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LOVE KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES

How can one be happily married with children, a lovely home and still be "lonely?" Jodi Kozaan knows.

After a whirlwind romance, dating cross-border between her home town in northern Minnesota to Tim's stomping grounds in Saskatoon, followed by a fairytale wedding, a phrase sang through Jodi's mind...Love knows no boundaries.

But after a few years into her marriage, it hit her. She had left her family and country. In her youth she was known for her fun loving popular self, a hockey cheerleader, an 80's rocker chick and hometown pageant queen, but who was she now? Jodi began to question the meaning of life, her purpose and identity.

After the birth of their daughter Jaelyn, a deep healing process began as those memories resurfaced. Jodi had a secret no one could know...abortion. Keep it inside, don't tell anyone, nobody needs to know. At age 16, Jodi had agonized over her unexpected pregnancy. Fearful about what would happen, Jodi listened to assurances from a community nurse, 'It's not a child until the first breath...' Hollow, deceitful

words, yet somehow Jodi let seeds of faith from her childhood sweep away. In a single searing moment she made a decision which left her feeling devastated with grief and unrelenting guilt. Then more memories...of her parents faithfully exposing her to God's Word, of Bible camp, of the crosses she'd collected in her 'tween' years - a symbol of hope. If only she believed in the promises, but doubt and fear coupled with worldly pursuits overtook her.

Now a mother in a happy marriage and home, Jodi felt alone. Being a mother was a joy but had opened a floodtide of grief. Attending a weekly mom's group at a church with women sharing their faith and insights about motherhood, Jodi felt unworthy. When a friend asked if she had ever known Jesus as her personal Saviour, Jodi was taken aback, but realized she had known about Him, yet had never truly known Him!

A sleepless night. Downstairs in the kitchen at 4 am, Jodi prayed aloud boldly telling God she was worn out by emotional pain and scars. Asking Jesus to heal, forgive, and change her into the woman He created her to be, she also asked for His deliverance from a sense of

darkness and evil which had hounded her for years, a remnant of her teenaged exploration with the occult. As she returned upstairs while cradling her baby girl Jessica, a miraculous heavenly experience filled the nursery with radiant light and beautiful angelic singing pouring down from above! Jodi felt God speak to her deep within, with assurances of His grace, promises and love which knew no bounds.

God's love set her free. She was forgiven. The guilt was gone. She was no longer searching for acceptance or significance by the world's standards.

While Jodi and Tim happily raised their four daughters, she began sharing her faith story and then in 1999, founded the Women's Journey of Faith ministry (a non-profit, non-denominational organization) which has ministered to thousands of women since. She is passionate about their vision of "The Restoration of Women" and now more fully realizes that restoration begins in the heart, extends to the family and seeks to engage the world!