman by Jodi Detrick**

### **A Book Review by Melisa Turner**

“[Do you] yearn to translate the renovating love God has poured out on [you] into transforming influence on others” ...then you “want to be a Jesus-Hearted leader!” (11)

I have had the privilege to not just glean from the pages of this book but also the pages of the author’s life. Jodi Detrick is a truly Jesus-Hearted leader to me and I have benefited profoundly from her friendship and influence.

If you are a brand new leader with oodles of energy, passion, and ideas this book is for you. If you do not see yourself as a leader at all this book is for you. And lastly, if you are an experienced leader who has had some knock-downs, some worn outs, some hurts and frustration well then this book is definitely for you! Jodi has a sweet and gentle way of picking you up and dusting you off and challenging you to keep obeying the call that God has placed on your life.

In the chapter on Courage, Jodi retells Phoebe’s story from Romans 16:1-2. “Paul was bestowing upon her a sacred trust-to transport God’s life-giving truth to those who would be changed forever by its message of hope, correction, and instruction.” (173)

This is my call and yours too.

My favorite chapter is some days also my least favorite chapter - Resilience. Jodi has this to say: “...great leaders overcome regret with resilience. It is possible to cringe and then continue. And that’s true whether the blunder was done by us or to us (or some combination of both, which is often the case).” (122) “Let it go and move on...focus on sharing His love with others.” (128-129)

The full title of this book is *The Jesus-Hearted Woman, 10 Leadership Qualities for Enduring and Endearing Influence*. Those ten qualities include Confidence, Authenticity, Humility, Stamina, Resilience, Courage, Self-Awareness, Kindness, Soul-Care, and Vision. What resonates with you out of that list? What would you like to improve or explore?

“The heart of a great leader and her true effectiveness is based on, and sustained by, kindness.” (216)

Jodi leaves us with this wise reminder to focus our perspective on obedience and not results.

“Once in a while we catch a glimpse that what we’re doing is making a difference; most of the time, however, we’re in the dark. But that’s where seeds are supposed to live.” (300)

Blossom Ministries used this book for our first ever online book club and it was a perfect pick!