



Personal Profile: Kira Corona

Since I could remember, my mother, father, and my grandmother planted seeds of God’s Word in my life. My parents applied Deuteronomy 6 in their parenting with intentionality. From the time I could remember, I was prayed for, prayed over, and prayed with. I witnessed my parents always studying God’s Word at the dining table or inviting people over for a hospitable dinner and sharing about Jesus. As for my grandmother, a historian and a theologian, I remember as a child catching her always writing in bed, an endless amount of notes, whilst studying her worn-out Bible with a bunch of Bible commentary books surrounding her as she was prepping for her next Bible study. I usually would stay with her for hours, asking her a ton of questions, some about my late pastor-grandfather, but mostly about history and stories from the Bible, and if Dinosaurs existed when Adam and Eve were alive. Those were fun conversations.

Music was also significant in our home and my parents used it to show us how to memorize verses and glorify and worship God. We often sang praise songs together in the still of the night before going to bed. Some of my best memories were feeling the rumbling of my father’s voice, as I would place my head on his back, to feel the vibratos as he sang the hymns for that Sunday Service, “...Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him, how I’ve proved Him oe’r and oe’r ...”All these seeds were planted and then the day came when I first understood the clear message of the gospel at a Vacation Bible School at Baptist Temple (BT McAllen). I was 9 years old. And that summer I made a conscious commitment to give my life to Jesus.

After I accepted Christ at 9 years old, a spiritual battle in my life immediately began. I was exposed to many things that a 9-year-old should not be exposed to. I didn’t always have good friends. I grew up in an anti-God culture outside of my home. I had a lot of identity and self-worth issues. Many times I wrestled with my faith, rebellious, as if trying to make God prove Himself to me. Meanwhile, though my parents clearly loved the Lord, they too struggled with



their brokenness, and there were many dark seasons in our family life. “But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us” (Eph. 2:4), both faithfully kept me close to His presence, while correcting me in my disobedience. I knew that I could never abandon my faith because even in brokenness, His transformative power of restoration in myself and my family just always “proved Him oe’r and o'er," as what the lyrics of the hymn, “Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus” says. Calvary Baptist Church played a major role in discipling me in my youth and young adult years, mainly through Pastor Marcus Rodriguez and his family.

Through their ministry, I learned relationship building, leadership, and discipleship. Their influence has impacted the way I view family discipleship and even the way I raise my own family.

Prior to coming to Children’s Ministry, I was the Women’s Ministry Leader at Calvary in recent years. It brought me an awareness, through listening and teaching the Bible to mothers and grandmothers, that we live in a chaotic age, where the souls of our children are literal battlegrounds. Dr. Mehret Kahsai had been my mentor during those years. Her mentorship has influenced my Biblical Worldview, especially in the area of family, parents, and children’s discipleship. All praise to God, for the way He has used others in order for my life to bring Him all the glory.

I am the Children’s Discipleship Minister at Calvary, under the supervision and leadership of our lead pastor, David Chan. I oversee Sunday Morning and Wednesday Night Bible teaching for children from Babies all the way to 6th Grade. Other responsibilities include overseeing children’s ministry staff and volunteers, planning and organizing activities and events for children and parents.



I am particularly passionate for the Lord to develop a Children’s Ministry culture that works in partnership with parents, for families to understand that Children’s Ministry is a resource to assist in equipping families in Parent-Child discipleship, that we are a ministry that partners up with parents/grandparents to “bring [children] up in the training and instruction of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4).

Calvary Kid’s Mission Statement is: Calvary Kids exists for children to experience the love of Christ and grow in Biblical wisdom. Our desire is to equip and strengthen family discipleship. My prayer is that our church community, through volunteering, can be actively involved in teaching and discipling our future pastors, missionaries, Sunday School teachers, and evangelists, which are our children. The biggest mission field opportunity for Christ is right on our campus here in the Children’s Building at Calvary Baptist Church. May we be a church that understands that, “Children are not just the church of tomorrow. They are the church of today as well.”