

## **Blossom like Eden by Sarah Brandt**

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

Author Sarah Brandt asks "What if you already held everything you needed to live a life of freedom in your authentic identity?"

Doesn't that sound like an amazing opportunity? Makes me want to set whatever is in my hands down and run to get into that line. And I despise standing in line! Do you also long to leave behind striving, to feel that you belong just as God created you to be? "God made us with an innate desire to belong, evidenced by the way we try to find fulfillment through image, friendships, and talents. We want to matter to someone. Deep inside, we crave to be known and valued." (28)

The full title is *Blossom like Eden, Come out of Hiding and into the Son*. "The only way to live in full freedom and know your gifts, talents, and worthiness is to sit with your Saviour and allow Him completely in..." (18) This book explores the Biblical truths surrounding our identity. Giving permission to know that our value as a child of God is found in who we are and not what we do. "You are not what you do right, and you are not what you do wrong. Those are behaviors, separate from your identity." (35)

As the reader you are invited on a journey that will take you out of the desert of earning, doing and striving and into the garden to BE with your loving Creator. "I'd spent so much time living for Him instead of with Him." (Preface) "The key is to stop working for God and begin partnering with Him." (23) God offers His daughters fullness of life. "He invites us to bloom in His power." (85)

It is no coincidence that the author and I met online. I am blessed and encouraged by Sarah's words and excited to announce this book as our next Blossom Ministries book club choice!