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speakerbio

**“refreshingly honest yet gentle...
profound yet practical”**

As a speaker Alicia Britt Chole delights and disarms her audience with genuineness and vulnerability, captivates their attention by wrapping vivid illustrations around life-changing truths, and delivers her message with conviction (and a good dose of humor!). Her messages awaken hearts and minds to consider the intimacy and intensity of God.

Alicia Britt Chole speaks to leaders, professionals, women’s groups, ministers, and college students concerning spiritual life, self-deception, conflict, disillusionment, commitment, choices, mission, and mentoring. She has authored several books and audio/video series including *Anonymous: Jesus’ Hidden Years and Yours*; *Pure Joy*; *Reflections of a Young Atheist*; *The Making of A Mentor*; *Real Life, Real Pain, & A Real God*; *Choices: To Be or Not To Be a Woman of God*; *Until The Whole World Knows*; and *Sitting in God’s Sunshine*.

Describing her personal pilgrimage, Alicia Britt Chole explains: “Truth to me was dead, God had never lived, life was full of pain, and death was the end of life. As a young Atheist, I sincerely believed that man had created God to fill the gaps in knowledge that would never be spanned by experience, reason or science. In 1983 the God who pursues those who deny Him interrupted my existence— He captured my soul with raw love. Two decades later, God’s tangible friendship still amazes me. To deny His existence I’d have to first deny my own.”

Today, Alicia Britt Chole and her fun-filled tribe of five live in the country off a dirt road in a home devoted to reflection and writing.

whimsicalbio

how on earth is her name pronounced?

uh-lee-shuh brit show-lee

where is she from?

too complicated, next question

where was she born?

Las Vegas, NV and she now lives in the country off of a dirt road (and loves it)

key pillar of spiritual pilgrimage

June 26, 1983 when Jesus mercifully interrupted her existence.

writings and resources

Anonymous: Jesus' Hidden Years and Yours; Until the Whole World Knows

Sitting in God's Sunshine: Resting in His Love

The Making of a Mentor

Choices: to be or not to be a Woman of God

Real Life, Real Pain, & A Real God

Pure Joy!

speaks on

raw life

spiritual disillusionment

the treasures of hiddenness

choices and self-deception

mentoring

rest and stillness

spiritual formation

challenges for a volunteer generation

treasured experiences

Jesus interrupting her life with His presence

walking down the aisle to meet Barry

backpacking through China

personal prayer retreats in the desert of Arizona

first slobbery baby kisses from children

education

University of Texas, Austin, B.A. — Plan II 1987

University of Texas, Austin, M.A. — ESL 1994

family

"My father passed away in 2001. His example showed me that God never gets nervous when we ask why? Mom lives near us and continues to be the most generous person I've ever known. Barry—truly an incredible man

with more character than I'll ever have—is my treasured husband, co-worker, mentor, and dearest friend. We married on June 23rd, 1990. God has graced our home with three children. Jonathan is a tender, analytical explorer. If his belly laugh could be bottled we're quite confident it would further the cause of world peace. Keona is brilliant, beautiful, and dramatic. Holding her is like embracing pure sunshine. And our dear baby Louis is calm, peaceful, and appears to be a curious contemplative!"

family mission statement

God Himself—He is our treasure. His global cause—it is our own. In truth and love we will endeavor to call all nations to His throne.

current focus

relishing being wife and mommy, creating resources, speaking, and mentoring

memorable lines

"I have a question." (she always has a question.)

assets

*her husband
her sons and daughter
emotional honesty
troubleshooting
interpersonal sensitivity
a love for learning*

liabilities

*spatially disoriented
high monitor within and without
chokes in a golf match*

giftings

communicating, nurturing, wisdom/discernment

favorite foods

*Indian curries
crab legs
Shanghai dumplings (preferably in Shanghai)
spicy whatever (just make it hot!)
anything her daddy cooked*

favorite musical artists

*Sara Groves
David Crowder Band
Jason Upton
100 Portraits*

nicknames

"I only have one. Exclusive rights held by Barry. I'll never tell."

has traveled to

Mexico, Canada, England, Belgium, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, China, Macao, Indonesia, Jamaica, Korea, Australia, Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Thailand, Philippines, Scotland, Slovenia, Switzerland

reading interests

...mission biographies, the ancients, learning styles, Autism and Asperger's Syndrome (for her son), natural health, business

likes

*warm fires and good tea
extremely hot hot sauces and fresh jalapenos
thunderstorms
rich conversation with dear friends
living where you can see the stars at night
her children's cuddles and kisses
the silence of sunrise*

favorite quotes

Oswald Chambers: "My goal is God Himself, not joy nor peace nor even blessing, but Himself, my God."

A.W. Tozer: "The essence of idolatry is the entertainment of thoughts about God that are unworthy of Him."

Henri Nouwen: "Did growing older bring me closer to Jesus?"

Basilea Schlink: "Jesus and the penitent sinner belong together."

final thoughts

Persuade with love, not sarcasm.

Attempt to leave a broader path for those who follow you.

Never underestimate whose hand you're shaking.

Cultivate the discipline of stillness.

Remember that ambiguity grants creativity breathing room.

The world isn't changed by the unwounded.

references

Mommy is a good woman, a very good woman!

alicia's son Jonathan, 10

When I grow up, I want to be a mommy just like my mommy.

alicia's daughter Keona, 4

To me, Alicia is the complete package. She is an awesome speaker, an incredible author, a wonderful mother and wife, and my best friend. Who I see day in and day out is the same person that appears in public—a true follower of Jesus.

Barry Jay Chole

I shared the platform with Alicia, heard her speak [and] realized how much she loved the Lord and His Word. When Alicia asked if I would write the forward to her book – I said yes. How could I resist?!? I was taken by this dear woman.

Kay Arthur, Precept Ministries International

From the foreword Kay wrote for Alicia's book, Sitting in God's Sunshine

Alicia is one of those rare communicators who captures the hearts and challenges the minds of a generation. Her book, *Anonymous*, sits on my shelf next to C.S. Lewis, and I am convinced that someday, she will rise to a similar prominence if given the platform and freedom to express her full God given potential.

Jennifer Rothschild

www.jenniferrothschild.com

www.womensministry.net

Alicia's teachings on mentorship opened my eyes to the foundational importance of a mentoring community in my own life. She has a tremendous passion to communicate the wholeness of God's purpose for broken people in broken communities, and shines a light on that path to wholeness and peace.

Sarah Groves, recording artist

Alicia has the mind of a theologian and the voice of an angel. She's a dangerously gifted communicator.

Pete Hammond, VP,

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

Alicia's voice is so unique and penetratingly real that its message not only disarms the cynic, it

meets the deep hunger within us all: the soul cry to belong and to be loved. I cannot think of anyone else who so embodies the passion - and the intellect - needed to reach this lost generation.

Joanna Weaver, author of Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World

Alicia Chole has a unique way of framing truth. Her heartfelt and thoughtful words penetrate the soul and make you feel and think in new ways.

*Mark Batterson, author of In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day
Lead Pastor of National Community Church
Washington, DC*

Few people bring together a craftsmanship with words, a profoundness of insight and an anointing of the Holy Spirit like Alicia when she ministers. As her personal acquaintance, I also know that beyond public ministry she is a person of integrity, relational authenticity and deep devotion. I recommend her highly.

*Dr. James Bradford, Central Assembly,
Springfield, Missouri*

Alicia's ministry at our annual North Texas District Council was such a blessing to hundreds of ministers and their spouses. Our 'taping team' indicated that they cannot remember in recent times anyone whose tapes were more requested than hers. Alicia is a woman for all seasons and all traditions: a thoroughly unique blessing!

*Vic & Naomi Schober,
North Texas District Superintendent
(also, Alicia's spiritual parents since 1983)*

Alicia spoke for our international Celebration in 2000 and our General Council in 2001. She is eloquent, mesmerizing, profound, and captivating.

*Dr. George O. Wood, General Superintendent,
Assemblies of God*

A powerful and gifted communicator, Alicia Britt Chole was like a gentle yet stirring breeze, constantly moving and beckoning us to a higher place. Her unique ability to carefully craft her words kept us at attention. One's mind was not allowed to wander, if even briefly, for fear of missing just one of her thoughts. Her ability to communicate tough truths with tenderness was like a breath from heaven, bringing hope, courage, and

understanding. She is sophisticated yet unpretentious, serious but fun, and approachable despite her brilliance. Clearly, God has his hand wrapped solidly around her life. I doubt any of us will ever be the same.

*Joanne Cole, Director of Women's Ministries
Capital Christian Center*

Alicia has the unique ability to build bridges to many different types of people through her effective communication, sense of humor and education. I believe God has built up Alicia as a voice which reaches multiple generations and offers insights to discovering the truth about God. I highly recommend Alicia.

*Dary R. Northrop,
Senior Pastor of Timberline Church*

Alicia was a plenary evening speaker for our first national conference. She is a captivating teacher, creative dramatist, exquisite wordsmith, passionate daughter of the Heavenly Father. Alicia is an exceptionally gifted woman who powerfully inspires both young and old to grapple with truth and greater intimacy with God.

*Dr. Beth Grant, Director, National Conference for
Women in Ministry*

Every word Alicia Britt Chole delivers accomplishes its intended purpose: to bring truth down to earth where we run our business, accomplish our marriage and friendships, and process life's enigmas. She turns a word well and delivers every principle packaged in practices ready to live on the street. Alicia presents professionally and polished, seasoned with gutsy humanity.

Joy Shroeder, Author, Tools for Mentoring

We have been reading over the evaluations from our recent conference and unanimously the women thought Alicia was a perfect 10! Our conference was sold out and reports are still coming in about the breakthroughs many experienced through Alicia's teachings. We're already hearing of groups that are going to use Alicia teachings for curriculum in their churches. This was our second time to have her speak and she will always be welcome here!

*Priscilla Taylor, Women's Ministries Director,
N. California/Nevada*

Alicia immediately connected with the hearts and minds of our students during spiritual emphasis week. They said, 'It was like she was instantly a part of our family. She addressed our deepest spiritual and emotional needs in a practical manner.' Honestly we've tried to convince Alicia to spend a month a year with us! She always a standing invitation to return as often as she can.

Steve Smallwood, Former Dean, Bethany College

Alicia spoke for our state conference. I've been directing conferences for years and have never had this happen, but the evaluations filed one clear complaint: they wished we could have had LESS music so they could have had MORE time with Alicia!

Joyce Addison, former Director, Georgia District Women's Ministries

A lot was resting on who we brought in as a speaker for our first all-Europe women's retreat. Everyone was moved by Alicia's ministry among us. She has a unique point of view yet an inoffensive way of hitting home. Alicia makes the scripture become real and colorful. She is refreshing and moving and captures your attention like nothing else!

Sandi Mundis, World Missions field representative, Europe

Alicia has the rare capacity to engage simultaneously both the intellectual as well as the emotional. In doing so her ministry creates circles of inclusion rather than lines of alienation. Simply put, everyone is impacted!

Rob Rhodon, Lead Pastor, Commonwealth Chapel

My first thought was, "She has such a sweet spirit." My second thought was, "I think she just removed my appendix!"

Jonathan Zachariou, Pastor, Davis Christian Assembly

Alicia has a wonderful spirit and an insightful and challenging message. Her presentation style and message really connect with our students. I would not hesitate to have Alicia join us again.

Dean Paulson, Director of Campus Ministries Northwestern College, St. Paul, MN

We so appreciated the privilege of having Alicia Britt Chole speak at our WM Conferences. Her message of being prepared to minister deeply moved the entire group of women at both conferences. We were challenged to spend more personal time in God's word and seeking intimacy with Him in prayer rather than looking for public acclaim.

As an author and speaker, Alicia sought to serve others, not be the prima dona. Working with someone as gracious as she is made the whole event go smoothly. We were blessed to have her with us and we love Alicia!

*Coleen Griswold
Former State Director for Illinois Women's Ministries*

We were blessed in 2005 to have Alicia Britt Chole as our speaker at our Women's Fall Retreat. What a superb spirit she had as she shared with the ladies of Northern New England District. I had been informed that she has a wonderful way of speaking into the heart of unsaved ladies as well as deeply ministering to those who already know the Lord. I had shared with the ladies in our district to bring their unsaved friends and family. Over 50 ladies accepted the Lord at our fall retreat! It totally took my breath away. How someone can minister to the unsaved and the ladies grounded in the word is totally astounding. We will be having Alicia back in 2008. I am going to be sitting on the edge of my seat to see what God will do this time through Alicia. She has a real gift of sharing and stretching all of us.

*Bevie Jo Marquardt
WM Director NNED*

questionswe oftenreceive

What are alicia britt chole's (and truthportrait's) primary values?

Truth, intimacy, and accountability.

What kinds of events does alicia britt chole speak at?

Alicia speaks in a variety of contexts: leadership gatherings, training seminars, college conferences and chapels, women's retreats, missions conventions, and church services.

What is her preference regarding the number of sessions she speaks?

She enjoys developing a message, so conferences with three or four, 45 minute sessions are ideal. But she flexes with the theme and schedule of each event.

Does she sing?

To her children...at night...softly.

Why does she accept so few engagements each year?

Years ago, God began speaking to Barry and Alicia about "spacing and pacing." To keep their personal relationships with Jesus, each other, and their precious children healthy, they currently accept only twelve or so invitations each year that take Alicia away from home.

How does she decide which engagements to accept?

Prayerfully, with her husband and board, Alicia considers every invitation she receives. During this season she is prioritizing events that bring the diverse Body of Christ together in unity and/or emphasize equipping leadership. She also accepts several local church invitations annually.

How long can she stay?

Alicia prefers to only spend one or two nights away from home for a conference.

How far in advance do I need to finalize an invitation?

Normally 12-24 months in advance depending on what month you are planning your event. September and October fill up fast and some patient folks have waited three years for those months.

Does she have a set honorarium?

Not at this time. Most of her honorariums range from \$1500 to \$4000 but the amount is not the deciding factor

for Alicia. She has received much less and much more... and at times has spoken at her own expense.

We're uncertain about the costs, should we still issue an invitation?

Certainly. Just fill out the form based on your known budget. Alicia prayerfully considers all invitations. She does not base her "yes" or "no" upon financial arrangements.

I heard Alicia speak at a women's conference. Does she only speak to women?

Alicia is often invited to speak to gatherings of both men and women. Her messages are for all followers of Jesus and she is well received by young and not-so-young, male and female, country and country-club, high-tech and antique, hip and hick...Whatever the demographics, people say that Alicia's messages inspire them to think, laugh, and cry (in that order).

We'd like to put a basket in Alicia's room. Does she have any preferences?

Alicia is rather granola in her basket preferences. She enjoys earthy lotions and soaps, water (soda makes her nose tickle) and hot decaffeinated teas, fruit and nuts, cheese and crackers...she loves the smell of coffee but doesn't enjoy its taste and (don't faint) she thinks chocolate tastes like chalk.

Does Alicia have any special dietary needs? We'll be taking her out to eat.

Alicia is a Rice Milk girl, not a choice dictated by her taste buds but by the unfortunate fact that lactose makes her blow up like the Goodyear blimp. Other than that she eats anything that's not moving. She loves ethnic restaurants and anything unusual or unique to a region. Since she's Mexican (and her mom cooks the most amazing Mexican food on the planet) it's best to skip any Mexican restaurant attempts...but she loves everything from Cajun to Middle Eastern.

Does she like to have water when she's speaking?

A glass of warm water or hot tea would be wonderful.

Do you have anything available to help us plan our event?

Please visit [aboutalicia](http://aboutalicia.com) to download bios, photos, interviews, and a 7 minute speaker video.

Does she have books, CDs, or other resources?

Yes! Please visit her [resourceroom](http://resources.alicia.com)!

agreements & arrangements

transportation

Unless your event is less than a 3 hour drive away, please arrange to fly Alicia and her assistant to the airport most convenient for you. Alicia has no preference regarding airlines and she does not fly first class so feel free to check schedules on any airline for 2 coach tickets from Springfield, Missouri (yes, that major airport hub). Alicia's event manager, Christie, will work closely with you to finalize a travel schedule. Once the schedule is agreeable to all, please book the flights directly and send the e-tickets and confirmation codes to christie@onewholeworld.com. Alicia is often offered a rental car once she arrives, but, in her own words, she is a "directionally-disoriented." Truly, thank you for your offer but it would be safer for her (and for the lovely people of your city) if you simply asked some kind soul to make sure she arrives at the right place, at the right time, in the right state...

housing

Alicia and her assistant are happy to share a non-smoking room with 2 double beds (and an iron). She rarely eats a big breakfast before she speaks so please don't go to any extra expense to ensure a fabulous "breakfast bar"...She does however work out almost daily and it's always a special treat for her when hotels have great fitness centers.

powerpoint

Alicia combines the verbal with the visual and almost always uses PowerPoint. She creates her own presentations on a Dell Inspiron 600m and can bring the file and accompanying fonts on a CD, memory stick, or her computer. Well before she speaks, please check the file for any incompatibilities. Her assistant will always be prepared to click through her presentation. If PowerPoint will not be available, please notify team onewholeworld immediately.

alicia's assistant

After traveling alone for a few years, Alicia is now so grateful for Jesus' example of sending workers out in pairs! According to their ministry board policy, she always travels with a companion. The primary responsibilities of Alicia's assistant include managing the final details for PowerPoint and sound; setting up the resource table and training those assisting; being Alicia's liaison for the on-

site hostess regarding meals, rides, and schedules; and enabling Alicia to focus on God's Word and God's people by managing all administrative details.

On-site hostess

An on-site hostess is always a blessing! If available, they connect with Alicia's assistant to coordinate the following details: airport transportation arrangements, meals, rides to and from the conference, table arrangements, schedule, and any needs that may arise during Alicia's visit.

Sound

Alicia always says she's "a soundman's nightmare." People continually say they could listen to her voice all day long, that it's "soothing and healing"...but soundmen find her voice difficult to mic. If it's not too inconvenient, she prefers to use her own headset which has a transmitter in the head piece (she often wears outfits that do not have a belt or waist band to attach a receiver to). We would be blessed if arrangements could be made for a sound check no later than one hour before guests arrive.

Cancellation policy

In ten years of speaking, Alicia has only cancelled engagements on three occasions: once when she was blessed with a new baby and couldn't travel overseas, once because of a sudden (and miserable) severe flu, and then the Fall of 2005 when she had emergency surgery that quite literally kept her in bed for a month.

If Alicia has to cancel your event for any reason, she will reimburse your airfare expenses, return your 20% honorarium deposit, and suggest a few wonderful replacement options.

If your event needs to cancel for any reason, a percentage of your intended honorarium will be due based on how close the cancellation date is to the actual event. These arrangements are detailed in a one-page contract agreed to and signed when the date is officially booked.

Resource table arrangements

If possible, please provide two covered or skirted 8' tables for resources. An L-shaped arrangement placed in a high-traffic area for visibility is always preferred. Please also provide one or two volun-

teers to assist in resource sales. (This is a moment for those gifted with obsessive attention to detail to shine!) For conferences where Alicia is the only plenary speaker, please provide in your scheduling a 3-5 minute window sometime after her first session for Alicia to introduce her resources. Alicia prefers this window to be during other announcements as opposed to right before or after she speaks. This window greatly reduces the number of questions table volunteers need to field.

Book signings

Alicia is always more than happy to sign books. Signings are normally scheduled after one of her sessions at her resource table. A separate table and chair for the signing is helpful.

Recording

Recording of Alicia's message is permitted if Alicia is speaking only once or is sharing the same message several times (e.g., several Sunday morning services). Otherwise, rights to record are not granted without written permission of team onewholeworld. Audio and book versions of several of Alicia's presentations are available at her resource table.

Honorarium arrangements

Please make Alicia's honorarium check (and the corresponding W9) out to "onewholeworld."

a. Basic Contact Information

1. Contact Name:

2. Relationship to/role within the event:

3. Email Address:

4. Preferred Contact Phone Number:

b. Sponsoring Organization Contact Information

5. Name:

6. Address:

7. Website:

8. Phone Number:

9. Fax:

10. Organizational/Denominational Affiliation:

c. Event Information

11. How did you hear about Alicia's ministry?

12. Why would you like Alicia to speak at this event?

13. Name of Event or Conference:

14. Event Website (if any):

15. Dates you are requesting Alicia to speak:

16. Description of your event:

17. History of Event:

18. Number of times you are requesting Alicia to speak:

19. Approximate length of each speaking session:

20. Profile of participants:

21. Anticipated attendance:

22. Is there a particular theme you would like Alicia to address?

d. Event Location

23. City, State, Country:

24. Name of Facility/Venue:

25. Venue Address:

26. Name and distance of nearby cities with major airline service:

e. Other

27. May Alicia have tables to make her resources available?

YES NO N/A

28. Are you able/willing to provide airfare for Alicia and her assistant?

YES, FOR BOTH YES, FOR ALICIA NO

29. Are you able/willing to provide accommodations (1 shared room and all meals) for Alicia and her assistant?

YES NO

30. For our budgeting purposes, please indicate your budgeted honorarium (and please know that Alicia does not accept or decline invitations based on finances):

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31. Please feel free to attach any other information that might be of interest concerning the nature and purpose of this event.

Please mail or fax to Truthportraits (contact details on front cover or www.truthportraits.com). Thank you!