

Melody Richards was born and raised in Minnesota where she was frequently found in some activity involving friends and fun (and her fun-loving spirit continues today). As a pastor's daughter, she developed an early love for Jesus and God's Word. Those values remained a priority as she raised three children - Danielle, Ashley, and Nathan.

Melody earned an M.A. in Industrial Relations and spent twenty years in organization development. After the loss of her dad, she caught a vision for counseling. She returned to school and graduated with an M.A. in Counseling and currently practices as a licensed counselor.

Melody published her first book in 2014 - *Collision with Joy: Glimpses of Heaven in the Midst of Loss*. The book was birthed out of Melody's pain and the journey of healing after losing her daughter, Danielle, in a car accident. *Collision with Joy* provides a hope-filled, biblical, perspective on eternity that will transform your outlook on suffering.

Melody is passionate about sharing her heart with others and pointing people to true hope. She communicates with empowering energy, credibility and warmth.