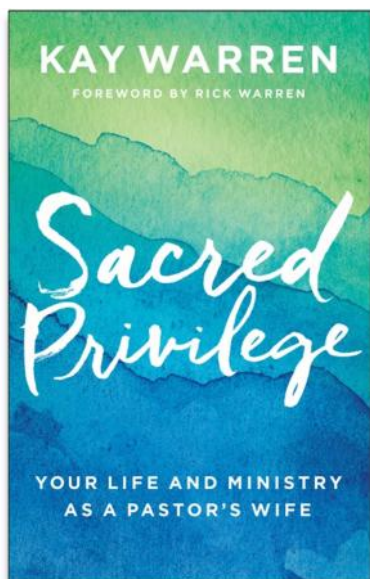


NEW BOOK BY KAY WARREN: A CANDID LOOK AT STRUGGLES & PRIVILEGES OF A PASTOR'S WIFE



Sacred Privilege by Kay Warren

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Grand Rapids, Mich., February 2017 –Kay Warren, cofounder of Saddleback Church, shares the struggles and joys of ministry in her new book *Sacred Privilege: Your Life and Ministry as a Pastor's Wife*, releasing May 2017. With deeply personal stories and wisdom gleaned from decades of experience, Warren writes to women who understand first-hand the complex dynamics inherent to any in ministry. *Sacred Privilege* features a foreword by Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church and Kay's partner in life and ministry.

Kay Warren understands every facet of being related to the pastor. She was a pastor's daughter, is a pastor's wife, has a daughter who is a pastor's wife, and a son who ministers to pastors. Because Saddleback Church began in her living room with seven people, she knows what it's like to be a part of a small, developing church as well as a large, thriving church. *Sacred Privilege* is not only a peek behind the curtain of one of America's best-know churches, but also provides much-needed practical encouragement that pastors' wives all over the country desire.

In *Sacred Privilege*, Kay confirms that being a pastor's wife does not mean being perfect. More vulnerable than ever, Warren reveals the brokenness that resulted from childhood molestation, the allure of pornography, intense marital conflict and temptation, as well as depression and a distorted view of her worth. Losing a child to suicide could easily have been the catalyst for leaving ministry, but Kay's resilient faith and confidence in God's redemptive plan for her pain has kept her feet firmly planted. The road has not been easy, but she has learned much along the way and can now confidently say that being a pastor's wife is truly a "sacred privilege."



Kay Warren cofounded Saddleback Church with her husband, Rick Warren, in Lake Forest, California. She is a passionate Bible teacher and tireless advocate for those living with mental illness, HIV&AIDS, and for the orphaned and vulnerable children left behind. She founded Saddleback's HIV&AIDS Initiative. Kay is the author of *Choose Joy: Because Happiness Isn't Enough* and *Say Yes to God* and coauthor of *Foundations*, the popular systematic theology course used by churches worldwide. Her children are Amy and Josh, and Matthew who is in heaven, and she has five grandchildren, Kaylie, Cassidy, Caleb, Cole and Claire. Learn more at www.kaywarren.com and follow her on Facebook (Kay Warren) and on Twitter (@KayWarren1).

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Kay Warren is available for interview and
Sacred Privilege is available for excerpt.

Angles that you will find in *Sacred Privilege*:

- **More candid than ever.** A no holds barred look into Kay Warren's life and into life inside the fishbowl that is one of America's largest and well-known churches, Saddleback. Pastors' wives will find encouragement in Kay's transparency. Between her struggle with the allure of pornography and fighting for a failing marriage, Kay is living proof that you can be a great pastor's wife, love God and others, and still be imperfect.
- **Thriving as a pastor's wife.** Kay understands first-hand the hardship of maintaining perspective while dealing with criticism and living in the public eye. In *Sacred Privilege*, Kay helps pastors' wives learn to accept who they are, adapt to change, protect their private lives, deal with criticism, live with integrity, and develop an eternal perspective.
- **Raising kids in the church.** Kay has seen it all. She has grown up in the church and has watched her kids do the same. She has seen them thrive and mess up. She also learned how to raise a mentally ill child and then grieve his death while in the public eye. Kay teaches pastors' wives ways to help their children not just survive, but thrive.
- **Sharing the dream with your spouse.** A pastor's wife has a unique role in the church. Often times, it is the church members that attempt to define that role for her. How can a pastor's wife find her place in the church according to her giftings? Kay shares how she discovered her unique roles at Saddleback and how she has learned to share the dream as a team with Rick.
- **Drawing boundaries.** It is not uncommon for a pastor's wife to feel pulled and stretched at every turn. Kay didn't always know how to say "no" and draw lines where she needed them. In sharing her journey, she teaches others how to identify where to draw the line and how to communicate that respectfully.
- **Getting support/Being supportive.** *Sacred Privilege* serves as both support to pastors' wives as well as help to church members. Kay shares how pastors' wives can receive the support they need to serve the church well. Readers will learn to empathize with and encourage their own pastor's wife.
- **Gaining an eternal perspective.** To last in the ministry, pastors' wives must develop a perspective that allows for disappointments along the way. Kay's personal stories of growing an eternal perspective will inspire other pastors' wives in their search for a spiritual framework for ministry.

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Suggested Interview Questions

1. You describe your life in ministry as a “Sacred Privilege.” What were some of the pivotal points along this journey that led you to that description?
2. There must have been times where being a pastor’s wife didn’t feel like much of a privilege. What did those difficult times look like for you and how did you handle them?
3. Your book, *Sacred Privilege*, is an honest and raw look at the life of a pastor’s wife. Why was it important to you to give readers such a candid look into this life?
4. How can church members and leaders support their own pastor’s wife?
5. Tell us about your journey of understanding what it meant to be a team with Rick.
6. Kids growing up in ministry face their own set of struggles. What are some ways a pastor and his wife can encourage and support their children?
7. How do you find the balance between what church members expect of you and what you choose for yourself?
8. What advice do you wish someone would have given you in your first years as a pastor’s wife?
9. The pastor’s family usually gets put on a pedestal. How can they step down from that pedestal to show the church that they are just like everyone else? What happens if they don’t step off the pedestal?
10. What are some ways a pastor’s wife can begin to seek the support she needs?
11. You write about the importance of drawing lines. How can pastors’ wives recognize when they need boundaries, and then graciously but firmly communicate them to others?
12. How did you learn to cope with being under the public eye? How has that affected your day-to-day life?
13. Tell us a few of your funniest stories from life inside the fishbowl.
14. You mention the dangerous emotional attachment you developed for a co-worker early in your marriage. How can clergy couples safeguard their marriages?

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