

SO CLOSE TO AMAZING

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CHAPTER ONE

LEAP BEFORE YOU LOOK

“Sometimes in the middle of all the ordinary—something extraordinary shows up.”

KariAnne Wood
So Close to Amazing

I’ve told you my dream,
now will you tell me yours?

If it were only you and your dream and
there wasn’t anything holding you back--
would you jump?

If so, what is your heart longing for?

What does your jump look like?

Write your thoughts.

ENCOURAGEMENT

There is only one you.
Write down three things
you are amazing at and
celebrate what
makes you unique.

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CHAPTER TWO

Knock Knock--Who's There?

“Into every life, a little
wet paint must fall.”

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This chapter is full of God-winks—moments when you can see God's hand in your life. It's a moment that might seem like a coincidence, but it's so personalized to you and your situation you can see God's hand in it. Think of a time when you may have experienced a God-wink. Write down how it impacted your life?

ENCOURAGEMENT

Share your God-wink moment with someone special and let it encourage them.

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CHAPTER THREE

I Would Move 600 Miles

“True beauty is often right below the surface. You just have to scratch a little to see it “

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This was one of my not-so-finest “so close to amazing” moments. It did, however, teach me some important life lessons.

Have you ever had a moment you wish you could press pause and do-over?

If so, what did you learn from it. Write your thoughts.

ENCOURAGEMENT

Take a moment to write a hand-written note to someone special and remind them how amazing they are.

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CHAPTER FOUR

Every House Needs a Happily Ever-After

“Life isn’t always like the movies.
Often it’s the rewritten
script with the best ending.”

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Do you have a moment
when your script was re-written?
How did you handle it?
Write down
what you learned?

ENCOURAGEMENT

Make a list of seven amazings
that you have in your life—
otherwise known as the blessings
that we
all sometimes take for granted.

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Never Underestimate a Slippery Spaghetti Ring

CHAPTER FIVE

“Regardless of what my second-grade grammar teacher taught me, “do-it-yourself” should not be written in second person.”

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My husband and I are so different.
He’s a spreadsheet.
I’m a Ven diagram.

Which approach to life sounds more like you?

How does this affect the way you view circumstance?

Write your thoughts.

ENCOURAGEMENT

Treat yourself this week.

Take a little time for yourself—
a new book or a bouquet
of flowers or a thirty-minute
walk in the sunshine.

You are amazing. You deserve it.

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CHAPTER SIX

A Floor Without End

“Floors are a lot like people. Just when you think you’ve discovered a
ll there is—
another layer shows up.”

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Have you ever worked on a project that didn’t turn out like you planned? What would you have done differently? What did you learn? Write your thoughts.

ENCOURAGEMENT

This week, why not finish a project you’ve been putting off. You can do it. Truly. After all, you’re amazing.

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CHAPTER SEVEN

Trash Talking

“Floors are a lot like people. Just when you think you’ve discovered all there is— another layer shows up.”

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Think of a time when you saw beauty where others didn’t. Describe what happened when others realized the worth in what you knew was there all along. Did their perspective change? Write your thoughts.

ENCOURAGEMENT

Refresh a room in your home just by shopping the house for accessories. It’s amazing how the room can change just by looking at everything with a different point of view.

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CHAPTER EIGHT

The Roast That Went to Garden Club

“Never judge a person
until you’ve walked
a mile in their yoga pants
or cooked a roast
in their kitchen.”

KariAnne Wood
So Close to Amazing

Have you ever had a cooking fail?
A dish you knew was going
to be amazing—but it wasn’t.
What is the best piece of advice
you would give to a
new cook and why?

Write your thoughts (and then feel free to
pass the advice on to me).

ENCOURAGEMENT

Try a new recipe this week--
one you haven’t
made before.

Then invite some friends
over to share.

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CHAPTER NINE

The Day Goliath Met a T-Rex

“When you are facing a problem
and you don’t
know where to turn—
it may be time to channel
your inner dinosaur.”

KariAnne Wood
So Close to Amazing

Have you or someone in your
family ever faced a bully before?
How did you handle it?
What did you learn?
Write your thoughts.

ENCOURAGEMENT

This week use social media
for good.

Reach out and leave
a note of encouragement
for someone online.

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My Achilles Hips

“Your heaviest burden may not be the one others can see.

It might be the one your heart is carrying.”

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Have you ever struggled with weight before?

If so, please come sit by me.

Make a list of positive changes you could make to help with the struggle.

ENCOURAGEMENT

Write down five things you love about you.

What are your favorite things about yourself

that make you smile. (total aside: my smile is one of mine)

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CHAPTER ELEVEN

Flooded With Possibilities

“When the river is rising and sandbagging is in your future— it’s time to call a friend. Or a town.”

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Have you ever faced an obstacle that you felt was overwhelming? How did you deal with it? What did you learn about yourself?

ENCOURAGEMENT

Write down a verse of encouragement on a post-it note. Stick it somewhere to add extra affirmation to your day.

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CHAPTER TWELVE

If You Blink You'll Miss the French Fries

"Amazing often tiptoes
in through
the back door."

KariAnne Wood
So Close to Amazing

Think of a moment in
time that made you extra happy.
Write it here.

Embrace that moment
and the joy that it brought.

ENCOURAGEMENT

Walk around today
with a smile.
Let others see
your faith
shine through.

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