



**Dr. “Cristie Jo” Johnston**  
**Extensive Curriculum Vitae**

*Please view Cristie Jo’s video sizzle reel, CV, and doctoral dissertation via [JerryJohnston.com/CristieJo](http://JerryJohnston.com/CristieJo).*

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## Executive Summary

Cristie Jo possesses a unique gift of creativity and innovation demonstrated in her new ideas, projects and programs. She has a natural instinct to generate strategic components for culturally relevant content. One of her desires is to communicate critical Christian thinking material by connecting with audiences through global media platforms. This is due to her extensive experience filming with the world's leading antagonists to Christianity, as well as scholars, skeptics and leading Christians. Cristie Jo also represents a growing genre in biblical scholarship – the female apologist and articulate female Bible teacher.

As a Bible teacher and presenter, she has spoken to leaders on various platforms including the National Day of Prayer at the invitation of Shirley Dobson in Washington, DC. In addition, she has ministered with her husband, Dr. Jerry Johnston, in hundreds of churches throughout North America. In collaboration with her husband, Cristie Jo is a successful writer, director and producer of documentaries on subjects ranging from cultural and teenage issues to ministry and life.

Actively and fruitfully engaged in Christian ministry for nearly four decades, Cristie Jo joined the faculty/staff of Houston Baptist University in Houston, Texas, in October 2014 as professor of Theology in the School of Christian Thought. She serves as executive producer and screenwriter as well. Her distinctive, spiritual gifts of teaching and training are complimented by the gifts of leadership, evangelism, faith, administration and mercy. Cristie Jo is an ardent, lifelong student of God's Word. Her messages and presentations are marked by theological substance with skilled application and delivery to her listeners of various ages and genders. As the wife of a former church plant pastor, her Bible study class and weekly television program experienced rapid growth with nearly 500 people enrolled.

Cristie Jo's unique scholarship is enhanced by years of study with her mentor, Professor Craig A. Evans, PhD, DHabil, the John Bisagno Distinguished Professor of Christian Origins for the School of Christian Thought at Houston Baptist University. Professor Evans served as Cristie Jo's doctoral supervisor during her studies at Acadia Divinity College in Nova Scotia, Canada, where she wrote her thesis on "Examining the Challenges Pastors and Their Families Encounter After A Period of Overwhelming Ministry Stress And Developing A Strategy For Their Overall Health."

Cristie Jo's teaching experience in systematic theology and ministry experience have prepared her, in particular, for effective communication in spiritual formation. Numerous men and women she helped mentor have entered full-time Christian service. Cristie Jo's desire in life is to be a critically thinking Christian who produces and proclaims relevant content to a biblically illiterate generation. She is passionate about equipping her children, grandchildren, and the next generation with every resource and opportunity necessary to communicate solid, critical thought-based questions and answers to scholars, skeptics and leading Christian advocates.

## Early Years & Faith Experience

Loving parents raised Cristie Jo Huf in a Christian home. Her father escaped to West Germany from communist Czechoslovakia in 1949 at 19 years old, and her mother experienced the brutality of World War II while being shipped on trains under the reign of Adolf Hitler. In 1953, Cristie Jo's parents met in Germany and married. Faithful missionaries who lived near the Hufs' small apartment came to their home and led the young couple to faith in Jesus Christ. A supporting church in Hudsonville, Michigan,

arranged for them to immigrate to America and be spiritually mentored by mature laymen and women in the congregation.

From the beginning of their faith experience, Cristie Jo's parents prayed that one of their six children would enter vocational Christian ministry. Cristie Jo had always possessed a tender heart toward God, but her faith journey was interrupted during her teenage years as a result of a physically abusive relationship at the hand of her boyfriend. Upon graduating from high school, Cristie Jo pursued a passion in cosmetology. With her formal training finished and state boards complete, the hope of a fruitful career was in clear view. However, her dream was crushed after receiving a letter of rejection from the Michigan State Board of Cosmetology.

Distraught, confused and with nowhere to turn but God, she accepted her father's invitation to attend an evangelistic crusade to hear a young evangelist named Jerry Johnston at Calvary Baptist Church in Holland, Michigan in October of 1978. That night, the power of God moved in Cristie Jo's heart. The next morning, she received an apology letter from the Michigan State Board of Cosmetology for their error, informing her that the test scores were reviewed and she had, in fact, passed and graduated with academic honors.

Later, as the three-week crusade in Holland came to a close, Jerry and Cristie Jo continued to correspond and discuss spiritual matters. On November 9, 1978, after a lengthy investigation with Jerry into various Bible passages, Cristie Jo committed her life fully to faith in Christ and shortly thereafter sensed God's call on her life for full-time ministry. Jerry and Cristie Jo began dating, and the Johnstons have now enjoyed many fruitful years of marriage, family and ministry. Together, they have raised three children, all of whom have received God's call to Christian ministry.

## Education

**DMin, Acadia University-Acadia Divinity College:** Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada (2012)  
*Thesis: "Examining The Challenges Pastors And Their Families Encounter Emerging From A Period of Overwhelming Ministry Stress, And Developing A Strategy For Their Overall Health"*  
<http://scholar.acadiau.ca/islandora/object/theses:244>

**MDiv, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary:** Kansas City, MO (2009), Christian Education  
*Awarded with Highest Honors*

**BA, Midwestern Baptist College:** Kansas City, MO (2007), Biblical Studies  
*Awarded with Highest Honors*

**Diploma in Advanced Biblical Studies, Liberty University (LHBI):** Lynchburg, VA, (2005)

**Cosmetology, Lou-Rog School of Hair Design:** Holland, MI (1978)  
*Graduated with Academic & Appearance Excellence, and Awards in Hair Design & Hair-Cutting*

**High School Diploma, Hudsonville High School:** Hudsonville, MI (1977)

## Areas of Teaching Competence

- Apologetics
- Systematic Theology
- Spiritual Formation
- Research Methods
- Evangelism
- Bible: Old and New Testament
- Bible Interpretation (Hermeneutics)
- Leadership
- Christianity in Contemporary Culture
- Family & Marriage Enrichment
- Effective Use of Media
- Methodology in Ministry

## Current Project

### **Project, Content Creator, Co-Executive Producer of the “I Am Christian Strong”™ Venture**

*June 2013 – Present*

The “I Am Christian Strong”™ project seeks to empower the faith-based community to passionately engage in a personal statement declaring authentic Christianity by demonstrating love in action. IACS™ is a multilayer, global endeavor that includes a docuseries, trade books, Critical Christian Thinking Center, theme song, teaching lessons for Bible studies/small groups/pastoral lessons, a weekly television show, and a live, 24-hour “I Am Christian Strong”™ movement. Additionally, the project will raise awareness, volunteerism and funds directed towards American veterans.

### **“I Am Christian Strong”™ Filmed Interviewees**

**Dr. Arif Ahmed**, *Senior Lecturer, University of Cambridge*

**Ayaan Hirsi Ali**, *Atheist, Former Muslim and Founder of the AHA Foundation*

**Mark Anderson**, *Leader of Youth With a Mission (YWAM)*

**Dr. Peter Atkins**, *Oxford Professor & Influential Atheist*

**Dr. Julian Baggini**, *British Philosopher & Writer*

**Andy Bannister**, *Apologist, Speaker & Author*

**Mike Bickle**, *Director of the International House of Prayer Missions Base*

**Lewis Black**, *American Stand-up Comedian, Author, Actor & Social Critic*

**Susan Blackmore**, *British Psychologist & Atheist*

**Robyn Blumner**, *President & CEO of the Richard Dawkins Foundation*

**Justin Brierley**, *Senior Editor of Premier Christianity Today Magazine*

**Peter William Brierley**, *UK Statistician & Author*

**Dr. Stephen Bullivant**: *Senior Lecturer in Theology and Ethics at St. Mary’s University in England*

**Dr. James Charlesworth**, *Princeton Theological Seminary’s George L. Collord Professor of New Testament Language & Literature*

**Alan Cooperman**, *Director of Religion Research at Pew Research*

**Dr. William Lane Craig**, *Christian Apologist, Debater & Professor at Houston Baptist University*

**Michael Cromartie**, *Former Vice President of the Ethics and Public Policy Center (deceased)*  
**John Dominic Crossan**, *Irish-American New Testament Scholar & Former Catholic Priest*  
**Dr. James Crossley**, *Professor of Bible, Society & Politics at St. Mary's University in England*  
**Dr. Stephen Davis**, *Russell K. Pitzer Professor of Philosophy at Claremont McKenna College*  
**Dr. Richard Dawkins**, *Emeritus Fellow of New College, Oxford & Author of "The God Delusion"*  
**Dr. Abby Day**, *BA Religion Program Leader for Goldsmiths University of London*  
**Larry Decker**, *Executive Director of the Secular Coalition for America*  
**John de Lancie**, *Actor, Singer & Comedian*  
**Dr. Craig Evans**, *HBU John Bisagno Distinguished Professor of Christian Origins*  
**Dr. Miguel Farias**: *Lecturer & Director of Studies in Psychology for Scholarship & Christianity in Oxford*  
**Dr. Teddi Fishman**, *Director for the International Center for Academic Integrity*  
**David Fitzgerald**, *Former Christian, Atheist & Activist*  
**Dr. John Fea**, *Chair of the History Department at Messiah College*  
**Dr. Paul Foster**, *Professor of New Testament Language, Literature & Theology at the University of Edinburgh*  
**Dr. Gladys Ganiel**, *Research Fellow in the Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation and Social Justice at Queen's University Belfast*  
**Ricky Gervais**, *Comedian, Actor & Atheist*  
**Dr. A.C. Grayling**, *Master of the New College of the Humanities in London*  
**Annabelle Gurwitch**, *Author, Activist & Actress*  
**Dr. Gary Habermas**, *Chairman of the Department of Philosophy & Theology at Liberty University*  
**Ian Harris**, *Comedian & Satirist*  
**Peter Hitchens**, *Journalist & Author of "The Rage Against God: How Atheism Led Me to Faith"*  
**Dr. (Sir) Colin Humphreys**, *Director of Research at Cambridge University*  
**Mike Huckabee**, *44<sup>th</sup> Governor of Arkansas, Christian Minister & Author*  
**John Ioannou**, *International Evangelist & Author*  
**Dr. Philip Jenkins**, *Co-Director for Baylor University's Institute for Studies of Religion*  
**Penn Jillette**, *Half of the Penn & Teller Duo, Entertainer & Atheist*  
**Dr. Byron J. Johnson**, *Co-Director for Baylor University's Institute for Studies of Religion*  
**Dr. Thomas Kidd**, *Distinguished Professor of History for Baylor University*  
**Dr. Lawrence Krauss**, *Professor of the School of Earth and Space Exploration at Arizona State University*  
**Dr. Stephen Law**, *Lecturer on Philosophy & Theology at Heythrop College at the University of London*  
**W. Mark Lanier**, *Attorney, Author & Pastor*  
**Dr. Jonathan Lanman**, *Assistant Director of the Institute of Cognition and Culture at Queen's University Belfast*  
**Dr. Lois Lee**, *Project Leader of the Scientific Study of Nonreligious Belief Project*  
**Dr. John Lennox**, *Professor of Mathematics at the University of Oxford & Christian Debater*  
**Lyz Liddell**, *Executive Director of the Reason Rally Coalition*  
**Bill Maher**, *Television Personality, Writer, Producer, Actor, Commentator & Critic*  
**Dr. Tim Mawson**, *Philosophy Fellow at St. Peter's College, University of Oxford*  
**Dr. Alister McGrath**, *Director of the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion at the University of Oxford*  
**Dr. J.P. Moreland**, *Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at Biola University*  
**Sarah Moorhead**, *Executive Director of Recovering from Religion*  
**Dr. Stewart Morris**, *Founder of Stewart Title and Founding Father of Houston Baptist University*  
**William (Bill) J. Murray**, *Chairman of the Religious Freedom Coalition*  
**Maryam Namazie**, *Former Muslim & Civil Rights Activist*  
**Bill Nye**, *Television Personality & CEO of The Planetary Society*

**Dr. Holly Ordway**, *Program Coordinator for the School of Apologetics at Houston Baptist University*

**Dr. Anthony Pinn**, *Professor of Religious Studies at Rice University*

**Dr. Brant Pitre**, *Professor of Sacred Scriptures at Notre Dame Seminary*

**Carolyn Porco**, *Planetary Scientist, Humanist, Speaker & Film Consultant*

**Dr. Nabeel Qureshi**, *Christian Apologist, Author & Former Muslim (deceased)*

**James Randi**, *Founder of the James Randi Educational Foundation & Investigator of the Paranormal*

**Phillip Renner**, *Founder of Philip Renner Ministries; Ministering in Russia & the Region*

**David Robertson**, *Minister of St. Peter's Free Church in Dundee, Scotland*

**Dr. Andres Roemer**, *Creator & Curator of Ciudad de las Ideas*

**Cara Santa Maria**, *Biologist & Creator of the Podcast, "Talk Nerdy"*

**Frank Schaeffer**, *Best-selling Author, Film Director & Public Speaker*

**Dr. Jens Schroter**, *Chair & Professor of Exegesis and Theology of New Testament and New Testament Apocrypha at the Humboldt University of Berlin*

**Bobby Scott**, *Virginia Congressman*

**Dr. Chris Sinkinson**, *Lecturer for Moorlands Christian Theology and Training College & Pastor*

**Thomas Sinkinson**, *Son of Dr. Chris Sinkinson*

**David Silverman**, *President of American Atheists*

**Robert B. Sloan**, *President of Houston Baptist University, Minister & Author*

**Gregory Smith**, *Associate Director of Pew Research*

**Nick Spencer**, *Director of Research at Theos, a Think Tank*

**Dr. Rodney Stark**, *Baylor University Professor, Author & Past President of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and of the Association for the Sociology of Religion*

**Todd Stiefel**, *President of the Stiefel Freethought Foundation*

**Lee Strobel**, *Author*

**Dr. Richard Swinburne**, *Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at the University of Oxford & Author*

**Muhammad Syed**, *President of the Ex-Muslims of North America*

**Eddie Tabash**, *Attorney, Chairman of the Board for the Center for Inquiry & Chair of the National Legal Committee for Americans United for the Separation of Church and State*

**Peter Tatchell**, *Equal Rights & Social Justice Activist*

**Mandisa Thomas**, *Founder of Black Nonbelievers*

**Mark Tooley**, *President of the Institute of Religion & Democracy*

**Hugh Turpin**, *Religious Researcher & Scholar*

**Allan Turner**, *Journalist*

**Dr. Michael Uch**: *German Psychologist, Psychotherapist & Psychologist of Religion*

**Dr. Simon Vibert**, *Director of the School of Preaching, Wycliffe Hall, Oxford*

**Dr. Daniel Von Wachter**, *Director of the International Academy of Philosophy in the Principality of Liechtenstein*

**Vic Wang**, *President of Humanists of Houston*

**Dr. Michael Ward**, *Professor at the University of Oxford & Houston Baptist University; C.S. Lewis Expert*

**Mark White**, *Bass Player for the Spin Doctors & Atheists*

**Dr. Peter J. Williams**, *Warden of the Tyndale House in Cambridge; Lecturer at University of Cambridge*

**Peter S. Williams**, *Christian Philosopher, Apologist & Assistant Professor at Gimlekollen School of Journalism and Communication in Norway*

**Dr. John Wilsey**, *Assistant Professor for the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary & Author of "One Nation Under God: An Evangelical Critique of Christian America"*

**Lizz Winstead**, *Co-creator & Writer for "The Daily Show"*

**Dr. Ben Witherington, III**, *Professor of New Testament Interpretation at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky & Pastor*

**Dr. Linda Woodhead**, *Professor in the Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion at Lancaster University; Religion Researcher*

**Dr. Nicholas Thomas Wright**, *British New Testament Scholar & Retired Anglican Bishop*

**Dr. Phil Zuckerman**, *Professor of Sociology at Pitzer College in Claremont, California & Author*

## **Career Experience**

(Dr. Cristie Jo Johnston was invited to enroll as a PhD student at Trinity College, in Bristol, United Kingdom.) “[We] consider the focus of your research to be of huge importance, and we are strongly interested in it and in the fact that you have achieved significant resources to conduct the research.”

- **Revd. Dr. Howard Worsley**, *Vice Principal, Tutor in Missiology*

**Professor, Department of Theology**

**School of Christian Thought Executive Producer and Screenwriter**

Houston Baptist University: *October 2014 - Present*

**Project Content Creator & Co-Executive Producer of “I Am Christian Strong”™**

*June 2013 – Present*

**Creator & Coordinator**

Critical Christian Thinking Center for Higher Education and Laity

**Managing Partner**

I.G. Transmedia, LLC

**Founder & Director**

Intentional God, Inc.

**Co-Founder**

Jerry Johnston Ministries Association, Inc.

**Church Planter**

*1996-2012*

**Founder & Director**

Open Arms Women's Events

**Founder & Director**

Chesalon Comfort Circles

**Founder, Presenter, Author & Teacher-Mentor**

W.O.W. (Wisdom on the Way) Weekly, Co-ed Bible Study & TV Program

**Founder**

About Forever

## **Founder & Director**

LOTT (Lighting of the Trees)

## **Professional Memberships**

- Society of Biblical Literature
- International Society for Women in Apologetics
- Evangelical Philosophical Society
- Evangelical Theological Society

## **Published Study Outlines & Filmed Teaching Series**

**"12 Traits of a Spiritually Mature Man and Woman,"** *12-Lesson Series/James*

**"My Bible: The Big Picture, The Bottom Line, and What's in It for Me?"** *99 Systematic Teaching Presentations from Every Book of the Bible*

**"Psalms: 150 Inspired Prayers Turned to Praise,"** *12 Lessons*

**"Tackling Life's Toughest Questions with A Bible Response,"** *12 Lessons*

**"The Highway to Holiness,"** *Six Lessons*

**"WJD: What Did Jesus Do In the Very Beginning, In Birth, In Life, In Death, In the Resurrection?"** *Eight Lessons on the Life of Jesus*

## **Publications In Progress**

**"Examining The Challenges Pastors And Their Families Encounter Emerging From A Period of Overwhelming Ministry Stress, And Developing A Strategy For Their Overall Health"**

*Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation, Acadia University-Acadia Divinity College: Nova Scotia Canada, 2012. Currently under review for publication.*

## **Film Documentaries: Producer, Presenter & Researcher**

**"AIDS Among Teens,"** *Producer, Researcher & Interviewer with Pedro Zamora (now deceased), MTV's "Real World: New York City"*

**"Decisions and Consequences: Inside Death Row at the Kentucky State Penitentiary"**

*Producer; Word Publishing; Plano, Texas*

**"I Am Christian Strong"™**

**"Inside the Oklahoma State Penitentiary's Death Row,"** *Producer; Interview with Sean Sellers, Teenage Killer and Satanist*

**"Israel: In the Footsteps of Jesus"**

**"Jordan/Petra"**

**"Life Exposé: Inside Teenage America,"** *By the Jerry Johnston Association*

**"Rome"**

**"The Edge of Evil: Satanism and Teenagers"**



## **“Turkey: Retracing the Steps of the Apostle Paul”**

### **Luminary Interviewees**

**Willie Aames**, *Actor*

**Dennis Agajanian**, *Christian Musician and Guitarist*

**Stephen and Kennya Baldwin**, *Actors*

**Jim Caviezel**, *Actor, “The Passion of the Christ”*

**Andraé Crouch**, *Gospel Singer & Songwriter*

**Delilah**, *Radio Host*

**Dr. James & Shirley Dobson**, *Family Matters*

**Ruth Graham**, *Author & Daughter of Evangelist Billy Graham*

**MC Hammer**, *Rapper & Pastor*

**Hank Hanegraaff**, *President, Christian Research Institute*

**Dino & Cheryl Kartsonakis**, *American Sacred Pianist*

**Tim LaHaye**, *Author & Speaker*

**Mark Lowry**, *Christian Comedian, Singer & Songwriter*

**Stormie Omartian**, *Christian Speaker & Bestselling Author of “The Power of Praying” Series*

**Smokey Robinson**, *Singer-Songwriter & Record Producer*

**Jay Sekulow**, *Attorney, ACLJ*

**Phil Stacey**, *American Idol Finalist, Season 6*

**Randy Travis**, *Country Music Artist*

**CeCe Winans**, *Gospel Singer & Grammy Award Winner*

### **Events, Conferences & Live Presentations**

**50-Second Walk to Prayer**

**AAAAA Diamond Event**, *Presenter on Marriage*

**Acadia Divinity College Chapel**, *April 2013*

**America is Bleeding**

**Beauty for Ashes Conference**

**Beauty for Ashes Conference: Tackling The "S" Problem in Marriage**

**Blessed Among Women Conference**

**Capture America TV Show**

**Create in Me A New Heart Conference**

**Essentials for A Dynamite Marriage Conference**

**Fill My Cup Lord Conference**

**How to Minister to Families Affected by Suicide**

**iLove Marriage Conference**

**Making Friends Forever: Evangelistic Launch of “About Forever” Website**

**Marriage: What Every Woman Wants in A Man**

**Ministerial Ordination of Dr. James Dobson’s son, Ryan Dobson; Charge to Laura Dobson, (2007)**

**National Day of Prayer**, *Holly Prayer Time Keynote Presenter & Participant with Christian Leaders and President George W. Bush in The White House*

**Shaping Your Vision for Life Conference**

**Primerica Leadership Events, Presenter on Marriage**  
**The Gathering Church Pastor's Conference, Pigeon Forge, TN**  
**The Gathering Church Pastor's Conference**  
**The Names of God: El Roi and Immanuel**  
**Your Miracle in The Mirror of Mark (Mark 3)**

### Endorsements

"A woman I didn't recognize and had never met stood at the podium to speak at an event planned for the National Day of Prayer in Washington, DC. Her radiant smile shined Jesus. There was tender love in her voice for those she addressed as she spoke. After the meeting, I pushed my way to where she stood. 'I just want to meet you because you radiated the love of Jesus today in an amazing way,' I told her. 'Thank you for ushering us into God's presence with your engaging style and practical suggestions for passionate prayer.' Of course, Cristie Jo, that woman was you."

- **Bobbie Wolgemuth**, *Literary Representation, Wolgemuth & Associates, Inc.*

"Cristie Jo Johnston brings to a conference a perfect storm of theological insight, practical experience and passion. Cristie Jo is known for taking Christian women from complacency to competency as Christian leaders in the home and the workplace. Whether in the local community, or the national scene as a speaker for the National Day of Prayer in Washington, DC, Cristie Jo conveys a confidence in the Word of God that is contagious and real."

- **Dr. Rodney Harrison**, *Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness, Dean of Online Education & Associate Professor of Christian Education, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary*

"I serve as Chairman of the National Day of Prayer Task Force, and Cristie Jo accepted my invitation to speak at our Capitol Hill event in Washington, DC. Her message on that occasion confirmed the strength of her convictions regarding core biblical issues relevant to the nation and the church. She is a very effective speaker and leader, and the Lord used her in a special way that day."

- **Shirley Dobson**, *Chairman, National Day of Prayer*

"Cristie Jo Johnston is one of the most dynamic, passionate and clear presenters of God's word that I've been around. She connects with people and has an innocence about her that motivates others to follow."

- **Dayton Moore**, *General Manager, Kansas City Royals Baseball Team*

"Cristie Jo has participated with her husband, Jerry, for several years as a keynote speaker in multiple marriage seminars that usually last for two days. In addition to speaking multiple times a month, Cristie Jo is the author of a book, which is a 99-message Bible study entitled; 'My Bible: The Big Picture; The Bottom Line; and What's in it for Me.' She is the creator of the Chesalon Comfort Circles, weekly meetings of people with varied specific struggles. Cristie Jo's many activities as Sunday school teacher, author, Comfort Circle creator and leader, board member of a mega-church plant, wife and advisor to her pastor husband, and other activities, require intense weekly research and scholarly writing."

- **The Honorable Judge Robert G. Ulrich**, *Retired from the Missouri Western District Court of Appeals & Former United States District Attorney*

"Cristie Jo is, first and foremost, a devoted follower of the Lord Jesus. I know from personal interactions with her that she is a woman of prayer and a woman of the Word. She also is deeply committed to

sharing her faith in Christ through personal and mass evangelism. I have seen her personally minister one-on-one to people in the name of Christ, and I have also heard her speak to thousands at a time when she issued a clear, clarion call for people to respond to the Gospel. These evidences of a solid and abiding personal faith are supplemented by her commitment to solitude, study, fasting, worship and many of the other disciplines practiced by mature believers throughout history. Along with balancing her commitment to Christ, Cristie Jo has maintained a delicate balance with family, local church ministry, and academics ever since I have known her. Cristie Jo is an absolutely commanding communicator. She is, hands down, the single-best female communicator I have ever heard. She is also one of the finest communicators and teachers I have ever met, regardless of gender. She is capable of reeling in her audience with a disarming manner, but dropping an atomic weapon of truth on everyone present, leading to enormous spiritual fallout and a powerful radiation of God's power. Cristie Jo has a rare type of clarity with her ideas and understandings of biblical truths that easily translate on the written page. I have seen dozens of pieces she has written, and each is marked by depth mingled with practicality. Some good speakers do not have the ability to capture the drama of a live event and encode that energy onto the written page – not so with Cristie Jo. This is another of her formidable talents that have been supernaturally enabled through the skillful exercise of her spiritual gifts.”

**-Dr. Frederick Cardoza**, Associate Professor of Christian Education & Chair, Department of Christian Education, Talbot School of Theology, Biola University

"I have had Cristie Jo as a student in a classroom situation at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and she was one of the most perceptive students I have had the pleasure of teaching. She gave a verbal presentation before the class, which was not only very well-prepared, but of such a depth and quality, that she set the curve for the rest of the class."

**-Dr. Mike McMullen**, Professor of Church History & Director of Collegiate Program, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

"Cristie Jo possesses all the skillsets, spiritual gifts and ministry experiences that accompany extraordinary leaders. I find her to be a remarkable woman of God on the mission of God who gets the Great Commission and coaches others to get it as well. She is an active, intentional personal evangelist. Her outstanding devotion to the Lord, her husband, her family, her church and her community give her

an excellent platform to coach others to grow toward this kind of exceptional life in Christ."

**-Dr. Cky John Carrigan**, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

"I have had Cristie Jo in some courses at MBTS, and I have found her to be a capable and conscientious student. Her contributions to our class discussions in Christian Ethics indicated an abundance of ministerial 'street-smarts,' based on extensive contact with real people and their real problems. Her manner of presentation and thought were reliably high-class, giving me no hesitation in predicting that she would flourish still more, if given the kinds of ministry opportunities in which your organization specializes."

**- Dr. Thorvald Madsen II**, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Professor of New Testament, Ethics and Philosophy, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

"In a world that is temporarily ruled by the prince of darkness, what a privilege it is to be in God's army of warriors alongside Cristie Jo Johnston. True character, they say is tested in the 'foxholes' of life, and Cristie Jo has passed the tests that God has allowed her to experience. As a fellow soldier, I am happy to be in the battle with her 'watching my back.'"

**- Judy Smith**, State Director, Concerned Women for America

"I can heartily recommend Cristie Jo for any endeavor that requires speaking and teaching expertise, devotion to duty, a willing heart, a sympathetic and understanding attitude, intelligence, a talent for fostering personal relationships, a love of family, and the love of Christ."

- **James Jenkins**, Attorney, Formerly of Alliance Defense Fund & Focus on the Family

"Cristie Jo is the teacher of a long-standing and successful Bible study class, and she is also in demand as a conference leader and Bible teacher on the national and local levels. Cristie Jo is an excellent student. She writes with clarity and passion, and is able to speak to the needs of others. Cristie Jo communicates the hope of the Gospel in effective and winsome ways. She has earned several theological degrees including her doctorate of ministry."

-**Dr. Stephen Andrews**, Professor of Old Testament, Hebrew and Archaeology & Director of the PhD Program, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary