



### **My Makeover Story** By Dr. Michelle Woody

I was with my best friend and late husband when he relocated to his new address with the Lord in October, 2004. It was such a peaceful time, just the two of us. My first thought was, *Honey I can't believe you died.* The second thought was, Lord I can't WAIT to see what's next now that you brought your beloved saint home.

This was the backdrop of my journey to go 'Farther In, and Deeper Down' into my 'Makeovers with Leftovers' season. I didn't have a choice. I had not worked outside the home in over 14 years. Our children were 21, 16 & 8 when my husband died. At the time I was a BSF Teaching Leader. Three years later the song 'Never Would Have Made It' motivated me to start pulling my shattered self together. Since my kids were so young, I had to grieve while in motion. I remember challenging the kids by saying: "Daddy changed over the years by making Jesus the CENTER of his life!" Now, it was time for us to do the same.

It took 3 years before I could hear the Lord's answer to the question: What's next Lord? It has NOT been easy, but through the tears, lonely nights, downsizing, receiving a second Master's in Counseling, and a Doctorate degree in Educational Psychology that led to becoming a professor at Dallas Theological Seminary and a licensed therapist, ordination, 5 moves and a made up mind to let my past memories propel me forward to be "All That God Has Called Me To Be," by the grace of God we are STILL STANDING!!! The biggest part of my *Makeover* was to realize that no matter what stage of life I'm in, **God is more than enough!** It took years to realize this truth, but now I am set free – To God Be The Glory!!!!