

Excerpts from *Shattered Hope: Infertility*,  
(A Dust2Diamond Devotional)



Day 13 with Nancy  
**We Are in This  
Together**

*See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God;  
that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble,  
and by it many be defiled.*

Hebrews 12:15

On the year 1536, Anne Boleyn, the second wife of England's Henry VIII, lost her head due to trumped up charges of adultery. Henry, desperate for a male heir, took extreme measures in pursuit of this obsession. To the king's dismay, Anne Boleyn produced only a daughter. She had at least two more pregnancies, which ended in miscarriage or stillbirth. One child, history reports, may have been a boy.

The king blamed his wives for failing to produce a male heir, but today we know through modern science the culprit was none other than the king himself. The male sperm determines the sex of the child. For years, many believed a defect in the woman caused infertility, but we now know that the problem cuts both

ways. The husband may have a low sperm count, slow-moving sperm, or some other issue.

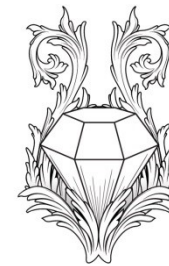
Regardless of the cause of a couple's infertility, the quest for a child should not take precedence over the relationship with your spouse. If it has, the yearning has turned to an obsession. A desire, unchecked, will turn anyone into an unhappy, bitter, and possibly conniving person.

Give the situation to the Lord, and pray for love and grace for your spouse. Determine not to sink into bitterness if your spouse happens to be the issue. When you married, you became one. You are in this together. No longer is this a his or her problem. We must always think of infertility as "our struggle".

*Help me, Lord, not to become bitter through our struggle with infertility. Please give me Your grace to walk through this valley in a way that will honor my spouse, and most of all, honor You.*



**We are in this together with Jesus.**



Who may I be blaming for my situation? How can I open the door of forgiveness and set them free?

