



THE GOOD,
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SUMMIT GUIDEBOOK



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AN OPEN INVITATION

Did you know that you have been given an open invitation to be fully you in the body of Christ? What's more, **there is no one else who can accept this invitation** on your behalf, nor is there anyone you can send to take your place.

Have you ever questioned if you're welcome; if there is an invitation for you, or if there is a place for you at the table? The truth is, you are not just welcome, you are vital in the Body of Christ — no one else can replace you or substitute your specific gifting and call.

I spent many years questioning my role and call; weighing them against everyone else's and questioning their legitimacy. Finally, the truth sunk in and I could see the Lord had not made me to be anyone else but fully me — this is the beautiful journey of discovery. When we walk hand-in-hand with the Lord, it cultivates increasing faith, beautiful surrender, and a lasting legacy.

Truth be told, those in your life all eagerly await for you to embrace the sweet soul and fiery Spirit that God's formed within you; your spouse, your children, your friendships, and even those who you've yet to cross paths with, all yearn for your participation in the gift that is your life. Why? It's because all the little nuances that are you will profoundly play a significant part in the lives of many— a future generation will build upon your legacy when you **boldly accept the invitation** to show up as the one and only you!

Are you ready to say "yes" to a life that's full and rich? If so, the next three days will be one for the books. Let's get started!

Supernatural Marriage

I met Kris Vallotton when I was 12, married him when I was 17, and let me tell ya, I didn't know the first thing about being a wife other than to submit, support, and serve. However, if I could go back and advise my young self, I'd say to her, "Kathy, be fully alive in this new role. Show up, speak up, and soak up every second because what you carry is needed in this moment, and **you were made for this!**"

Are you a newlywed or in a role or relationship where you are struggling or don't quite know how to be fully you?

If yes, ask the Holy Spirit to show you areas of yourself that you've not fully embraced, may be hiding from others, or that you've rejected.


Remember, God sees it all. Trust that in His presence, you do not have to hide.

I want to encourage you to give God daily space to minister to you in this area. He desires to bring revelation, healing, and justice to every ounce of you that the enemy has attempted to destroy.

As Kris and I matured into our marriage, it grew from being fun, albeit it was not easy, to an empowering one. Our marriage shifted that way very subtly.

Kris, the definite extroverted, strong-willed, natural-born leader, intentionally gave me space to guide and direct our steps as a couple and a family, too. It was these small self-sacrificing and tender moments that I discovered that the secret of a great marriage is to do what you do when you feel like it—even when you don't. In other words, It wasn't Kris' natural instinct to take pause and take direction, just as it wasn't my first inclination to take charge in a manner in which Kris naturally would. As he mentioned in the Day 1 Summit Video – he's the kite, and I'm the tail. However, together, it became our desire to see one another thrive. **This is an act of God, it's supernatural, and it's following His lead.**

Since those young married days, we've devoted our lives to taking action, even if it meant sacrificing temporarily, to see the other come fully alive, and in doing so, we cultivated a supernatural marriage—an honest one, sometimes challenging, but mainly profoundly fulfilling and oh so fun.



"In the world, actions follow feelings. In the Kingdom, feelings follow actions."

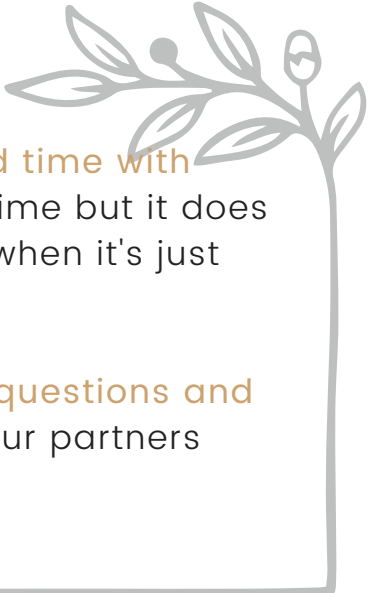
(more on this on pg. 26 of The Good, The God, And The Ugly)

Take a moment and think about the way you behave toward your spouse when you are "feeling the love," and then think about how you act when you aren't feeling a thing.

Is there a difference? If yes, what actions can you take today that will demonstrate that you value, desire, and believe in your spouse (even if you're not "feeling" it)?


Digging for Treasure

Kris and I have a fun exercise that we've been doing for several years that strengthens our marriage, and I'd like to share it with you.



How to start: Set aside uninterrupted time with your spouse. It doesn't take a lot of time but it does require intentionality, so pick a time when it's just the two of you.

Next: Ask one another the following questions and practice active listening (hearing your partners heart, focused on them).

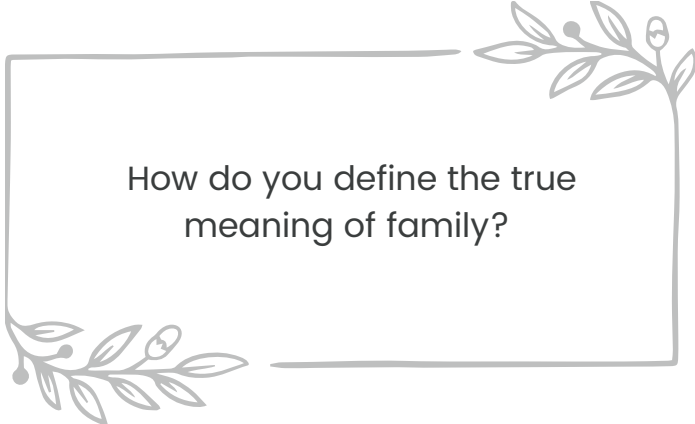


Question 1: Is there anything we can do or could have that would make you happy? Note: Give you partner space to dream without focusing on the problems that come with that dream. Dream with them and discuss why that would make them happy.

Question 2: Is there any behavior that I could currently change that would make you happy? Note: Understand that by asking this, you're signaling to your spouse that you are willing to make sacrifices in your behavior in an attempt to take authentic action towards seeing them thrive and become fully alive.

Supernatural Family

I can't tell you how much I appreciated raising our family in a small mountain community. Living in the mountains, far from society, requires a vulnerability and an openness to not only thrive but simply to survive. You have to depend on your neighbors just to get through everyday life - whether you just need some milk after the sun has gone down, or a helping hand clearing the road after the storm. Nobody gives a rip about the political or religious affiliations of their neighbors, because real friendship transcends people's opinions. In the mountains, your neighbors become your friends and your friends become your family. It was there that we learned the true meaning of "family."



How do you define the true meaning of family?

Take a moment and consider how you'd define "true family." What are the characteristics and attributes of this "family"? What stands out?

Read Galatians 6:2 and Hebrews 13:1-2

How might the scriptures above instruct us to cultivate authentic family around us? What steps can you take to develop true family around you?

No matter whether you live in a mountain community or a massive city, it seems to me that the challenges of raising children today are so much greater than they were in any other generation in recent history. However, I stand firm on the belief that God gives us neighbors to help us through life. As they say, "It takes a village to raise a family."


I am convinced that God looks ahead at our challenges and troubles and divinely moves the right people into our neighborhood at the perfect time, or He moves us into the right neighborhood. We weren't made to live life in isolation. In fact, we were created for community—this is where all the often subtle but still very supernatural moves of God happen.

My children were raised watching Kris and I build community with those around us. We worked hard, apologized when we messed up, practiced forgiveness, and went after seeing the manifest presence of God in our lives through serving those around us. I truly believe this is the foundation of a supernatural family— one who leaves a lasting legacy as those who walk with the Living God.

I encourage you to start sowing into the ones you keep (your spouse, children, friends and neighbors) with your time, personality, vulnerability, and with the fire of God that you so beautifully and uniquely carry.

Doing this will destroy any weeds of perfectionism that the enemy uses in an attempt to choke out tender shoots of faith that God so desires to grow within our families.

Take a moment and consider what you're presently sowing and cultivating within your family. What's it producing?




"We were often so busy trying to make a living in our business that sometimes we forgot that first and foremost, we were supposed to be making a difference in our family."

(more on this on pg. 60 of The Good, The God, And The Ugly)

Digging for Treasure

As mentioned in Day 2 of the Summit, Kris and I took risks when it came to pursuing a real, supernatural relationship with God from the early days of our family forming. Starting with the moment our babies took their first little breath as a Vallotton to when they stepped out into this big world on their own to start their own families, together, we have intentionally created space for "heaven on earth." This is the spiritual legacy that Kris and I desired to leave our children, their children, and the ones that will follow. Stories passed down will speak of a family who walked with the living God.


If a rich spiritual legacy is something you'd like to begin cultivating within your family today, here is a simplistic and beautiful way to start:



How to start: Set aside uninterrupted time with your family. Grab a journal so you can begin a written record of the legendary stories of faith that your family will experience with God. Date this entry.

Next: Gather together, lay hands on one another, invite the Holy Spirit, and ask God to begin to give each member His vision for your family. Give one another space to share what they saw, heard, or felt, and journal it down.

Together brainstorm practical and tangible ways, leaving space for the supernatural, to see this vision manifested in your family's life.



Supernatural Servanthood

It is said “the greatest among you will be your servant” — we saw Jesus' life model this and we've reaped the powerful fruit of it in our own lives. Yet, what about the undesirable truth that a life dedicated to servanthood is risky? When you set out to love people deeply and reach out to the broken frequently, there often looms a very real battle of disappointment. When you go all in, dive deep, and don't hold a thing back from those you serve; hardships, deep hurts, and even betrayals occur. As I said, Jesus' life displayed beautiful, life-transforming service, and yet we saw some of His most beloved followers betrayed Him.

However, there is something that Jesus knew that likely many don't: there is a supernatural joy that triumphs over all disappointments that comes with a life of servanthood — a joy that only comes from loving people right where they are; no strings attached

Have disappointments, hurt, or betrayal gripped its clammy hand on your desire to serve others wildly and freely?

If you answered yes to that question, I encourage you to look disappointment in the proverbial eye and show it that you're no longer afraid!


Give God time to show you areas of fear that are attached to acts of service. What are some of the lies or suspicious cautions that you hear when you attempt to serve others wholeheartedly?

I encourage you also to ask the Holy Spirit to show you how He uniquely built you to serve those around you.

Jesus was our greatest example of God's love being poured out without expecting anything in return. Some of us plant, others water, and others are there for the harvest. Every time we reach out toward someone in love with our whole hearts open to them, we are supernaturally making a difference in his or her life, whether or not we ever see the fruit of it.

This is the good, the God and the ugly of a life in Jesus.

As I mentioned on Day 3 of the Summit, I never ask someone to do something that I'm not willing to do myself. However, when you give yourself or even witness someone give something of themselves that doesn't come naturally to them, it's a stunning display of God moving supernaturally. If we are willing to lay down our agendas and even our own needs to open-heartedly serve another person's vision or meet their need in some way, something supernatural takes place. It's in that solitary act of servanthood that a piece of heaven is sown into the life of the one you are serving; that act will yield a divine harvest.



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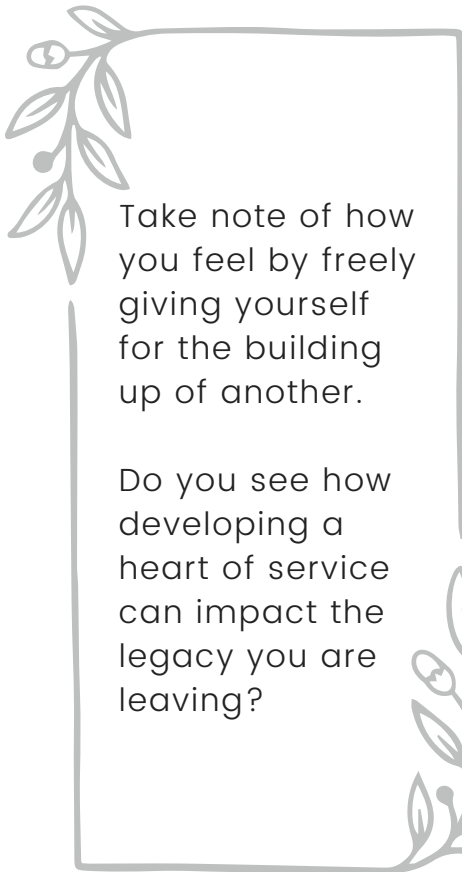
Can you think of an action that you can take right now towards someone nearby or that has expressed a need that you'd be willing to serve wholeheartedly without expectation of anything in return?

I encourage you to move past any fears and be open to sacrifice a little of your time to help them (even if it's out of your comfort zone).

Digging for Treasure

Servanthood is a beautiful thing to cultivate in your family but ultimately the best way to develop the heart of a servant within your children is for them to witness you wholeheartedly sacrifice for those in your day-to-day relationships, as well as give to those who are strangers who may need a little of your time, care, and attention – with no strings attached. In other words, do for others with wild abandon simply because you are rich and overflowing with God's miraculous presence – the answer to a desperate and needy world.

To start stewarding supernatural servanthood in your own life, try this fun activation:



How to start: Look for an opportunity to sacrifice some of your time, money, your home, etc. I'm not necessarily talking about those moments that come easy, however, don't discount small acts of service as they are just as powerful. For this exercise, let's focus on an area of service or a person in your life you might try to avoid but desires your attention.

Next: Make space for that person or time for that act of service you identified. However you choose to serve, don't do it begrudgingly, but ask God to supernaturally use you in a way that takes the focus off what you may be sacrificing and place it on the one(s) you're serving.



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Kathy Vallotton is a senior leader at Bethel Church in Redding, California, and has been part of Bill Johnson's apostolic team for over forty years. She and her husband, Kris, are the co-founders of Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry (BSSM), which has grown to 2,500 full-time students from over 76 countries worldwide. Kathy is also the co-founder of Bethel School of Worship, as well as Moral Revolution.

Kris and Kathy are entrepreneurial pioneers who have owned nine businesses, seven of those in the automotive field. Together, they direct KV Ministries and have traveled the world teaching and preaching about the goodness of God and the power of the Kingdom. Kathy has a passion to see families and marriages restored, see the brokenhearted healed, and see the oppressed set free. Kris and Kathy have been married for 45 years and have four children and ten grandchildren.