



I Am Yours

*The earth is the LORD'S, and everything
in it, the world, and all who live in it.*

PSALM 24:1

Have you ever felt like something was a perfect fit for you? A moment when you realized you were in just the right place and part of something special? I'm not talking about really deep things, but simple things. Like when you played your first sport—soccer or softball—and you helped your team win. Or the time you acted in your first play or performed your first dance. You had that special sense of belonging. You fit in, and you had your own important part to play.

Nothing is wrong with wanting to be a part of something. All of us girls want to belong. Feeling this way is very human, and it's something we all desperately seek. The good news is, we will always fit in as far as God is concerned. If you believe in Jesus and have accepted His love and forgiveness, then you belong to Him and are an important member of His family!

As you read this book, I want you to pray the prayers and learn more about the truth you will find tucked in these

pages. And I want you to test what you read—especially the Bible verses. See if what they say makes sense with the world you live in.

Start with the fact that you belong to God. Repeat these words out loud:

“I am Yours.”

Do it again, but this time say them like you are talking to God.

“I am Yours.”

Do it one more time, but this time, believe what you are saying. Speak it to God and be determined in your mind that you will believe these words for the rest of your life!

“I am Yours.”

I ask you to do this because believing this statement will have a really big impact on how you live your life and how you think about belonging. You will belong to a lot of groups in your life, and that’s great. But realizing that you belong to God *first* will help you keep your sense of belonging in everything else in the proper perspective. That just means that putting God first will help you understand how, when, and why you do everything else!

I’m going to ask you to pray a lot in this book because when you realize you belong to God, talking to Him becomes really important. God is real. He has thoughts and feelings, and He makes decisions and does things. He wants to get to know you really personally, so we are going

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to practice getting to know Him really personally! And prayer is a big part of this. Every devotional in this book ends with a prayer. You can pray these prayers exactly as they are written, or you can add some of your own words. You can even do some of each. Don't worry about how you pray—just talk to God, and He will always hear you. Remember—you are His, and you belong!

Dear God,

*Thank You for thinking enough of me to create me!
Thank You for allowing me to belong and to be a part of
Your story. Please help me to really understand what
that means. Honestly, I don't always feel like I belong.
When I feel alone, please help me to believe I belong to
You, and help me to base my feelings on what's true.
May I know deep down inside that I am Yours, and may
I live a life of love that only belonging to You can bring.*

In Jesus's name—amen.