

Verna Bowman

I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see
the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
--Psalm 27:13

Encouraging Women One Story at a Time

Gifted with the ability to communicate biblical truths in a practical way, Verna's warm and vibrant personality combines with humor, sincerity, and Scriptural knowledge in a way that is sure to bring hope to each member of her audience. With over 25 years of women's ministry experience, she inspires women to a deeper relationship with God by using His Word to apply to their needs.

Verna candidly shares her testimony of transformation, trial, and triumph, and her transparency creates a strong connection with her audience. She encourages each listener to see beyond their circumstances to have hope in hopeless situations.

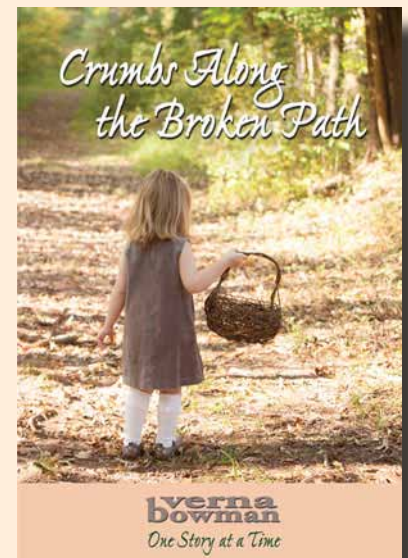
Her first book, *Crumbs Along the Broken Path*, compiled from years of personal journal entries, was released in May 2014. It recounts her story from woman at Woodstock to a transformed woman of faith, and points to God's relentless grace in each crisis. She also blogs weekly at her website www.vernabowman.com.

Her passion is to encourage women through messages of hope, both spoken and written. Through leading Precept Bible studies, teaching, mentoring, and coordinating retreats, she has shared and provided opportunities to spread God's truth with women of all ages.

Verna has been published in *Guideposts*, *Woman's Day Magazine*, *Thread of Encouragement*; *True Stories to Warm Your Heart* (Guideposts), *Cup of Comfort Devotional for Mothers and Daughters* (Adams Media), *Power for Living* (David C Cook), *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, and Christian Devotions Publications. She is a graduate of Christian Communicators and an alumnus of the Greater Philadelphia and Colorado Christian Writers Conferences.

"Gifted as writer and speaker, Verna has a heart of compassion, a tenacious faith, and a sense of humor that will encourage and inspire any group of women."

--Glenda Mills, Women's Ministry



Speaking Themes

The Whole Story: Do you have a story that matters? Every one of us has a unique, worthy to tell story. Although we're all in different places, we can find the same destination – a place of wholeness. God doesn't discard our broken pieces of life – He uses them for us and others. You can discover more of God and more of you in the story that was written for you.

A Well Watered Garden: We've all experienced dry places. Whether it be a spiritual condition or the hard challenges in life, we need refreshment and revival. Isaiah 58:11 assures us we can survive an internal drought because we have an Eternal spring.

Legacy – Journal the Moments: A journal is the archived landscape of your life drawn with words. Writing down the journey uncovers the beauty that we often overlook. Memories fade, the best way to remember what He has done to build your personal faith and pass on to the next generation is to preserve it!

Come As Un-perfect As You Are: A deeper relationship with God is available. What gets in the way is thinking we're not enough (perfectionism). He is, so no matter where you've been, no matter where you are in this moment – He is standing within reach.

Seasons: We can discover how to live out our present season to the fullest. Women of all ages will be encouraged to learn how to experience contentment in the midst of challenges and changes in the cycle of life.

Scraps of Life: When life unravels and we're holding onto a remnant, we can reach for the hem to be made whole. Verna uses the example of the unnamed woman who touched the garment of Jesus in desperation and faith.

Sacred Space: How can we experience peace and stillness in an out of control planet? Learn to seek God's presence and develop a rich devotional life when time is limited.

Blessed Connections: Women ministering to women isn't a new idea. The apostle Paul wrote to Titus to encourage women to come alongside another to share truth and be a worthy influence. In a day when we rely on digital communication, it's a blessed thing to just unplug from technology and plug into one another in deep friendship. Session on Moms-Daughters.

Delays Are Not Denials: We can learn the value of God's waiting room because we never exit the same way we came in. Discover what can be found in times of delay and unanswered prayer.

Thanksgiving Crumbs: Life is hard but God is good. If we take inventory of our lives and see it as all good, that's true gratitude. Learn how to give thanks in the good and the not-so-good along life's journey. Don't settle for crumbs, choose the good portion over the busyness and stress that comes with the holidays.

It's A Wonderful Changed Life: We've all experienced a George Bailey moment. A holiday message of encouragement of how God assigns a role and purpose that only you can fulfill.

She Believed – a Christmas Message: Our Christmas story began in the heart of a peasant girl who believed the promises of God and submitted to His holy plan. Each of us are part of God's holy story with a custom-designed purpose.

... or a message prayerfully designed for your event. Verna is also available to meet with your leadership team for Women's Ministry and Retreat workshops.

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Verna is a woman after God's heart. She portrays Him in all that she does no matter what trial she may be facing. When she speaks or writes she has a gift to pull you into the story as if you were touched by the Master's hand.

-Jessie Seneca, More of Him Ministries

