

For the two of us, writing these pages has offered a welcome chance to stop and look back on the story of our lives, and it certainly has been an eye-opening process. How many of us take the time to relive half a lifetime's worth of happy memories, cringe-worthy failures, and unforgettable adventures together? How many of us get a chance to sit down and talk about the rough times we overcame in the past or to laugh about the stupid mistakes we made when we were young?

Working on this book has allowed us to look back on all the things that brought us here to the farm, to this place we love so much, and to this busy, exciting season in our lives. And let me tell you, it's been one heck of a journey. We're still trying to figure out how to make this new life work for us and our kids, smack dab in the middle of these exciting new adventures we've been on. Writing it all down has also allowed us to reflect on the inspiration we've picked up and the lessons we've learned along the way—and there have been many!

We feel so blessed to be able to share all of this with you with the hopes that you'll find new ways to love the space and season you're in too. Even after all of this thinking and talking and writing, Chip and I still look at each other at the end of the day and go, "Us? Really?" Honestly, we're still pretty baffled as to why people seem to like watching the two of us be "us" on national TV, because these are the same old things we've been doing since the very day we met. But that's a story for another chapter.