

From Surviving to Living is a raw and inspiring memoir of Holly K Bot's journey through the darkest valleys of incarceration and broken relationships to a place of healing and hope through faith in Jesus Christ.

Facing the harsh realities of jail and prison, the loss of family, and the crushing weight of depression, Holly's story is one of relentless perseverance and spiritual transformation. With unflinching honesty, she shares her struggles with isolation, despair, and the fight to rebuild connections with her children while navigating the prison system. Through God's grace, she discovers the power of surrender, love, and restoration, ultimately finding freedom not just from prison walls but from the chains of her past.

This memoir offers a profound testament to redemption, the healing power of faith, and the possibility of a new life, even in the most unlikely places.

"This book is my testimony to His mercy, not to my past."

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You may not want to read this book.

You may feel anger, disgust, or even betrayal at the idea of hearing a story from someone branded a sex offender. That reaction is honest—and it matters. This isn't an attempt to excuse what was done, or to erase the weight of harm.

But what if grace could reach even here?

From Surviving to Living is a raw account of one woman's journey through prison and deep shame into a life reshaped by Jesus. It is not comfortable. It will challenge the way you think about justice, mercy, and redemption. But it also bears witness to a truth we desperately need: no one is beyond the reach of God's love.

If you've ever wrestled with where forgiveness ends—or whether real change is possible—this story is for you.

About the Author:

Drawing from her own 12-year prison sentence and personal journey of faith, Holly writes and speaks candidly about shame, grace, and second chances. Her story has inspired audiences in churches, volunteer trainings, and community organizations.

You can learn more at hollybot.me

"...well written, it will grip the readers! It has a rich potential to encourage and help those who may be going through very difficult times of one kind or another. It will also be a significant tool for people in ministry as they struggle to help others in seemingly impossible situations."

~ **Douglas R. McLachlan**
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"But for this very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life." - The Apostle Paul

Excerpt from the Introduction:

"From Surviving To Living is a remarkable piece of work with a timeless message for all those who find themselves in a painful situation or condition from which it seems impossible to escape. Holly knows from personal experience precisely how this feels. In fact, that is the thesis of this book.

It is a witness to her courageous transparency and the transformative power of the Word of God and the Gospel in a person's life no matter how broken and shattered that life may be. Holly tells her story from childhood, to adolescence, to marriage, and all the way through to her eight years of incarceration in the Shakopee Women's Prison. In telling the story, she combines her fierce commitment to truth-telling with a careful sensitivity to moral clarity throughout.

If you are searching for some resource to help in rescuing people from impossible situations, I urge you to acquire a copy of From Surviving To Living."

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