

Foreword

Nona Jones is a gift to the kingdom of God, to you, and to me. Her life story is one that reminds us all that no matter how we start out in life, we can finish good. While we may not be able to rewrite our history, we can certainly change the narrative going forward. Nothing can hold us back from fulfilling the plans and purposes God has for our lives when we yield to him. Our lives redeemed by God can be an inspiration to others so that they can finish good too.

As a mother in the faith, I get so excited when I see young women like Nona—women who have overcome, who have true character and integrity, who are passionate to help others find the freedom that is found only in Christ. I am moved by her heart and inspired by her overcoming spirit.

I am so grateful for how she discovered—much like I did in my own life—that just because we might come from a background that is painful or difficult or where the odds are stacked against us, none of us have to accept a life of defeat.

In Romans 8:28 (CSB), the apostle Paul wrote, “We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.”

From the time Nona discovered God—from the time God drew her to himself—she loved him and began to live for him. Because of that, she learned the powerful truth that God is good, God does good, and God works all things together for her good—throughout every season of her life. It is from that core foundation that she discovered God’s way of success and penned her journey.

Throughout the pages of *Success from the Inside Out*, Nona’s faith will inspire you, and the biblical principles she has woven throughout her story will show you how you can be successful in every area of your life—in your educational pursuits, in your career, in your marriage, in your parenting, and in the destiny God has called you to pursue.

I appreciate how Nona makes the careful distinction that we’re not to want just any kind of success, but we’re to pursue what God calls *good* success. Through the words of Joshua 1:8 (ESV), God instructs us: “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

Nona is a powerful example of what it means to have *good* success, the kind of success we choose by believing God’s Word over our past and by allowing it to transform us from the inside out. I believe in Nona because she lives what she has written, and she articulates it so well in the pages of this book. Dive into every chapter with your whole heart, and allow God to give you his *Success from the Inside Out*!

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