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My Custody Journey  
A True-Life Novel

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“The LORD will fight for you;  
you need only to be still.”  
—Exodus 14:14

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# Foreword

Adina and I officially “met” through working with her. Yet, it was during our podcast where we were both guests when I really began to know her as a close friend.

What Adina has done in writing this book, which is based on how she lived through the level of custody loss most mothers are terrified could happen to them—is showing that by trusting the Lord, your Husband, your Maker, that He could do far more than you could ever dream!

Adina has become the go to authority based on the fact that she doesn’t hold a degree in psychology, but something more powerful and trustworthy. Adina has a testimony and the fruits of trusting the Lord, and her children’s Father, then stepping forward in faith “as He leads” even when what’s proposed is terrifying.

During Adina’s writing of her Novel, I was honored that she asked for my support and guidance, which I hope has contributed just a little to the success of this book and especially to encourage you, the reader, through your own custody loss.

~ *[Erin Thiele](#)*

# Foreword from Author

Fathers now have an easier time obtaining full custody of their children. This is a devastating experience for any mother, and frequently, they are unable to see their kids at all.

After I experienced losing custody, I realised why many women resort to extreme measures to cope with the situation; they either abduct their children and flee or end their lives.

Our first instinct as mothers is to protect our children at all costs, especially if another woman is involved. Retaliating in court sometimes takes years, causing the children to endure the pain of seeing counsellors and having to choose between their parents, who were given them by God.

I want to quote one of the most important principles I learned from “[Chapter 12 “Your Best Protection”](#)” in the [Finding the Abundant Life](#) book:

*“There is nothing you or I can do to stop this kind of exposure [the other woman] that we, if we had the choice, would not allow our children to go through. Honestly, if you are in my position and you have divorce papers that say that your husband has these rights by law, you need to remember that even without a written document, God gave our children to both parents (to you **and** their father).”*

*~ Michelle Michaels*

The only way I was able to go through this trial was by holding on to my Beloved Lord and appointing Him as my Wonderful Counsellor. I was able to put my full trust in Him, knowing that He would turn this situation around for good.

If you are facing a custody battle or have already lost custody, I sincerely hope and pray that my testimony will encourage and help you. Because nothing is impossible with God and He can change any situation around for good, just like He did for me.

Trust in the Lord and appoint Him as your Wonderful Counsellor and Prince of Peace.

*~Adina Jacobs*

# Chapter 1

## My Story, Raw and Real

“And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten,  
the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm,  
my great army which I sent among you.”

— Joel 2:25

This is not my weekend to have the children with me. I’ve been a divorced, single mother for more than three years now, one of those years without full custody of my children. As I was sitting and drinking coffee with my Beloved Lord and Best Friend, I asked Him, “Where do I start?” and “How do I help women going through custody battles who are facing losing custody of their children?” When He told me to start at the beginning and tell my story, raw and real. So let me do just that and begin my story, raw and real.

My custody battle started almost two years ago. My children went to visit their dad, Kevin, and the other woman (Celia) for the weekend like they always did. At that stage, Kevin and Celia were living together with her two children. Her daughter is a bit older than my daughter, and her son is between my daughter’s and son’s age.

Like other Sundays, Kevin brought the children back that afternoon. Normally, he would come in, hang around a bit, and drink coffee before he left. But that specific day, he came in, didn’t want anything to drink, and just said (those dreaded words), “We needed to talk.” I just knew something bad was about to happen because I saw the “hate wall” up again, which hadn’t been there for a long time.

As he started to talk, I cannot even remember everything he said because I think I went into shock... I think I lost consciousness (while still standing upright). I just remember hearing that he couldn't afford to pay everything he offered in the divorce settlement anymore and that it would be better for the children to go and stay with them. He went on to say I could not afford to look after the children and that I should go and live with my brother 100 km (over 60 miles) away. The worst part was when he said that the children WANTED to go and stay with them, and they loved him more and were happier over there.

Before continuing, let me explain more about my divorce and the original custody agreement. Kevin filed for divorce, and I had to go and pick up the documents at a lawyer's office in my town. I quickly looked over the papers and saw that it was the normal custody setup: kids would stay with me, the mother, and he would get the children every second weekend. School holidays would be divided between us with the normal birthday and Christmas arrangements. Then, there was a list of things he *offered* to pay. I didn't have a lawyer, and we never discussed custody issues or anything else; everything in the settlement document was what **he** offered. I simply signed what his lawyer drew up, and Kevin came to pick up the documents, and that was it, no arguing, no discussion whatsoever about custody without any demands from me.

Although he offered to pay for many things, I knew it wasn't enough to provide or pay for everything, but my Beloved Lord provided for us in miraculous ways. No, we didn't live in luxury, but we had what we needed. One thing I do remember clearly during the divorce was that Kevin promised that he would never take the children away from me. He stated that I was a good mother and there was no reason for him to take the children away. I can't even remember why he said it, but it stuck with me. So, I guess that is why I was so shocked when he came to talk to me that Sunday afternoon.

During the separation and after the divorce, I never kept Kevin away from the children. While he still stayed in the same town as us, he always stopped here after work, drank coffee, and ate something if there was extra food. I knew he was here for the children, so I tried to stay out of their way, but sometimes I was not so sure because he followed me everywhere, making small talk, but that is beside the point. Kevin always knew he was welcome to visit the kids or take them an extra weekend, aside from what was stated

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in the settlement, which was not what he followed. I knew my children missed their dad, and for their sake, I was very lenient with Kevin regarding seeing his children. I didn't want to make it more difficult for the children than it already was. Seeing my children crying at night or jumping up when they heard the gate to see if it was their daddy just broke my heart into a million pieces.

Just before the divorce, I already found RMI, read *How GOD Can Restore Your Marriage* book, did both Courses 1 and 2, and was busy with a Course 3 (cord of three), and that is where I encountered the "Facing Divorce" course. I think, like all the other ladies that come to this ministry desperate and broken, I did not want to think about divorce, but even if Kevin did see changes in me, it soon became my reality because he said it was "too little, too late." Therefore, I started reading the books *Facing Divorce* and *Facing Divorce — Again*, and what I read made an impression on me and sank straight down to my heart. It helped me to face the divorce and get through it with my Mighty Counsellor, who fought for me and gave me the strength to go through it without fighting.

But let's get back to that Sunday afternoon.

Please go to the Facing Divorce Course ([Facing Divorce Course – HopeAtLast.com](http://FacingDivorceCourse-HopeAtLast.com)) for more information.

# About the Author

Adina's restoration journey began when she found RMI after the divorce was already filed. She finally reached a point where she just gave up on her marriage, but God spoke to her, placing a desire in her heart to believe God for restoration. Her [Abundant Life Journey](#) began when she found true love at last.

During the divorce Adina got primary custody of the children. But almost two years after the divorce was finalized, her former husband informed her that he wants to take over primary custody of the children and move them to another town with the other woman and her children.

This was the start of a new journey for Adina, a journey where she had to let go of her children and trust only in the Lord to protect her children and to work all things together for good.

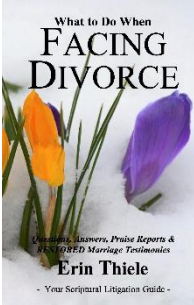
Although Adina did not immediately understand why she had to go through this trail that would fill any mother with fear and anxiety, sometimes driving them to take desperate measures, she now understands that she had to go through this trail to help other mothers who may face custody loss through her testimony.

It is possible to go through a heartbreaking trail like this, coming out on the outside without even smelling like smoke, with the Lord as your Wonderful Counsellor and Prince of Peace.

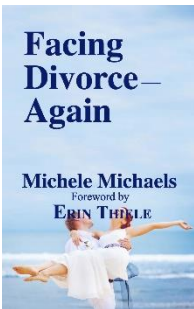
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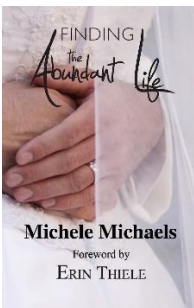
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