



“God’s Glory”

By Shelley Hitz

Welcome to the Find Your True Beauty Podcast! Girls, it’s time to take a stand for true beauty. In a world that idolizes outer beauty, let’s come together and learn to display our true beauty in Christ. Remember to check out all our free resources at our website, FindYourTrueBeauty.com, to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus. We are here to encourage and support you so check them out. It’s FindYourTrueBeauty.com.

I want to talk to you about your appearance. Have you ever found yourself comparing your appearance to others or have you ever felt less than as you look at what other people are wearing. Well, I have to admit there are days I still struggle with this. Although God has freed me from so much and helped me to find my true beauty in Christ, there are still moments that I struggle. One of those moments happened recently when I had the opportunity to speak at a teen girl conference in the Bahamas, (yes, that’s right, I was “suffering” for Jesus in the Bahamas). It was an amazing time. I went with a ministry called, Get Real in Christ, and was working and serving along side teen girls and women. They were beautiful women from the inside and outside. These teen girls had a heart for Jesus that was just amazing.

One of our last days there was a Sunday and we were getting ready for church. I had just thrown a bunch of clothes into a suitcase and most of them I had planned on leaving for the people there. I usually do that when I go on mission trips. So, I didn’t really have a good outfit combination for church that Sunday. As I was looking at my options I thought, oh, man, I am going to look really plain. You know, everyone else was wearing dresses and skirts and cute combinations of clothes and I just kind of sat in front of the mirror and thought, oh, I just look plain. I was thinking should I ask if I can borrow somebody’s jewelry or someone’s accessories?

Then, all of a sudden, not in an audible voice but in my heart, I felt like the Lord said, “Shelley, you have My glory as your accessory.” I was like, oh, really, oh my goodness I didn’t even think about that - having God’s glory as my accessory, having Him in my life radiating out through me, having Christ in me as my true beauty. That is my best accessory. Wow! That was a different way to look at it. All of a sudden I was okay. You know, I still had those moments, but I was reminding myself that my accessory is God’s glory - that sparkle that shines out through my eyes, the smile that sends the message of God’s love to those I meet.

I like this verse in II Corinthians 3, verse 18. It says, "And we, who with unveiled faces, all reflect the Lord's glory are being transformed into His likeness with ever increasing glory which comes from the Lord who is the spirit." Because we do; we reflect the Lord's glory. When we have a relationship with Jesus and He lives in us, we reflect Him.

So, I want to ask you today. Have you remembered to put on your most important accessory this morning: a relationship with Jesus that will reflect His glory to others.



Shelley Hitz is an ordinary person, just like you, with struggles and trials. And yet, God is doing extra-ordinary things through this "jar of clay." 2 Cor 4:7 says, *"We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all surpassing power is from God and not from us."*

Her heart is to help teen girls and women through her website, www.FindYourTrueBeauty.com, that reaches thousands of people each month around the world with God's truth. She is also the author of the book, "Mirror Mirror...Am I Beautiful" and has co-authored a book with her husband CJ, "The Mathematics of Jesus, Making Sense of Life When Life Doesn't Seem to Add Up." Shelley's openness and vulnerability as she shares her own story of hope and healing will inspire and encourage you.

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