

Iron Rose Sister Ministries Newsletter

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Good News to Share!

- “Singles Book” is nearly here!
- Iron Rose Sister Ministries in Brazil, 2022

IRSM Vision:

Equipping women to connect to God and one another more deeply in English, Spanish, and bilingual contexts across the Americas

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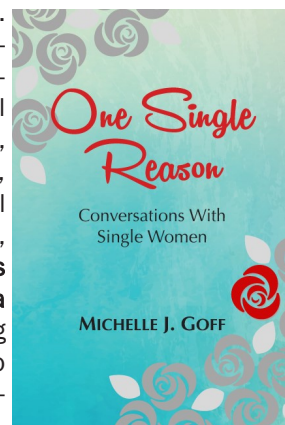
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One Single Reason book coming in September!

A book written to single and single-again women, *One Single Reason* is written for everyone who wants to engage in more meaningful conversations and relationships. With God at the head of the table, we will seek wisdom and examples from His Word to guide us as we each pull up a chair and join the conversation. We will dialogue about how we can live out love, for God and for others, since love truly is our one single reason.

What will be your one single reason for picking up this book? Author, Michelle J. Goff invites you to dialogue with one of the underrepresented groups in our churches: single women (never married) and single-again (divorced, separated,

or widowed). Through surveys, interviews, personal experiences, consultations, and biblical research, **Michelle gives single women a voice**, inviting everyone into this conversation.

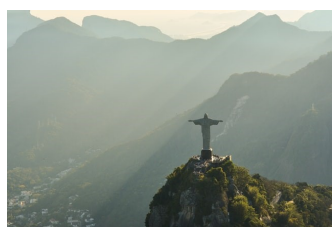


The book will be available in paperback and Kindle formats in September. The audio book, read by the author herself, will be available by the end of the year. Visit <https://IronRoseSister.com/single/> for info and updates. Please pray for the ways God will use this book to equip many (Eph. 1:15-17).

Michelle J. Goff discusses the three primary voices: God's, hers, and other women's.



Prayerful Plans for Portuguese Launch in Brazil, 2022



We are prayerfully preparing for a campaign to Brazil (pop. 211 million) to

- Share our Portuguese studies with women in various cities
- Host Ladies Days across the country
- Visit the Brazilian printer and distributor
- Equip Brazilian church leaders and missionaries

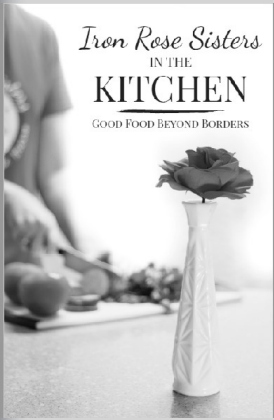
with these resources to equip more women in their relationships with God and with one another.

We plan to send our Executive Director, **Michelle J. Goff**, and our Portuguese Team Leader, **Sabrina Nino**

de Campos for two weeks. Sabrina is a Brazilian living in Texas, who has been an integral part of the translation process.

Please pray for God's guidance and provision for this campaign.

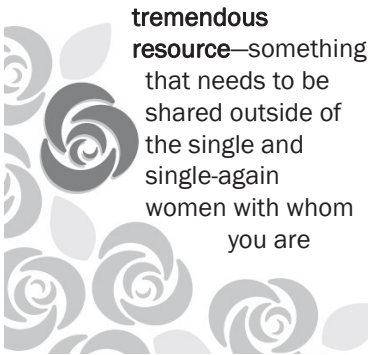




Looking for a gift idea? Find the Cookbook at IronRoseSister.com under "Resources, Online Store" (All proceeds go toward the work of Iron Rose Sister Ministries)

Congregational Strategies; Resource for Church Leaders

"As a male, married, preacher, bringing this awareness, especially in the church, is so vital. I've learned some of this in the past from [Michelle] and others, but this section (**Congregational Strategies**) really was so much more. It is a



tremendous resource—something that needs to be shared outside of the single and single-again women with whom you are

conversing." ~Robin Gough, Fairfax Church of Christ

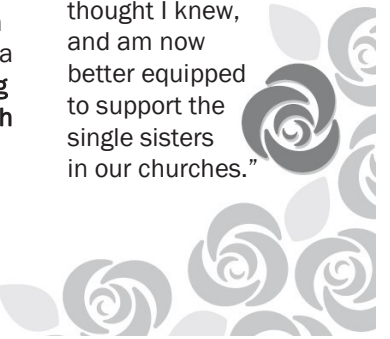
The section to which Robin referred is the sixth of the seven sections in the Bible study book, *One Single Reason: Conversations with Single Women*.

However, this stand-alone section, along with its own introduction, will serve as a **resource designed to bring formal and informal church leaders into the conversation.**

One Single Reason: Congregational Strategies from Conversations with

Single Women will also be available in September.

Former Board Member, Carla Sumner, served as another beta reader for the book. She shared, "I have learned so much through this book. I've gained perspectives on things I thought I knew, and am now better equipped to support the single sisters in our churches."



BOGO (Buy One, Gift One) and Bulk Purchase of IRSM Books

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Online shopping?

Don't forget to go to smile.amazon.com and select **Iron Rose Sister Ministries** as your charity of choice.

Buy One, Gift One
Purchase with a Purpose

Bless one Sister in Latin America
The second book is 50% off and covers the cost to send books to Latin America

Available at www.IronRoseSister.com
*This applies for any book title

Getting ready for your Fall Bible studies? Take advantage of these specials and bless one sister, or more!

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Buy 7 books and get the 8th free!

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Iron Rose Sister Ministries Coming to Dallas/Ft. Worth this Fall!

IRSM Board Members:
Katie Forbess, Pres.
Julio Cedeño, Elder
Bill Richardson, Elder
Cynthia Cedeño, Treas.
Kat Bittner
Rossana Hernandez
Mark Vaughn
James Huff, advisory

We are excited to announce that Woodland West Church of Christ in Arlington will be hosting a **Bilingual** Iron Rose Sister Ministries Ladies Day on Saturday, October 16th



from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. If you live in that area, mark your calendar! If you aren't already subscribed to our **eNews**, visit our website at ironrosesister.com/blog and sign up on the sidebar to receive updates about this event.

We would love to expand to other locations in the area. **If you attend a church in or around the DFW area and**

would like to host an event Friday night, October 15th, or Sunday, the 17th, contact Wendy Neill at wendy@ironrosesister.com.



Monthly Bilingual Virtual Events; Various Speakers/Formats

Our **Monthly Bilingual Ladies' Class** is a virtual time in the Word and worship on the **2nd Saturday morning of every month** (9:30am CDT). Each month IRSM models various ways that bilingual events can be held.

A special webinar format for the July bilingual event was taught by Alicia Williamson in English and simultaneously interpreted by Michelle J. Goff into Spanish. The topic of **Communication Redefined** was a blessing to the over 40 women who attended from over 6 countries!

calendar to join us for this special event!

Past classes can be found on our website and YouTube channel.

How Do We Get There? ¿Cómo llegamos?

- Engage in Prayer
- Be Intentional
- Be Vulnerable
- Oren
- Sean *intencionales*
- Sean *vulnerables*

On **September 11**, Sarah Nieto will bilingually facilitate on the topic of **Culture Redefined** (Rev. 7:9). We will hear from multiple women in different languages and cultures. Mark your

Culture Redefined
Saturday, September 11, 2021
 Pre-register on our website: IronRoseSister.com

We will hear from multiple women in different languages and cultures

7:30 am Pacific US, Mexicali
 8:30 am Mountain US, Centroamérica
 9:30 am Central US, Cd. de México, Colombia, Panamá, Perú
 10:30am Eastern US, Venezuela, Bolivia, Chile
 11:30am Argentina

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 Ladies' Monthly Virtual Class
 Bilingual Time in the Word and Worship

2021 Calendar and Plans

Monthly Bilingual Virtual Events: Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11 via Zoom

Other Virtual Events
 Oct. 31—Salitre, Bogotá, Colombia

In Person Events
 Sept. 26-29—Harding Lectureship; Michelle will

teach on “One Single Reason: Serving God as a Single”

Oct. 16—Dallas/Ft. Worth area bilingual event, hosted by Woodland West Church of Christ

Nov. 5-7—Bilingual Destination Retreat (Details below)

We continue to be prayerful about other virtual or in-person events. Please contact us if you are interested in partnering with us to equip the women in your area or in a mission point in Latin America that you support.
info@ironrosesister.com

“This is going to be revolutionary for our churches.”
 ~Dr. Anessa Westbrook re.
One Single Reason

2021 Destination Retreat



Conway, Arkansas, as we gather to study Identity Redefined (Jer. 18:4).

This is a bilingual event – invite your Spanish-speaking friends too!

- Total cost: \$140 (2 nights, 5 meals, and more)
- Reserve your spot with a \$20 deposit
- Camp cabins available for 50 women
- Nearby hotels in Conway, AR

Register for your spot now at IronRoseSister.com. **Be a Part, Destination Retreat**

Volunteers are needed to make this event possible. Let us know if you are willing to serve!

Unable to join us for the retreat? Virtual streaming of the main sessions will be available at a later date.

Final preparations are being made for the bi-annual Destination Retreat! We invite you to join us Nov. 5-7, in



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Join Us in Prayer

Iron Rose Sister Ministries believes in the power of prayer. Please join us in praying for the following:

- COVID in the United States and around the world
- Michelle J. Goff's health
- IRSM Team and Board of Directors
- Translation and launch of Portuguese Bible studies
- Launch of *One Single Reason: Conversations with Single Women*
- Destination Retreat (in-person in November; virtual TBD)
- Online resources



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A Note from Michelle: A Lifetime to Write and a Team to Publish

God is the Author of each person's story. If we allow Him to write His words on the pages of our hearts, **He can use every experience and circumstance to His glory, in His service, and as a blessing for others.** That sentiment is my prayer for *One Single Reason: Conversations with Single Women*.

This book that has taken a lifetime for God to write on my heart is a reflection of His Word and His work in my life and in the lives of the women whose voices echo on the pages of *One Single Reason*.

TREMENDOUS, HEARTFELT THANKS to the countless contributors to this project. Their names would not fit in this space, but their voices have been heard and their talents have been used in service to others. Editors, beta readers, pilot group members, reviewers, those surveyed and interviewed, prayer warriors, sounding boards, and more. Thank you!

I offer to you and to others a special invitation, expressed through the **Preface of *One Single Reason: Conversations***

with Single Women

This book cannot begin to capture the breadth and depth of the topic of singleness, nor was that my original intent. Whether discussed in our church buildings, across our kitchen tables, or in coffee shops, the primary goal has been to facilitate a broader and deeper conversation on this topic.

And the one single reason for doing so? Love.

Out of deep love for my single sisters and their constant requests that I author a book like this...

Out of the same deep love for my married friends who long to know how to better support their single sisters...

Out of pained love for the countless young women who are hurting from the world's bombardment of lies and damaging messages...

Out of profound love for other faithful, Christian single women who are weary...

Out of redeeming love for single women who are unsure about their way back to church, or even to God...

And out of the unparalleled love demonstrated by our loving heavenly Father through sending His Son and honoring us with the indwelling of His Spirit...

I humbly offer you a glimpse into these imperfect and perpetually incomplete conversations with single women. Thanks for joining in the journey (1 Cor. 7:7-8).

Michelle J. Goff

