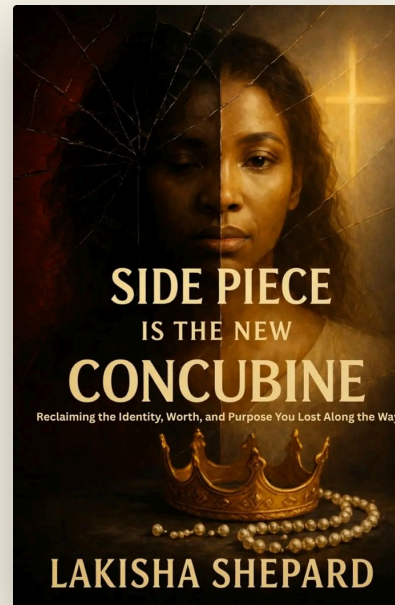


# Lakisha Shepard

Author of *Side Piece Is the New Concubine*

Reclaiming the Identity, Worth and Purpose You Lost Along the Way

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## QUICK FACTS

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| <b>Author</b>           | Lakisha Shepard                                                                                           |
| <b>Book Title</b>       | Side Piece Is the New Concubine: Reclaiming the Identity, Worth and Purpose You Lost Along the Way        |
| <b>Primary Website</b>  | UnlockedByHisGrace.com                                                                                    |
| <b>Primary Purchase</b> | Order directly from Lakisha at UnlockedByHisGrace.com                                                     |
| <b>Also Available</b>   | Amazon and Barnes & Noble online                                                                          |
| <b>Best Fit</b>         | Book clubs, women's groups, church groups, podcasts, interviews, conferences, and community conversations |
| <b>Release Date</b>     | June 5, 2026                                                                                              |
| <b>Location</b>         | Rochester, New York                                                                                       |

## ABOUT LAKISHA SHEPARD

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Lakisha Shepard is a woman of faith, strength, and purpose whose life journey reflects grace, transformation, and divine timing. A devoted servant of God first and foremost, she walks boldly in the call placed upon her life to inspire, uplift, and help others discover healing through truth and faith.

A retired Deputy Sheriff Jailer and now Community Engagement Manager and Supervisor at Enterprise Security Consulting and Training, Inc., Lakisha continues to serve her community with compassion and conviction. She is a devoted wife to Bishop Owens Shepard and a loving mother devoted to her children, finding joy and balance in both ministry and family.

Lakisha faithfully served in public safety for over two decades as a Deputy Sheriff Jailer with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, retiring in January 2025. She serves as Elect Lady and Elder of God Healing Temple in Rochester, New York, alongside her husband, Bishop Owens Shepard, Presiding Bishop of Kingdom Dominion Covenant Ministries Fellowship (KDCMF). Within KDCMF, Lakisha serves as Chairperson of the Women's Ministry, "Her Voice, His Glory."

Lakisha is the author of Side Piece Is the New Concubine, her debut work that marks the beginning of many visions being brought to life. This is her first book, but certainly not her last.

## What happens when a generation renames sin and calls it normal?

In *Side Piece Is the New Concubine*, author Lakisha Shepard confronts the painful reality many women quietly live: loving in the shadows, settling for partial commitment, and confusing attention with affection. Through raw testimony and biblical truth, Lakisha exposes the ancient spirit of concubinage now dressed in modern culture as situationships, open relationships, and side-piece status.

This book is not written to shame, but to awaken. With courageous honesty, Lakisha Shepard recounts her own journey from being emotionally entangled with a married man to discovering the grace that restored her identity. She reveals how casual intimacy fractures the soul, how compromise silences purpose, and how God can gather every broken piece and make a woman whole again.

Blending Scripture, personal reflection, and heartfelt prayers, this message calls readers out of secrecy into sacredness, out of fragments into favor, and out of counterfeit love into covenant living.

### Core Themes

- ◆ Identity and worth
- ◆ Faith and restoration
- ◆ Relationships and covenant
- ◆ Healing from hidden pain
- ◆ Accountability and spiritual maturity
- ◆ Self-respect and renewed confidence
- ◆ The difference between counterfeit love and covenant love

### Who Should Read It

- ◆ Women seeking faith-based encouragement and healing
- ◆ Book clubs looking for meaningful discussion
- ◆ Women's ministry groups and church groups
- ◆ Readers navigating unhealthy or emotionally binding relationships
- ◆ Counselors, ministry leaders, and mentors supporting women through restoration

### Book Availability

The preferred way to order is directly from Lakisha at [UnlockedByHisGrace.com](https://UnlockedByHisGrace.com). Direct website orders support the author directly and help Lakisha maintain a relationship with readers, book clubs, churches, and women's groups. The book is also available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble online.

## INTERVIEW TOPICS & TALKING POINTS

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Lakisha is available for podcasts, radio, video interviews, print and online interviews, book clubs, women's events, church gatherings, community forums, speaking engagements, and author conversations.

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### 1 Modern Concubinage and Relationship Culture

How today's side-piece culture, situationships, open relationships, and counterfeit relationship patterns reflect the ancient concept of concubinage, and what Scripture teaches about covenant love.

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### 2 Identity, Worth, and God's Design for Women

How unhealthy relationships can cause women to feel unseen and undervalued, and how biblical truth restores identity, dignity, and worth.

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### 3 From Personal Pain to Public Purpose

Lakisha's transparent testimony of her journey from emotional entanglement with a married man to experiencing God's forgiveness and restorative grace.

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### 4 Shame, Healing, and Spiritual Renewal

Moving beyond shame and condemnation toward genuine repentance, spiritual freedom, healing, and a future shaped by faith, not past mistakes.

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### 5 The Church's Role in Restoration

How churches, women's ministries, mentors, and group leaders can support emotional healing and spiritual growth with truth and compassion.

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### 6 Covenant Love versus Counterfeit Love

Helping women recognize the difference between temporary attention and true covenant love rooted in God's design.

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## Speaking Topics

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| ◆ Identity and Worth                | ◆ Women Reclaiming Their Voice                       |
| ◆ Healing From Broken Relationships | ◆ Accountability and Wholeness                       |
| ◆ Faith and Restoration             | ◆ The Message Behind Side Piece Is the New Concubine |

## BOOKING & MEDIA REQUESTS

Lakisha Shepard is available for podcasts, radio, TV and video interviews, print and online interviews, book club conversations, women's ministry events, church gatherings and conferences, community forums, panel discussions, and book signings.

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To help Lakisha respond quickly, media and event requests may include the organization name, requested date, event or interview type, location or platform, expected audience, and topic of interest.

### For Book Clubs and Women's Groups

Side Piece Is the New Concubine is more than a book to read privately. It is a conversation starter for book clubs, women's groups, church groups, and community circles ready to discuss identity, relationships, healing, accountability, restoration, and faith.

#### Suggested Discussion Angles

- ◆ What does it mean to lose yourself in a relationship?
- ◆ How do women confuse attention with love?
- ◆ What is the difference between private shame and public restoration?
- ◆ How does biblical truth restore identity and worth?
- ◆ What does accountability look like without condemnation?

#### Book Club Options

- ◆ Group orders through [UnlockedByHisGrace.com](https://UnlockedByHisGrace.com)
- ◆ Discussion guide and reader resources
- ◆ Virtual or in-person book club conversations with Lakisha
- ◆ Church and women's ministry group discussions
- ◆ Speaking engagements and panel conversations

## APPROVED COPY FOR MEDIA

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### SHORT AUTHOR BIO

Lakisha Shepard is an author and speaker whose work encourages women to reclaim identity, worth, and healing through biblical truth and the restoring power of God's grace. Her debut book, *Side Piece Is the New Concubine*, invites readers into honest conversation about relationships, covenant, accountability, restoration, and the journey back to wholeness.

### SHORT BOOK DESCRIPTION

A Christian transformation guide for women trapped in toxic, illicit, or emotionally binding relationships, leading them into identity, healing, and covenant.

### BOOK CLUB COPY

What is your book club reading next? *Side Piece Is the New Concubine* by Lakisha Shepard is a powerful conversation on identity, relationships, healing, accountability, and restoration. Read it. Discuss it. Understand the message. Order directly from Lakisha at [UnlockedByHisGrace.com](https://UnlockedByHisGrace.com).

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## PRESS RELEASE DISTRIBUTION

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In July 2026, a national press release announcing *Side Piece Is the New Concubine* was distributed through a national newswire and appeared on AP News and other media outlet press release sections. Release headline: *Side Piece Is the New Concubine Reclaims Identity, Worth, and Purpose Through Biblical Restoration*.

## MEDIA ASSETS & WEBSITE

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This press kit is the official media resource for Lakisha Shepard and Side Piece Is the New Concubine. It is designed for podcast hosts, interviewers, event organizers, book clubs, women's ministries, and partners who need accurate author and book information.

### Available on [UnlockedByHisGrace.com](https://unlockedbyhisgrace.com)

- ◆ Author biography and photos
- ◆ Book details and direct ordering
- ◆ Book club information and group inquiries
- ◆ Speaking and interview request forms
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