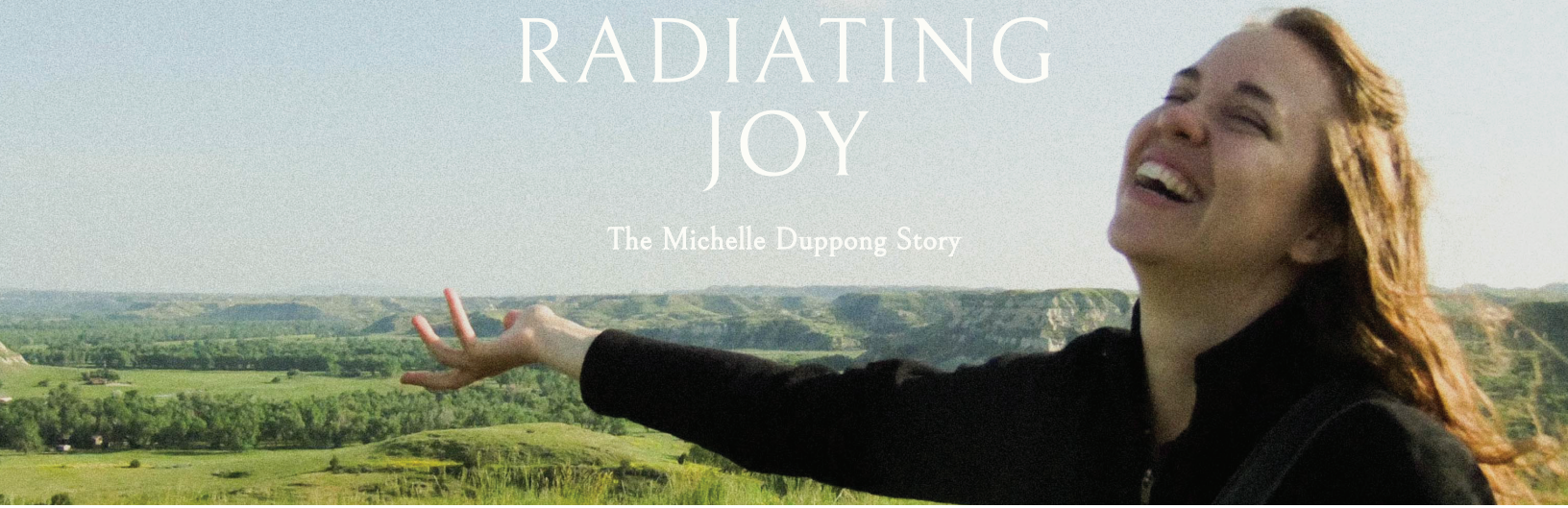


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RADIATING JOY

The Michelle Duppong Story



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was something that stood out to you from the documentary? Was there anything you did not know about Michelle that you found inspiring?
2. Michelle says, "God has made each and every person that has and lived and will ever live to be a saint. And, at each and every moment, He gives you and me every grace necessary for us to be saints. He's giving it to you right now, at this very moment. And all we need to do is say yes and receive this grace so that His life can dwell in us." What are some places in your life where you have been more open to God's grace? Are there any places where you need to accept His grace into your life?
3. Michelle is remembered as being full of energy and joy. She was also known to be detached from seeing or knowing what the results of her joy and witness of faith would be. Do you know anyone who has this kind of outlook and disposition? How does one go about living their faith in this way?
4. The documentary mentions that how both Pope Saint St. John Paul II and Saint St. Teresa of Calcutta were so present to the people they talked with that the world around them would seem to fade away while they were in conversation. Michelle also had this quality about her: "She put Jesus before everything, and then, after that, put people before herself." In what ways might we be distracted from what matters most in our lives? How can we engage with people in the intentional way Michelle did?
5. Michelle endured extreme suffering, but she did not view her suffering as an obstacle or problem in carrying out her mission. Like Christ's redemptive suffering and death, Michelle's suffering was her ultimate act of evangelization. What difficult or painful experiences are hard or painful in your life that you can offer up to God for the salvation of souls? What would your reaction be if you were in Michelle's place?