



from Judy

"We have enjoyed the Unfailing Love study in the *Sisters* series. My co-leader is from the Bahamas. Our group ranges in age from mid-30s to mid-80s so quite diverse. We meet on Saturday mornings, the Saturdays during Lent, and have numbered 12. We've found that the video helps start out discussion. Because we are larger than a 'small group' we divide into groups of 3 to 4 to share insights. I've used the United Methodist Hymnal so that we can share the weekly Psalm as a responsive reading. That's been wonderful. My co-leader has brought some resources from the Methodist Church in the Bahamas on the Saturdays that she has lead. As we enter week five, I feel that I have a dozen new 'best friends.' We are all over the board theologically and read from every Biblical translation from *The Message* to the *King James*. The study is thought-provoking, easy to follow, very do-able for us all. Even after the first session, the ladies were asking, "Can we continue after Lent?"

from Candace

"We used Sisters with women in a Bible study last session, they enjoyed the discussion questions that caused them to look within themselves and come to new understandings about themselves and their roles as Christian women."

from Bridget

"We started a new class for women when the first *Sisters* study came out. We loved it and also adopted the name Sisters as our class name. We are looking forward to the second study, Unfailing Love."

from Debi

"I was the facilitator and we had 18 in our group. We liked the daily readings and journaling. The video was also helpful because if one wasn't able to pre-read the chapter before we met, the video helped catch the person up during class. I can honestly say that the *Sisters* study was the best attended and everyone seemed more pleased with this curriculum, and actually looked forward to coming to class. It may be that it was more structured with the video followed by discussion than the studies without the video support."

from Joanna

"Great study! Enjoyed discussing weekly readings with other "sisters." Especially pertinent for each member going through something in their lives. One member was diagnosed with breast cancer, had both breasts removed and had reconstructive surgery all within the last couple of weeks of the study. We were there for her through Christ because we were gathered in His name for this study."

"Especially liked having a group in the videos rather than one person talking. Helped in our discussion which followed."

"As only the Holy Spirit can do, God showed himself during this study. The group gathered was strong together and had some wonderful discussions, but there is no doubt we were gathered for reasons greater than any of us or the study itself. We were able to support each other through several difficult situations that came up during the six short weeks that we met."

from Marsha

"The closeness that we experienced in this relatively short span of time was amazing. We shared openly and supported each other and continue to do so. I have developed new friendships and deepened old ones...there is a sense about Kimberly that she is far along on her faith journey but remembers the obstacles she has faced. She shared her walk that gave us an open door to talk openly about obstacles we face."

from Kim

"This was an excellent video series. We used it in our female Sunday school class instead of using it as an actual Bible study series. It worked out great and all the women loved it."

from Cindy

"I facilitate a group of young Mothers who have just completed the first study and decided to try the second one. We are in a United Methodist church but our group is ecumenical and range in age from 25-40. Five of our members are recent homeless citizens in our community. Their background is very different from the majority of the group but they have been accepted with such love and feel comfortable participating in the discussions. We are certainly growing from these studies. We like the format and have found that viewing the discussion on video opens our minds and thought for discussion. Our attendance is growing and I like to think the choice of study is reflective of that."