

*Dearest One,*

*In the tapestry of life, we are each on a unique journey, woven with threads of joy, sorrow, love, and loss.*

*Sometimes, amidst the busyness, distress, and noise of the world, it's easy to lose sight of the beauty and purpose woven into our own stories.*

*I'm writing to you today with an invitation to seek a deeper level of faith in Jesus, embrace the power of your own story, and find connection with other women who are also on a journey of growth and discovery.*

*From the creation of the precious artwork that adorns our materials to the very message at its heart – that nothing is wasted in our lives, for our good and His glory – I pray you'll feel the Lord's goodness woven through every aspect of this experience. The word "sweet" as in "tender" keeps coming to mind as we prepare for the weekend, reminding me of Proverbs 16:24: "Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones."*

*We're praying that this retreat will be a source of sweet tenderness and healing for every woman who attends, a time to experience the Lord's loving presence and the gentle restoration He offers. And while we anticipate moments of joy and laughter, we also know that real transformation often comes when we bravely embrace the raw and real moments of our journey.*

*In a world that often feels fragmented and isolating, we crave connection, belonging, and a sense of shared purpose. This retreat offers a sacred space to nurture those longings, to find solace in God's presence, and to embrace the unique design He has for your life.*

*Imagine a weekend where we can...*

- *...learn to quiet the noise and listen to the whispers of your soul.*
- *...uncover the hidden gems of your story and see God's hand at work in every chapter.*
- *...discover the adventure that awaits when you surrender to His plan.*
- *...find strength and encouragement in a community of women.*

*This is more than just a retreat; it's an invitation to embrace the fullness of life that God has for you – a life filled with purpose, joy, and an unwavering connection to the One who longs to lead us. I understand the hesitation, the "what ifs" that might be swirling in your mind. But I encourage you to take a step of faith and say "yes" to this weekend. Your soul is longing for it.*

*P.S. I can't wait to share this experience with you and what the Lord has been sharing with us about this special time together!*

*With love and anticipation,*

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