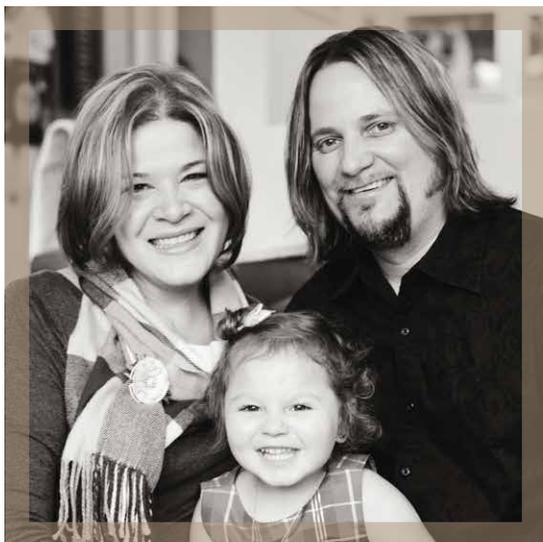


# Ellen Graf-Martin

CULTIVATING HOPE, COURAGE  
& GRACE-FILLED FAITH



**When Ellen Graf-Martin said yes to God's call to ministry as a young girl, she had no idea what a wild ride she was in for.** With her adventure taking her from Vancouver Island, Canada to Haiti, traveling through Central America on a ship with 213 people from 40 nations, small town Georgia, and then to the heart of Mennonite country where horse & buggies cause traffic jams, it's been a rich journey.

**Ellen loves writing and speaking to encourage the hearts of women of all ages to believe deeply that they belong, to hold tight to hope, to take courage, and to know that while the journey of faith is never easy, it is worth it.** Her warmth, humour, love of Biblical truth, interactive style and broad life experiences make her an engaging speaker for women's events, retreats and workshops. She writes regularly at [www.ellengrafmartin.com](http://www.ellengrafmartin.com), and is humbled to be allowed to share the Gospel with others.

**Through Ellen's experiences in ministry, cross-cultural marriage, entrepreneurship, adoption, and loss, she's seen God's faithfulness, goodness and ever-present kindness, and is deeply passionate about sharing this with others.** She loves extending the table, knowing that the best conversations take time, good food, and good coffee. A creative DIY'er, Ellen loves finding ways to bring beauty to everyday life.

Ellen considers it the greatest privilege of her life to be the mother of one gorgeous, spirited little girl, and has been married to her husband and business partner, Danny, since 2008. Together, they own Graf-Martin Communications, one of Canada's leading marketing and public relations agencies serving Christian content creators and non-profit organizations. She enjoys connecting a community of women in leadership through Ellen's Picks, and is grateful to be part of Canada's only national, interdenominational women's collective, Gather Women. Ellen's speaking skills have been honed through Speak Up Beginner & Advanced training, and she is a trained Path4Teens Coach.

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# SPEAKING TOPICS

## **Redeeming Our Days: Trusting God When Times Are Tough**

When life goes sideways, it can be hard to believe that God has not forgotten us, and that His plans for us are still good. When we know deeply that, as we allow Him to, He can redeem our minutes, hours and days, just as well as He redeems our lives, it is far easier to find purpose in our pain. Ellen draws on deeply personal experiences to help women discover Jesus' presence in their present circumstances.

## **What I Want My Daughter to Know: Communicating a Legacy of Grace**

Every mother has life lessons she wants to be sure her children don't miss, but life's pace can mean that we forget to share them. In these interactive sessions, Ellen will share some of her Letters to Our Daughters and equip and encourage mothers and daughters to create and preserve their own.

## **Illuminate: Choosing to Shine in a Dark World**

Jesus says that we're the light of the world, but it can be awfully hard to see how powerful that light is sometimes. Drawing on personal experiences and Biblical truth, Ellen shares her passion for choosing to be light in the darkness and encourages women to choose to sparkle exactly where they are.

## **Choosing Courage: When Small Choices Make Big Changes**

Ellen shares her experiences with courageous choices, small and large, and how sometimes even taking the smallest step in the right direction can not only change our day, but our life and our world. This highly customizable topic is appropriate for both adult and teen audiences.

## **Seasons & Saltiness**

The seasons of a woman's life – childhood, teenage years, singleness, motherhood, middle-age, empty nesting and golden years all have remarkable beauty, each one distinct. With a love of food and hospitality, Ellen will share how each of these seasons can be seasoning – flavouring who we are and how we impact our world, as “salty women” with something unique to offer in whatever season we find ourselves.



# MEDIA

Ellen is a gracious, warm and clear communicator who has appeared on a number of television and radio programs such as: 100 Huntley St., Full Circle, 570 News, 680 News, and The Beth Warden Show. Her story has also been featured in regional newspapers and national magazines.

100 Huntley Street | Full Circle

## Endorsements

Ellen Graf-Martin is a very important voice that is so needed in this world. Her message is filled with hope and encouragement that has been built on her personal walk and experience with Jesus. She is bravely authentic, candid and fun as she shares, which immediately opens her listeners into what feels like a heartfelt embrace and the encouragement needed to go out and change their world too.

**Helen Burns**, *Pastor, International Speaker, Author, TV Host*

Ellen Graf-Martin is a communicator and connector with a gift for encouraging the women of this generation. As a dreamer and visionary, she knows how to inspire faith, hope and courage in those around her. Ellen's love for Jesus and His people is genuine and compelling. She's insightful, engaging and simply a whole lot of fun. I always walk away feeling grateful when I've had an opportunity to hear what she has to share.

**Holley Gerth**, *Author of the bestselling "You're Already Amazing", Life Coach, Encourager of the hearts of women*

*Sisterhood of the heart.* That was my impression of Ellen Graf-Martin the very first time I met her. Whether she's sharing with a small group or speaking to a crowded conference, Ellen's creative heart for inspiring women with God's love shines through. With authenticity that is refreshing and comfortable, Ellen is the friend every woman wants and the encourager we all need.

**- Ann Mainse**, *host 100 Huntley St. and Full Circle, Author, Speaker*



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