

# AUTHOR AND SPEAKER *Cindy Scinto*

OFFERING HOPE THROUGH A NEW HEART



## ABOUT CINDY

IN SEPTEMBER 2001, Cindy Valenti-Scinto, a healthy young woman, suffered a heart attack that was only the beginning of a grueling seven-year journey through heart disease. Four years later, after forty operations and several brushes with death, Cindy received a miraculous heart transplant that saved her life.

Cindy relied on the Lord as her strength through all the trials and pain, providing her many opportunities to share His love with others. Her story is not only inspiring—it shows how trust in God provides the strength to get through any “disease” of the heart. Whether you are facing illness, divorce, loss, or another difficult situation, you will find *A Heart Like Mine* beats with the encouragement you need to seek God’s will in the midst of turmoil.

CINDY SCINTO is a native New Yorker living in Spokane, Washington, with her husband, John, and their son. Her love for the Lord and strong faith—coupled with the toughness learned from growing up in a large Italian family—have carried her through a remarkable series of life-threatening health issues that continue to plague her yet today.

ABOUT HER NAME: Cindy’s father always hoped she would write a book but was disappointed that with her married name, no one would know she was his daughter. This first book is under her maiden and married name in dedication to her dad who passed away in 1989.

## ENDORSEMENTS

“If you want to read a book with heart—written from true, emotional depth—this is the one.”

—CECIL MURPHEY, author and co-author of more than 100 books, including *Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story* and the New York Times best-seller, *90 Minutes in Heaven*

“Cindy Scinto has lived long in valleys none of us hope to ever see and shares one pearl of great price that all of us need—hope.”

—DAVE SWARTZ, author, *Dancing With Broken Bones*, *The Magnificent Obsession*, and *Embracing God: Drawing Closer to the God Who Loves You*

## HEARTFELT REVIEWS

“I really enjoyed reading and sharing *A Heart Like Mine*. What power in the hope we have in Christ alone. Your story becomes His story for us to gently walk alongside and see, if only for a moment, what few others have known: His heart through yours.”

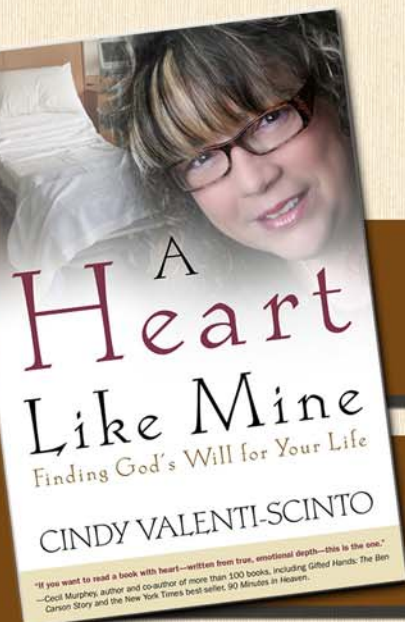
—Kena  
Phoenix, Arizona

“It is truly inspiring to read *A Heart Like Mine* because Cindy has written from actual experience, not just theory or preaching, and you can feel her pain, understand her searching, and follow her journey of ‘Why me, God?’ to ‘How can I use this to help others?’ This book will help you understand our life trials and how to deal with them!”

—Becky  
Liberty Lake, Washington

“I read your book and laughed and cried. It is so amazing. I sent it to my sister who has cancer and she said it has changed her life!”

—Darlene  
Reno, Nevada



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# A SPEAKER WITH HEART



AS THE WORLD becomes more uncertain, people are facing many painful trials and tragedies. Cindy has taken years of unprovoked heart disease, which culminated in a life-saving heart transplant, and shares how she survived the pain and suffering with faith and hope in the Lord. Her heart's desire is to offer audiences the secret of not just surviving life but finding God's will and purpose for their lives.

“Cindy is a gifted writer and teacher of God's Word. She has spoken for our church on numerous occasions and is well prepared, punctual, and very impacting on her listeners. Cindy holds the attention of her audience and communicates in a clear and uplifting manner the topic she addresses. I highly recommend her for any speaking event. ”

—Dr. Robert V. Smith  
Senior Pastor, Mt. Spokane Church  
Moody Bible College Instructor  
Chaplain, Spokane Fire Department

## AUDIENCE REVIEWS

“As Cindy shared her story with our church, her balance of humor and deep significance made an understandable and lasting impact on many people. Her teaching has begun a dynamic level of interpersonal connecting that we hadn't had before at New Life. She offered our congregation a sense of hope and sincere perspective.”

—Pastor Steve Williams  
Senior Pastor, New Life Church

“Cindy Scinto inspires and encourages while teaching through firsthand accounts of her amazing life. God focused and relational, her spiritual journey mired with hardship and pain, caused me to self reflect and enabled me reach out to God with her.”

—Jennifer Wheeler  
Women's Ministry Leader  
Lidgerwood Presbyterian Church

“Just wanted you to know that Cindy did a GREAT job! She seems to really like youth and our kids responded well to her presentation. I even had some students who missed part of her program one period and came back another period to hear the rest. I wish they would want to do that when I'm teaching.”

—Mr. Busch  
High School Health and Literature teacher

## SPEAKING TOPICS

♦ **A Heart by Any Other Name** - Exploring one of the most talked about subjects in the Bible, the heart is not only referred to more than 800 times, it is described as having many attributes that often surprise most people.

♦ **I Surrender All** – Surrender is not the white flag picture we conjure up when we think of the word. It is much more—and as difficult as it seems, surrender can lead us to an effortless life of triumph!

♦ **“One” Is Not the Loneliest Number** – Depression can lead us down a dark, lonely path. But with the One we can trust always present in our lives, we are never really alone.

♦ **Time Keeps on Ticking** – What a precious commodity time is; and how fast we seem to lose track of it. God has no clocks and no concerns about the passage of time. So how do we grasp and slow the racing days we live in?

♦ **What is Your Heart Disease?** – Although I suffer from chronic, physical ailments, my emotional and spiritual health is also at risk. Through all the years of struggle, I not only learned how to cope with failing health, but I learned how to emerge the victor in my spiritual walk. It may not be heart disease for you, but whatever the trials, you too can receive a heart transplant—a spiritual heart transplant!

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