

Bio Sketch



MARY E. DEMUTH

Mary E. DeMuth is a popular international speaker, novelist, and gifted author. She is a magna cum laude graduate of Pacific Lutheran University, where she earned her English degree.

Raised in a difficult home where drug abuse flourished, DeMuth nonetheless remembers sensing a strong sense of right and wrong early in life. As a five-year-old, she was the victim of repeated rapes by neighborhood bullies. At ten-years-old, she lost her father. In junior high she considered suicide, but by God's grace, a school counselor was able to help her navigate through her confused life. After attending Young Life with a friend at age fifteen, DeMuth knew Jesus was the answer to her life, but didn't know how to meet Him personally. Finally, when she heard the entire gospel at a weeklong camp, DeMuth realized there was a heavenly Father who would never leave her. She allowed Him to fill the Daddy-shaped hole in her heart.

After writing in obscurity for ten years, DeMuth began pursuing publication in Christian periodicals and wrote her first novel. Since 2002, her articles have been published in *Marriage Partnership*, *In Touch*, *HomeLife*, *Discipleship Journal*, *Pray!*, *Bon Appetit*, *Kindred Spirit*, *P31 Woman*, and *Hearts at Home*. For two years she penned a lifestyle column for *Star Community Newspapers* in Dallas, Texas. A popular media guest, DeMuth has also appeared on numerous radio shows across the country.

Her latest release, *Authentic Parenting in a Postmodern Culture*, is a unique resource that reveals effective ways for parents to communicate with their children in an increasingly postmodern culture. Describing the new way people are processing truth, DeMuth touches on the importance of authenticity, the arts, community, life-coaching your kids, conversational parenting, and kingdom thinking. She teaches parents to view raising their children as not only an opportunity to instruct, but also to learn. Parents will discover practical advice for raising their kids in a culture they don't entirely understand. They will find wisdom for incorporating the Bible into their parenting and helping their children to understand its relevance in a postmodern, skeptical era. DeMuth also includes insightful questions for further reflection or group discussion. This is not your everyday parenting manual spouting simple formulas; it's a reality-based, motivational book that will help parents embrace Jesus, their children, and the culture in which they find themselves.

DeMuth's other books include *Ordinary Mom, Extraordinary God*; *Sister Freaks* (Time Warner); *Building the Christian Family You Never Had* (WaterBrook); *Watching the Tree Limbs* (NavPress), a 2007 Christy Finalist; and *Wishing on Dandelions* (NavPress), a 2007 Retailer's Choice Award Finalist. In 2003, she won the Mount Hermon Christian Writers Conference's Pacesetter Award.

DeMuth enjoys speaking about the art and craft of writing as well as the redemptive hand of God in impossible situations. For nearly three years, Mary, her husband Patrick, and their three children helped plant a church in Southern France. They now live in Texas and are readjusting to the hot temperatures.



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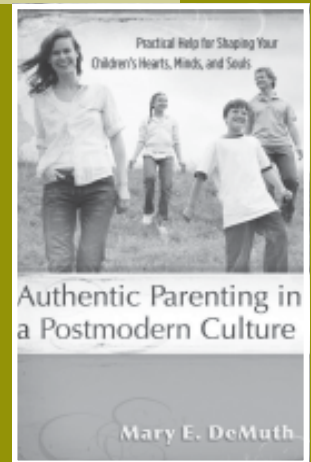
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Interview Questions



for Mary E. DeMuth, author of
Authentic Parenting in a Postmodern Culture

- * “Postmodernism” is a word that’s frequently used, but little understood. What, exactly, is postmodernism?
- * Why is it important that parents, in particular, understand postmodernism?
- * What advice would you give parents who want to better prepare their children for a postmodern world?
- * How can parents help children remain unstained by the world and yet still be engaged?
- * Describe what you mean by “conversational parenting.”
- * How have you heard the voice of Jesus in your children?
- * In what ways have you made your home a haven?
- * How have you interacted with your children through art?
- * What is coaching? Why should parents learn to coach their children?
- * Share with us about the word and concept of abundance as it is used in the Bible. Why is abundance important in parenting?
- * Describe what you mean by “inside-out parenting.”
- * How does brokenness relate to authenticity? How does it help us parent differently?
- * What role does the Bible play in your parenting?
- * You talk about reveling in the beauty of people. How have you helped your children to do this?
- * In what ways have you encouraged your children to follow the radical call of Jesus Christ?
- * Why is gratitude such an important part of parenting?



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