

# ALICIA BRITT CHOLE



## A Brief Bio

"...unexpected but essential surgery" ~ These words are often used to describe the messages of Alicia Britt Chole. In person or in print, Alicia's voice cuts through fluff and summons souls to walk with God anew.

A former atheist, her raw faith and love for God's Word hold the attention of saints and skeptics alike. As a speaker and author, Alicia *places* words like an artist applying paint to a canvas. Nothing is wasted. Every word matters. Heads and hearts are equally engaged.

Alicia holds a doctorate in leadership and spiritual formation from George Fox Evangelical Seminary. In addition to writing and speaking, she is the founding director of *Leadership Investment Intensives, Inc.*, a non-profit devoted to providing personal soul-care to leaders in the marketplace and church. Alongside her husband, she stewards a lakeside prayer retreat home called *Rivendell* and parents their three children in the Ozarks of Missouri where the stars shine brightly and their dogs bark loudly.

Her favorite things include thunderstorms, questions, honesty, and anything with jalapeños. In a culture obsessed with things countable and tweetable, Alicia brings ancient truth to life.

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Alicia Britt Chole's atheistic existence was dramatically interrupted by Jesus weeks before she began her university studies. Of that experience Alicia states, "I would have had to commit emotional and intellectual suicide to deny God's reality." Today, Alicia speaks on the fusion of authentic faith and unexplainable pain to leaders, pastors, professionals, college students, and churches. All who have heard her agree: Alicia is an unusually disarming combination of realism and hope, intellect and grace, humor and art.

Alicia and Barry have been married for 25 years. Together they laugh a lot parenting their three amazing children (all Choles through the miracle of adoption), four somewhat less than amazing dogs, one truly strange cat, and eight confused chickens off of a dirt road in a country home devoted to writing and reflection.

Alicia holds a B.A. in Plan II pre-law (1983) and an M.A. in Education (1994) from the University of Texas-Austin and a DMin in Leadership and Spiritual Formation from George Fox



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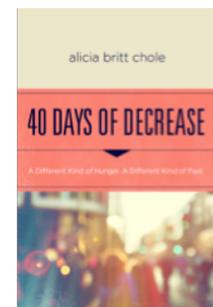
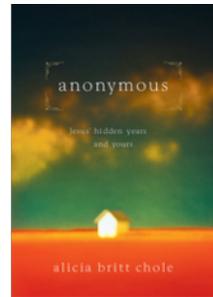
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## Writings

A twenty-something summed up Alicia well: "Alicia writes like she speaks and speaks like she writes: poetry that cuts to the heart."

**Books:** Alicia has written a 52-week spiritual formation journey called **The7thYear** and six books including **Anonymous: Jesus' Hidden Years and Yours**, which has received breathtaking reviews from leaders around the world. Her newest book, **40 Days of Decrease: A Different Kind of Hunger. A Different Kind of Fast**, is with W Publishing of Thomas Nelson (2016).

Alicia's words, articles, quotes, and writings have been featured in the following:



**Magazines/Journals articles:** CT's *Today's Christian Woman*, Faith Gateway Devotionals, YouVersion devotionals, *Charisma/Spirit-led Woman*, *Enrichment Journal*.



**Excerpts/Quotes:** *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, Jennifer Rothschild's *Self Talk*, *Soul Talk*, Dianne Wilson's *Gone*, Dr. Jane Goleman's *Progress Notes*, Greg Ogden's *Transforming Discipleship*, Lance Witt's *Replenish*, Jackie Johnson's *When Love Ends*, Lisa Jane's *Angel Kisses*, Thomas Nelson's 2009 *Inspirational Daily Planner*, *The Beauty Of God's Blessing*, *God's Promises Day By Day*, and *Joy For The Journey*. Appearances in Jennifer Rothschild's blog, *Vyrso*, and *FaithGateway*



**Radio/Guest Blogger:** Alicia has been a featured expert blogger on *Conversant Life*, a voice on *Wired Parish*, and she has been interviewed by dozens of radio stations including *KTIS*, *Premiere Drive UK*, *The Bob Duktoko Show*, *Thor Tolo*, *Georgean Rice*, *Mark Daniels*, *Moody with Prime Time Chicago*, *Moody Radio South*, *Ron Meyers*, *Jennifer Keitt*, and *Brian Mason*. TV appearances include *The Harvest Show* and *At Home Live*.



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## Mentoring

Alicia has been facilitating the spiritual formation of leaders and learners for 30 years. She is the founder and CEO of *onewholeworld, inc* (with a mission is to provide substantial resources for the globally minded) and the founding director of *Leadership Investment Intensives* (a 501c3 devoted to investing in the life and legacy of leaders).

Additionally, alongside her husband (Dr. Barry J. Chole), Alicia designed *Rivendell*, a prayer retreat home in Branson, MO, which has been a haven to thousands.

"I shared the platform with Alicia,  
heard her speak and realized how much she loved the Lord  
and His Word...I was taken by this dear woman."  
Kay Arthur, Precept Ministry International

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Dr. William David Taylor, Senior Mentor,  
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Speaking

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Alicia is a remarkably gifted author and speaker who communicated the truth of God's Word with a most delightful and profound skill. *Dr. David J. Niquette, Senior Pastor, Christ Community Church*

Alicia has the unique ability to build bridges to many different types of people through her effective communication, sense of humor and education. I believe God has built up Alicia as a voice which reaches multiple generations and offers insights to discovering the truth about God. I highly recommend Alicia. *Dary R. Northrop, Senior Pastor, Timberline Church*

"God has entrusted Dr. Alicia Britt Chole with a gift rare and precious in its nature."  
Bishop Claude R. Alexander, lead pastor of The Park Baptist Church

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## From hosts of leadership events...

In the new, always-connected, world we live in, Alicia's message couldn't be more crucial to the health of the emerging pastor. We have been honored to share her message and books with hundreds of pastors in the last year. I'm thankful for her personal investment in so many. *Justin Lathrop, Founding Co-Director of YoungPastors*

A true communicator of the heart of God, Alicia is an eloquent speaker who exudes thoughtfulness, intentionality, and candid insight for the raw realities of life. Having her speak at our District Youth Director Conference was such a wonderful experience. *Scotty Gibbons, National Youth Ministries Strategist*

For the first time in over 35 years of ministry, our CBMC asked a woman to be our speaker. Alicia is an extremely intelligent and gifted communicator. I unreservedly recommend her to you. *John Bell, leadership team of CBMC, Fort Collins, CO*

Alicia's unique combination of gentleness, humility, authority, and affirmation blessed our team and attendees not only during her presentation, but in her offstage interactions as well. What a gift she is! *Constance Rhodes, Founder and CEO, FINDINGbalance*

## From university deans and pastors...

Alicia connects with unbelievers, new believers, and mature believers alike. I highly recommend her as a retreat speaker. *Glen Davis, Campus Minister, Stanford*

Alicia's ministry has been an empowering force to many of our 1200 students here at Christ For The Nations Institute. We look forward to having her come back, and share her precious gift of intimacy and love with the Father. She carries a mantle for breakthrough to those bound by chains of despair, hurt, and hopelessness. *Dr. John Hollar, Executive Director, CFNI*

Alicia has a wonderful spirit and an insightful and challenging message. Her presentation style and message really connect with our students. I would not hesitate to have Alicia join us again. *Dean Paulson, former Director of Campus Ministries, Northwestern College*

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Alicia is Spirit-sensitive, brilliant, articulate, truth-telling with amazing grace. Many of our students in Washington, DC are exposed to some of the most well-renowned authors, speakers, government leaders and researchers. It is not easy to capture them but Alicia easily won them and ministered to them in a most profound way. *Stefanie Chappell, Campus Minister, Area Director, DC*

The content of Alicia's Christ-centered messages and consistent vision for heading through crisis, pain & doubt with our trust in the work of God's Spirit, as well as her style of presenting it, was marked with integrity, simplicity, thought-provoking power, life-transforming potential, and relevance to not only our emerging adult students, but to myself as well. *Rusty St. Cyr, associate pastor of spiritual life, George Fox University*

## From directors of women's conferences...

My first introduction to Alicia Britt Chole was reading her book, *Anonymous*, after a recommendation from a friend. The book had a tremendous impact on me and I knew I wanted her to speak in the lives of women at our church. Alicia has a unique ability to lead people into a greater place of intimacy with Jesus and to encourage them to become spiritually in tune with Him so they can live and minister from a place of overflow instead of striving. *Kerri Weems, Celebration Church, FL*

Alicia Chole is an outstanding communicator. She connects with the audience quickly and effectively. Her application of the Word is relevant to all in the audience, and she has a gift that allows her the ability to capture everyone's attention. *Lori Patrick, Freshwinds, Canada*

About two years ago we came across Alicia Britt Chole's book, ***Anonymous***, and have been telling everyone we know to read it ever since. Alicia's writing has left a heart imprint on so many of our women. Alicia is a gifted communicator and it was our honor and privilege to have her speak at our 2013 IMAGINE Women's Conference. We could have listened to Alicia speak for hours! *Pastor Dianne Wilson, Newport Church, CA*

Alicia was a plenary evening speaker for our first and third national conferences. A captivating teacher and an exquisite wordsmith, Alicia is an exceptionally gifted woman who powerfully inspires both young and old to grapple with truth and greater intimacy with God. *Dr. Beth Grant, Director, Co-Founder of Project Rescue*

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