

## **APPENDICES**

### **Synopsis of The Penny**

Jenny Black is a young girl. Since the age of 14, she has to live a horrible abusive life. Her father often creeps into her bedroom at night, and her mother pretends not to know about it. Even Jean, her sister cannot do anything to help her. Those horrible conditions make her traumatic.

The condition becomes worse because Jenny has no one to rely on to help her and to share her problems with. Firstly, it is because of her terrible life. She does not value herself as she feels ashamed and embarrassed, so that she keeps herself away from socializing and she is having difficulty of trusting other people.

However, one day when she is on the way to watch a Grace Kelly movie, she picks a penny on the asphalt that causes a series of events that change her life forever. She knows that if she wants to be free from the abusive pattern of her family, she has to be healed from her pain, and it means she has to forgive her parents like God who has forgiven her. Even though there seems to be no hope, Jenny never gives up, and slowly but surely Jenny learns about forgiveness by trying to understand and accept the reality why her parent hurt her. Finally, through a time-consuming process and support from people around her, she can forgive her parent and her life becomes so much better.

## **Biography of Joyce Meyer**

Pauline Joyce Hutchison Meyer, more commonly known as Joyce Meyer, was born in 1943 in Missouri, USA. She is one of the world's leading practical Bible teachers. She is the No. 1 New York Times bestselling author, who has written more than seventy inspirational books concerned with the search for strength, confidence, belief, and faith in oneself by makes a close relationship with God, including Look Great, Feel Great; the entire Battlefield of the Mind family of books; and many others. She has also released thousands of audio teaching materials as well as complete video libraries. Joyce's *Enjoying Everyday Life* radio and television programmers are broadcasted around the world, and she travels extensively to conduct conferences. Joyce and her husband, Dave, are parents of four grown-up children and they make their home in St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

Joyce Meyer often talks about the abuse she suffered as a child. She was sexually, mentally, physically abused, and she experienced failure in her first marriage. She uses her personal setbacks as real life examples of the power of God in overcoming the hardships of life. A number of Meyer's books speak out to women. For example, in her book The Confident Woman, Meyer teaches women to find strength in God and look to Him for answers.

Source:

“A Biography of Christian Author Joyce Meyer”, “Joyce Meyer Biography”

## **Biography of Deborah Bedford**

Deborah Bedford was born in Fort Worth, Texas, grew up in Richardson, Texas and earned her degree in journalism and a minor in marketing from Texas A&M University. She is an award-winning novelist, whose novels have been published in fifteen different countries and in a dozen different languages. She and her husband, Jack, live in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, USA with their two children. She began her career as a romance writer but now she writes women's fiction that stirs readers' hearts and points them towards hope in God. She also writes inspirational books, such as [A Rose by the Door](#), [A Morning Like This](#), [When You Believe](#) and [Remember Me](#).

A turning point in Bedford's career came when in a sermon, her minister convinced her that books with premarital sex scenes in them did not serve God, and that she had compromised her religious beliefs for success by being a romance novelist. She finally decided to write inspirational, Christian romances from then on. Since 2001, her novels have focused on characters who find forgiveness and renewal when they have to undergo painful experiences and decisions.

Source:

“Deborah Bedford”, “Biography”