

# BOUND & DETERMINED

Christian Men and Women in Partnership

Jeanene Reese

A balanced, true-to-life look at how we can create more satisfying partnerships between men and women in all areas of life—whether work, school, family, or church.

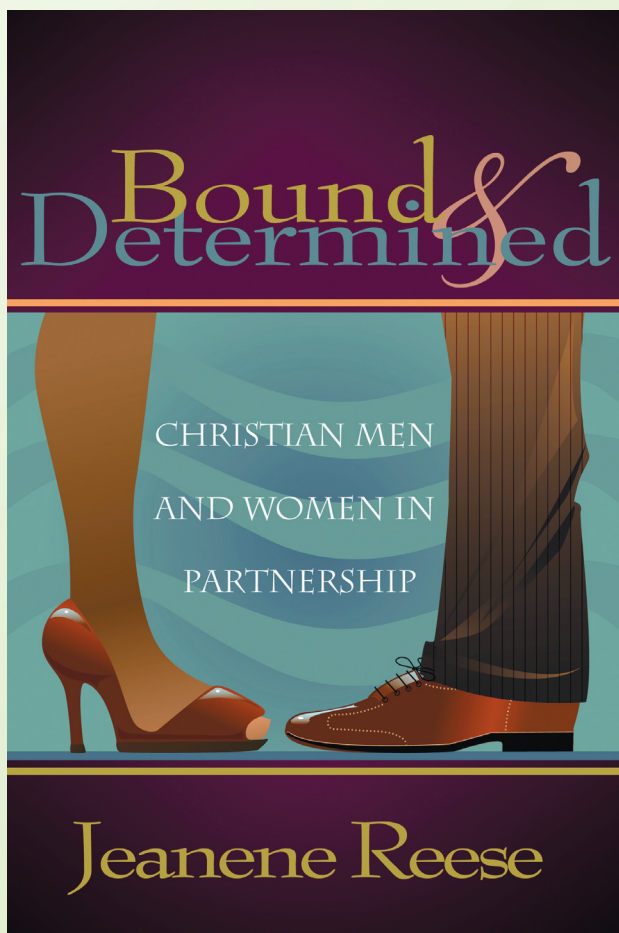
Men and women work together every day in a variety of relationships as friends, spouses, and colleagues. We try to understand and support one another, but we frequently find ourselves confused and frustrated in our relationships. Too often, we joke around about our differences or explain them away. Sometimes we give up in frustration, or, perhaps worse, we resort to keeping the sexes apart and avoid real and meaningful interaction.

In *BOUND AND DETERMINED*, author Jeanene Reese draws on years of her own research to address the relationship between men and women. She explores what it means that God designed these two genders to work together, looking at areas in which we must all be willing to reflect and repent, ways in which women and men can support and honor each other more effectively, and the role of forgiveness in authentic relationships. If you've ever experienced the frustration of working in mixed-gender groups, or if you feel loss over the lack of mixed-gender opportunities, this book offers a vision of how we can all work together in honest, rich Christian love.

- **PRIMARY AUDIENCE:** *BOUND & DETERMINED* will appeal to any Christians actively involved in mixed-gender partnerships, whether they hold leadership positions or simply collaborate in groups at work or in church. The author takes seriously biblical passages about gender and invites hard questions from readers, making this a solid resource for individuals and groups alike.
- **STRONG VOICE:** Jeanene Reese does not shy away from tough issues and questions, and in this book, she deals openly with everything from potential controversy over biblical interpretation to the sexual dynamics that complicate mixed-gender relationships; she also calls women and men alike to rigorous self-examination, repentance, and refocus. Through it all, Jeanene maintains a voice that is at once confident and receptive, inviting readers to join her as co-learners in the urgent process of cultivating partnership.
- **BOUND-IN STUDY GUIDE:** This book features a study guide with questions both for small group discussion and personal reflection, perfect for promoting ongoing conversation about these important topics.



Jeanene Reese lives and works in many different partnerships. In her role as associate professor of Bible and ministry at Abilene Christian University, she meets daily opportunities to partner with her mostly male colleagues and many of her students. With her nearly forty years of experience in ministry, she has formed meaningful partnerships across the United States and around the world. In addition to teaching, she currently works as director of ACU's Center for Women in Christian Service and serves annually on the leadership team for *Come before Winter*, a ministry group dedicated to providing support for missionaries worldwide. As a wife, mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother she has enjoyed, and been challenged by, the most intimate partnerships possible.



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