

DR. ALICIA BRITT CHOLE

A Bio (the amplified version)

In person or in print, Dr. Alicia Britt Chole's voice cuts through fluff and summons souls to walk with God anew.

As a speaker, leadership mentor, and award-winning writer, Alicia places words like an artist applying paint to a canvas. Nothing is wasted. Every word matters. Heads and hearts are equally engaged.

A former atheist, Alicia's worldview was interrupted by Jesus as 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, her raw faith and love for God's Word hold the attention of saints and skeptics alike.

Alicia focuses on the fusion of authentic belief and unexplainable pain. Business leaders, pastors, college students, and churches agree: Alicia is an unusually disarming combination of realism and hope, intellect and grace, humor and art.

Alicia and Barry have been married for 27 years. Together they laugh a lot parenting their three amazing children (all Choles through the miracle of adoption), two somewhat less than amazing dogs, two truly strange cats, four socially awkward chickens, and two confused guinea pigs off of a dirt road in the Ozarks.

Alicia holds a doctorate in leadership and spiritual formation from George Fox Evangelical Seminary and is the founding director and lead mentor of Leadership Investment Intensives, Inc, a non-profit devoted to providing personal soul-care to leaders in the marketplace and church.

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

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"Alicia Chole has a unique way of framing truth.

Her heartfelt and thoughtful words penetrate the soul and make you feel and think in new ways. And when I read what Alicia has written, I don't just feel like I know her. I feel like she knows me."

Mark Batterson. lead pastor of National Community Church

ALICIA WRITES

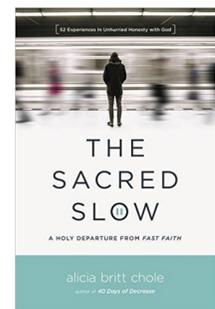
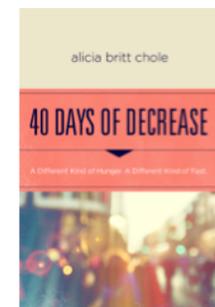
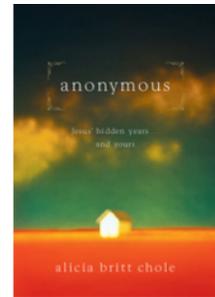
A twenty-something summed up Alicia well: "Alicia writes like she speaks and speaks like she writes: poetry that cuts to the heart."

Writings: Alicia has authored eight books including [Anonymous: Jesus' Hidden Years and Yours](#), [40 Days of Decrease: A Different Kind of Hunger. A Different Kind of Fast](#), and [The Sacred Slow: A Holy Departure from Fast Faith](#).

Additionally, her articles have been featured in CT's Today's Christian Woman, Propel, Vryso, Faith Gateway Devotionals, YouVersion devotionals, Guideposts, Enrichment Journal, and Influence.



Radio/TV: 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 KKLA's Frank Sontag Show, 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 TBN Praise, The Harvest Show, and At Home Live.



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"Alicia is one of those rare communicators who captures the hearts and challenges the minds of a generation. Her book, *Anonymous*, sits on my shelf next to C.S. Lewis, and I am convinced that someday she will rise to similar prominence if given the platform and freedom to express her full God-given potential."

Jennifer Rothschild, author of
Invisible: How you feel is not who you are

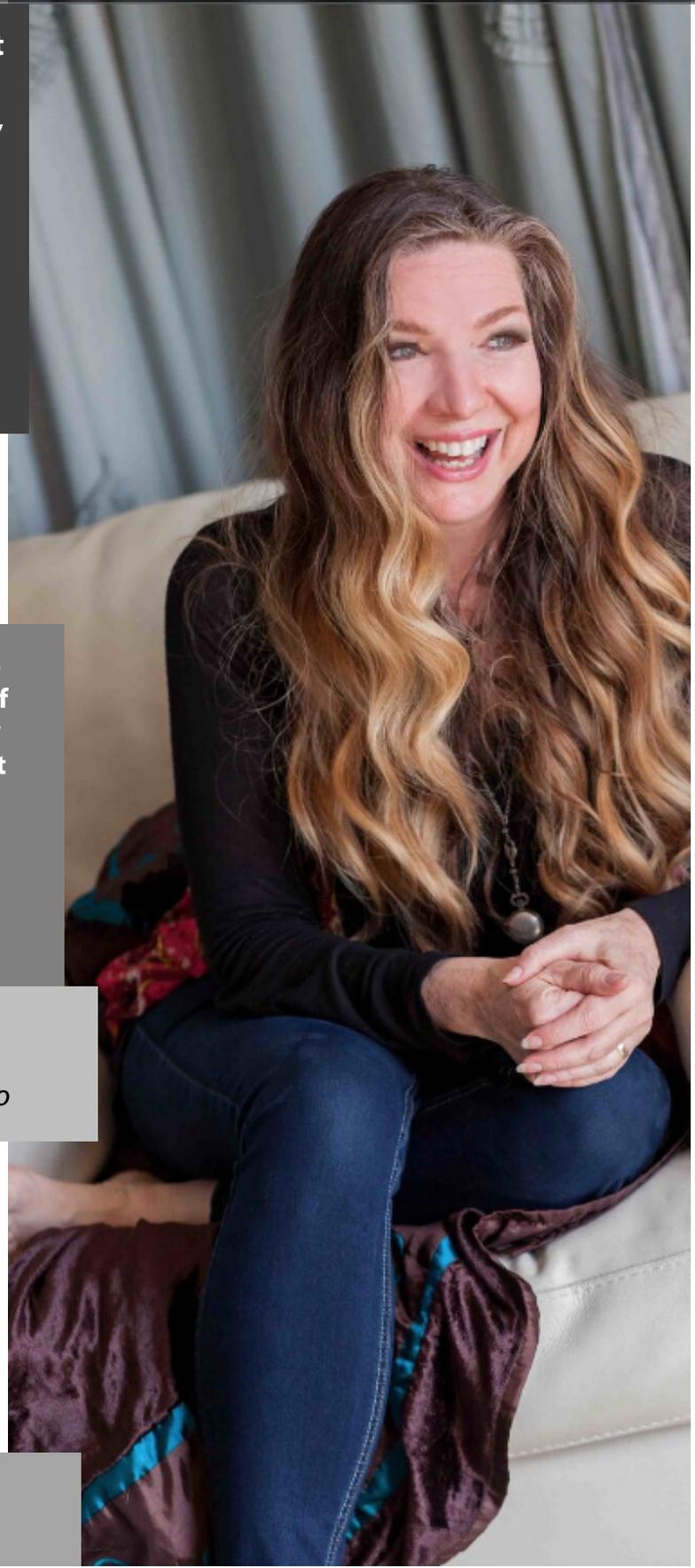
"*Anonymous* is a compelling and stunningly written book."

Margaret Feinberg, author of *Sacred Echo*

"Alicia refuses to be sentimental and forces the reader to find a gritty Gospel where life, pain, and redemption live in the same space. Alicia delves into what Howard Thurman calls "the altar on the island of the soul." This is the kind of writing that cuts and heals."

Dr. Otis Moss, III, Senior Pastor,
Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago, IL

**40 Days of Decrease -- Rated #1 in
Christian Devotionals! (Amazon)**



ALICIA MENTORS



Alicia and her husband, Dr. Barry Jay Chole, have been facilitating the spiritual formation of leaders and learners for over 30 years.

Together, they founded and serve as lead mentors for **Leadership Investment Intensives**, a 501c3 devoted to providing customized soul-care for leaders in the marketplace and church.

Additionally, the Choles steward **Rivendell**, a prayer retreat home in Branson, MO, which has been a haven to thousands.

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Dr. Frank Anthony Thomas, Professor of Homiletics,
Christian Theological Seminary

"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

"40 Days of Decrease is full of stern, robust, and healing words."

Dr. William David Taylor, Senior Mentor,
World Evangelical Alliance

ALICIA SPEAKS



From church pastors...

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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*

Dr. Alicia Britt Chole has the integrity to wed the meaning of ancient text with courageously surrendered contemplation of the most simple of questions, So what does this mean now? She is Spiritual seer and Contemplative coach! *Dr. William H. Curtis Senior Pastor, Mount Ararat Baptist Church, Pittsburg, PA*

"Alicia Britt Chole has an eloquence and thoughtfulness with words that is a rare gift. Her insights will help you linger over the sayings of Jesus and, more importantly, help you love Jesus more deeply."
Lance Witt, Founder of Replenish Ministries

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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, Founder of Helpstaff.me*

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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Dr. Chole is a woman who has clearly been with Jesus and the reservoir she draws upon is vast and rich. Within moments she called us to a more holy place, beneath the surface, where we can be with God and with each other. [Ashley Abercrombie](#) Liberty Church NYC, Downtown Pastor and Liberty City Director

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*

To learn more about Alicia, invite her to speak, or schedule an interview, visit www.aliciabrittchole.com or call 417.425.7775.

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Alicia does something quite remarkable. Her gentle and poetic prose invites us to forgo life's clutter and heavy burdens, leading us to joy and freedom of a deeper life with God. -Dr. Nathan Foster, author of *The Making of an Ordinary Saint*