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There are two floods sweeping over America. One is dark and is sweeping away the Christian foundation upon which America was founded. The other is born of the Spirit, holy, and filled with hope and power.

As the identity and godly values that once were the foundation of our great nation are being drowned in the undertow of secular sin, confusion, spiritual darkness and fear, we look to the heavens and ask, "What are we to do now, God?"

At the same time, another force is forming over the surface of the deep. It is dwarfing the tidal wave of darkness. It is...

LIKE A FLOOD.

But this flood is released from the very gates of heaven. Like a flood, the Lord shall raise up a standard. This is a flood of hope, boldness, truth, and spiritual power rushing forth over the earth pushing back the dark wave of sin, despair and hopelessness.

In this book, *Like a Flood*, Lisa Cherry examines the Scriptures and shows us that this is the day we have been preparing for. It is not time for us to run and hide. We have been created for such a time as this. In these pages are the practical keys that we must know now to live fearless, bold and loving lives, in honor of our King. You and I are the standard the Lord will use for the sake of His heavenly kingdom.

Some in this day will hear His voice and be ready for whatever the next season brings. Others will be swept away unnecessarily in the waves of doubt, confusion, compromise and discouragement.

Which tidal wave will you and your family catch?

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I found out the hard way that persecution for your faith in America is very real. *Like a Flood* is a powerful tool to prepare your family to stand firm for Jesus in the midst of increased pressure. I highly recommend you read it and then give a copy to your friends and family.

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Endorsements from Pastors and Christian leaders:

This book, *Like a Flood*, is a must read for everyone. I wish every American everywhere had it in their hand right now. America is in deep trouble spiritually, financially, socially and globally. Lisa does such a great job at addressing some of the most crucial issues with not only clear explanation but with solutions that are tangible and can be executed immediately. This book will equip you and encourage you to once again be found in the spirit of America and the beautiful Christian roots of our dear country. Many people are confused and even more are fearful. The pages of this book will bring you strength and courage. It will inspire you and reconnect you to the great truths of the King of Kings. Our future can be bright. Lisa will help you see this and prepare for it.

—DR. MARK T. BARCLAY, REV., PhD
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Great reading! Lisa speaks from a background of once being liberal. Knowing Lisa's personal story, she has an urgency to awaken people to see that the liberal agenda seeks to unravel the fabric of strength that holds our nation together and makes us a great nation. Lisa's book is an "on time" word and "wake up call" to Christians as she gives the former hidden agenda into how our nation became what it is today. A nation whose government was originally established with purpose using principles from the Bible and today has purposefully thrown away those principles. Lisa doesn't stop there just describing the problem, she gives us answers how to rise up and take back ground that was stolen from us. She challenges us, as the majority in our nation, to rise up and take action together instead of letting a small group continue to try to intimidate us. I believe, as Lisa does, that God isn't finished with our country. This book will motivate you to get up and do something, to become engaged with others in turning our nation back to God.

—PASTOR SHARON DAUGHERTY
VICTORY CHRISTIAN CENTER
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Lisa Cherry does it again! *Like a Flood* is a clarion call to the body of Christ to take it's rightful place, to live boldly, to love without restraint and to raise up a standard of Godliness. I pray that as you devour this book you are inspired to be apart of a tidal-wave of goodness that leads lost and hurting people back to Him. This book is a necessary reminder that the Church is without a doubt truly the hope of the world!

—KEMTAL GLASGOW
PASTOR | FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES
GATEWAY CHURCH, SOUTHLAKE, TEXAS

Like a Flood offers prophetic insight into today's cultural challenges coupled with practical application to equip believers how to stand in a culture that vilifies them. Cherry's message is exactly what the body of Christ needs right now to be informed, emboldened, and prepared to rise up like a flood against the enemy!

—LINDA SEILER
DIRECTOR, CHI ALPHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Lisa is a wealth of knowledge and continues to amaze me with her wisdom and knowledge from a Christian perspective. *Like a Flood* contains a message that each living breathing individual needs to read. These pages contain a profound reminder of whose we are and what we are called to live out on this earth here, now, today. This is a must read that raises a much needed awareness for the body of Christ. It is a call to stand on the front lines with fervency, conviction, and passion and to reclaim America with boldness and strength. *Like a Flood* imparts key information that is life changing and ushers in a keen awareness of what needs to happen in order to turn this sinking ship around.

—LAUREN KITCHENS-STEWARD
AMERICAN FAMILY RADIO HOST,
COLLEGE PROFESSOR, AND INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER

This is a passionate, inspiring challenge, combined with practical application, to help us impact individuals and a nation to return to spiritual sanity and godliness. It is a well-documented assessment of our current condition, yet contains a hope-filled strategy for believers to rise up and shine into darkness! Our church greatly benefitted from the *Like a Flood* event. I highly recommend it to other pastors and leaders.

—RONNIE HOLMES
PASTOR, CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR
WACO, TEXAS

As a local pastor my heart is to prepare my congregation and my family to stand firm in the middle of great cultural turmoil and darkness. *Like a Flood* is a now word for us. It is a practical tools inspire as well as challenge believers to live joy-filled and fruitful lives. Please make this book a priority read for you, your family, and your church.

—PASTOR VICTOR TORRES
NEW WINE FELLOWSHIP
WATERFORD, MI

Lisa writes with clarity and focus, addressing issues in our day that many are tempted to ignore. She is gifted at articulating what we need to hear to help us shine as lights for Christ in these challenging times!

—PASTOR BRUCE PAYNE
CALVARY CAMPUS CHURCH
CARBONDALE, IL

Lisa Cherry's book is a clarion call to open our spiritual eyes and take action in view of the changing reality in our culture. We are in the midst of a life and death struggle for this generation and how we respond will define what we become. I pray as your read *Like a Flood*, you will be challenged, as I was, to ride the wave of God's flood of hope and revival.

—PASTOR EPHRAIM GARCIA
HOUSE OF RESTORATION MINISTRIES
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We have been part of a group of parents meeting at our church for over three years. Frontline Family Ministries has been tremendous for all of us in strengthening the focus on Christ in our homes. At a time when our culture continues to become more nonsensical, *Like a Flood* is an outstanding resource for us as we stand strong for Jesus.

—DARIN AND REBEKAH ZEHR
PARENTS & CHURCH LEADERS
LOWVILLE, NY

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FOREWORD

As Christians we are called to reach out with compassion to all people with the love of Christ while resisting with courage the agenda set against our freedoms and faith. In the book *Like a Flood*, Lisa Cherry refers to this agenda as a flood. A flood that is sweeping away the Christian foundation of America and seeking to redefine what it means to be followers of Christ. She encourages us to stand firm in our faith against the flood and undertow of secular sin, confusion, and spiritual darkness that is coming like a tidal wave against everything it means to be Christian.

While we enjoy the tremendous blessings of being grafted in to the Vine, there are times when Christians are called to fight for the faith—moments when God tells us to stand up and step into the battle between good/evil, truth/lies, and light/darkness.

As brothers, professional athletes, entrepreneurs, and most of all, Christians, we know firsthand how intimidating the flood of culture can be. We had our national TV show cancelled due to us choosing our faith over our TV fortune (laugh). Like Lisa, we felt supernatural courage to run *to* the battle and not *from* it.

Life isn't easy—it's a fight. As Jude says in the Bible, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints (see Jude 1:3). If you're a contender, that means you're a fighter. Unfortunately, when it comes to the faith, many Christians don't know they're contenders and aren't ready to fight. They have bought in to the lie that good Christians "get along" and accept whatever the world hands them, including defining what it means to be a good Christian. Lisa, in this book, exposes the secular agenda and provides us a clarion call to stand up as followers of Jesus and not be conformed to this world as Paul writes about in Romans.

If we are contenders of the faith, we cannot be conformers of this world. *Like a Flood* shows us that we are the standard that God is raising up in this time.

We are the holy flood that will stand up for what is right, true, and virtuous for the purpose of His Glory in all the earth. God always has a plan, and that plan is us. What an awesome privilege and incredible responsibility!

We encourage you to read *Like a Flood* if you are serious about being ready to stand firm for Jesus when the pressure to compromise hits your life! This is a dynamic tool to help you, your family, and your church withstand the dark flood with confidence by being a part of the courageous flood of hope and spiritual light.

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INTRODUCTION

God is looking for the courageous in this hour: leaders in homes and churches, marketplaces and schools; ordinary people who are eager to stand for righteousness when others are running or hiding from truth. Perhaps that is why this book fell into your hands today.

Today there are two floods sweeping over America: The first is a dark wave sweeping the land and rewriting the landscape of our collective lives. It is loud and persuasive as it peddles lawlessness and uncleanness that mocks at our God as it uproots long held boundaries and rewrites standards of norms. But it is also a whole lot more.

The second flood is of a totally different nature. Born of the Spirit, its holy hope-infused power is not as well recognized or talked about yet. It is what Isaiah 58 calls the standard. And where it rolls, the first flood is interrupted and made to bow. Its supremely powerful force is so unbelievably beautiful that those who get swept away by its power will not be paralyzed by the dark flood that tries to discourage and distract! Let's be real. We are living in unbelievably crazy times. So crazy we need a scorecard to keep up with the outlandish

changes. And I, for one, am alarmed. Are we, His children, really ready for this assignment to live in a post-Christian America?

That is why I decided to write this book. My family and I needed some clear, down-to-earth help, and I figured you and your family and friends did too. Surely you know what I am talking about.

Daily the dark flood overwhelms our senses, mocking us as if it cannot be stopped. Our internet feed screams odd incongruences:

Do not check that box male or female on Facebook just yet. There are now fifty-eight gender options listed for you to choose.¹

I am all for women's rights. I am also for the free practice of Islamic law too.²

Selling baby body parts that have been dismembered in an abortion is not barbaric. It is actually humane, you know?³

No problem. Whichever gender you feel you are today, let us know, and you can go to that assigned gender's bathroom.⁴

It's just natural. I am a Christian, and I am gay. The Bible doesn't ever say that is a problem.⁵

People who oppose homosexuality are bigoted haters! Throw them into jail for discrimination... or better yet, just bomb their houses.⁶

Capitalism is enslaving the world. We need to get those big businesses to pay more taxes.⁷

And we wonder to ourselves: Am I somehow in the middle of a new sci-fi movie where the whole world has taken a crazy pill? Does anyone else notice those ideas mentioned above are conflicting and make no sense? But then we look around, and we whisper, what is God's plan in the middle of this dark flood mess?

And He answers by pouring out His own flood.

Some would propose that all hope for America is gone. We are post-Christian with only judgment ahead. While still others would say talking about America

misses the whole point anyway. The real issue they say is the end of the age with the second coming of Jesus imminently at hand.

So which view is correct?

Well, I, like most of you, have spent quite some effort trying to figure it all out! And my conclusion is . . . I do not know for sure. And I am not sure if anyone else really knows for sure either.

So I figure we can all become paralyzed analyzing that question. Or we can rephrase the question to one that seems more fruitful to the issues at hand:

Lord, the dark flood is obvious.

But we need Your wisdom in this hour . . .

What should Your children do now?

Isn't that the bottom line question in our hearts?

I am grateful for all the highly trained apologists and theologians who can wax eloquent, explaining all of the complex problems of our day. We need them like never before. But, quite frankly, many of us have not prepared ourselves as we know we should. In this book we will explore simple yet profound principles of truth that will equip us, our family, our friends, our small groups, and our churches in this critical hour.

Like a Flood is divided into three strategic parts. In Part One, "The Dark Mess," we will explore the terrible flood that has forced us to recalibrate life in a post-Christian America. As we peel back the curtain of lies, we will expose the deceptions that are pulling us down.

Part Two is titled "The Beautiful Flood of Hope." You are going to love this section. It is here we discover the unbelievably awesome power flowing from God's throne to those who are ready to honestly face the dark flood in Part One. Please do not read one part without the other unless you want to miss the fullness of the message!

Part Three is where the message of *Like a Flood* gets very practical. It is titled "The Preparation Plan." In this section I have identified twenty-four answers to our question: What should we do now? This list of preparations, when applied diligently, will mature us and cause us to discover the joy that our Father yearns for us to have even now in the midst of the flood.

I believe He has something special in store for us as we share time together in these pages. This is the hour of His mercy toward all who have hearts to receive. So while we still have time, while there is still light enough to see, let's listen together to what He is saying to His children in *Like a Flood*.

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