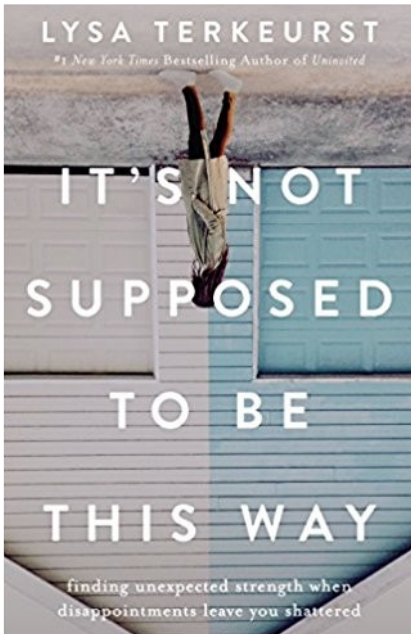


# Women 2 Women

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## Women's Spring Bible Study



*It's Not Supposed to Be This Way: Finding Unexpected Strength when Disappointments Leave You Shattered*

by Lysa TerKeurst

Wednesday Evenings  
April 10—May 22

6:00-7:00pm  
Room 101

(no Bible study on Wednesdays of All-Church Prayer)

facilitated by Risa Payne and Jane Lang

Life often looks so very different than we hoped or expected. Some events may simply catch us off guard for a moment, but others shatter us completely. We feel disappointed and disillusioned, and we quietly start to wonder about the reality of God's goodness.

What do you do when God's timing seems questionable, His lack of intervention hurtful, and His promises doubtful?

New York Times best-selling author, Lysa TerKeurst, unveils her heart amid shattering circumstances and shows readers how to live assured when life doesn't turn out like they expected.

We hope you'll join us and bring a guest!

## At the Well— Save the Date!

The next *At the Well* will be on March 5.  
Stay tuned for more details!



## Women's Discipleship Group

Wednesday Evenings  
February 6—April 3  
6:00-7:00pm  
Room 101

The group will be facilitated by Risa Payne and Jane Lang. If you would like to be part, please contact Jane Lang (janelang2@juno.com) or Risa Payne (risawp@aol.com) to reserve one of the remaining spots in the group. You must begin attending by February 13 in order to participate.

## Third Thursday Prayer

February 21 • 9:30am • Conference Room

UBC women meet once a month for prayer. These prayer meetings give women an opportunity to pray for church and personal needs. If childcare is needed please call the church office by the prior Tuesday.

## 2018-19 Women2Women Ministry Team

Shari Barnes, Co-Chair  
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Katie Barron  
Lori Calder  
Nancy Cotten  
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Katie Fruge  
Sharon Gritz  
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Risa Payne  
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## Ashley Simon

Ashley Simon is the wife of Jason, our new Minister to Students. She is a native Texan who spent her younger years in Arlington. Her family, including an older brother and younger sister, moved to Amarillo when she was in middle school. Changing schools as a teen was not easy for her and she never really felt that Amarillo was her home.

Ashley's family was very active in church, attending almost every time the doors were open. Growing up among believers, the progression to accepting Christ was an easy step. She made this decision when she was in the 3rd grade. The time when Ashley really grew in her faith and relationship with the Lord was during college. Then it was not her parents requiring her to go to church, but an innate desire to grow in her faith and learn more about Christ, and praying became an essential part of Ashley's life!

Ashley earned her degree in Elementary Education from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma. After graduation, she was offered a job at the elementary school where she had been student teaching and she taught 2nd graders for two and a half years. Ashley met Jason when they both worked at OSU and they married in 2014. Jason commuted from Oklahoma City to Stillwater to finish his degree in Chemistry with a minor in Biblical Studies. After graduation, he taught science for a year. Both taught at Title One schools, developing meaningful relationships with their students. Ashley was involved as a team lead, was on various committees and participated in the school's PTA. She also worked with children and youth at church.

A tragic event happened in 2016 when Ashley's cousin — who was more like a sister to her — and her cousin's husband were killed by a drunk driver. It was then that the couple decided to return “home” to Arlington to be near family members. There, Ashley worked full-time as a preschool teacher and Jason worked at Mission Arlington. This past September, Jason was called as UBC's Minister to Students.

Their son, Davis, was born in 2016 and Ashley and Jason are expecting another baby boy in May. At this time, Ashley's activities are centered on being the best mother she can be and taking care of herself as she anticipates the arrival of another child. She took a year off from teaching preschool when Davis was born. She currently works part-time with 3 year-olds at Fielder Road Early Childhood Center.

Ashley is very passionate about loving and caring for others. She has a tender heart for children and enjoys building relationships with them. Though she is a planner, she is open to what God has in store for her in the future. She and Jason would love to travel across the United States to see the wonders that God has created. She wants to engage with different cultures to learn about the people and their interesting ways of life.

Ashley's artistic endeavors include hand-lettering and using watercolors. She enjoys journaling as well as making cards and signs that she would love to share with friends. She finds Bible verses that are special to her and she lovingly writes about them in her Bible with beautiful hand-lettering. Ashley's Bible is filled with these writings!

Ashley's favorite food is pizza, and she especially likes the pizza at Cane Rosso on Magnolia. She likes her pizza plain — just cheese please. Ashley relishes going to new coffee shops to try their different coffees.

After the sudden death of her cousin, Ashley has relied on Psalm 23:3 which says, *He restores my soul*. It is the verse that she has held onto during many challenging times. Her strength comes from praying and knowing that God will truly support and restore her through times of grief and hardship! The character in the Bible Ashley most identifies with is Job. Even through his suffering when losing his loved ones and his possessions, he knew the Lord was good and in control. Even though he questioned why, he never stopped trusting God. Ashley admits she has questioned God, especially during her grief, but she too, knows that God is always with her even through the hardest times. During a sermon Ashley heard, she came to the realization that if God has forgiven all of her sins, she must also forgive the drunk driver that took her precious cousin! She finds herself needing to pray daily that God will help her to forgive and focus on loving others.