



Shayla L. Hilton is often described as a great listener who is both caring and supportive. She is passionate about lost souls coming into relationship with Jesus Christ. These characteristics help her to reach out and truly connect with people.

Shayla was born and raised in the beautiful state of Virginia, but has since spent the last twelve years in the great state of North Carolina. After graduating from Salem High School in 2003, Shayla began her journey in Greensboro, NC at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. She graduated, four years later, with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She went on to receive two additional advanced degrees. A master's degree in Elementary Education from Elon University and from High Point University, a second master's degree in Educational Leadership.

She is currently an educator by day and a devoted writer by night. She enjoys sharing encouraging words of hope and healing. She chooses to find joy in the mended, but broken pieces of life. Shayla writes from the heart of a woman who has been restored to encourage others not to lose hope, but to passionately pursue contentment through all of life's challenges.

Raised in the church, Shayla's strong biblical foundation was established at Shiloh Baptist Church in Salem, VA under the leadership of Rev. Adrian E. Dowell, Sr. Now, she is an active member of Mount Zion Baptist Church of Greensboro, Inc. under the leadership of Pastor Bryan J. Pierce, Sr.

It is her mission to come alongside women, of all ages, who are lost, broken and hopeless so that they can come into relationship with Jesus Christ, be restored, and live a fruitful and productive life!

She is the author of the Non-Fiction Christian book titled *Chasing Contentment*.

Shayla is the only child born to her loving and supportive parents, Steven and Bonita Hilton who still reside in Virginia.

Shayla can be found on her website www.shaylahilton.com or on her blog, Haven of Hope, at <http://hishavenofhope.blogspot.com/>.