Day by day, hour by hour, moment by moment living is the theme that frames the canvas of Gloria Gaither’s life. It is a life lived out of a sincere belief that being available to the wonder of each day’s unexpected twists and turns is a gift from God to be responded to with tenacity, joy, and excellence. This value has allowed Gloria to explore a wide spectrum of creative, artistic and academic worlds. Despite a staggering list of awards from her peers in all of these venues, she continues to invite new challenges with open arms, and an insatiable desire to grow and to have influence for God’s kingdom. Gloria’s commitment to her family is a brush stroke that colors every aspect of her choices and gives definition to every endeavor she has pursued.

Married for over fifty years to her soul mate and writing partner Bill Gaither, Bill and Gloria’s life together has been an adventure. They have shared a mutual commitment to a “larger purpose” and to that which is lasting. As a result of this philosophy, their union has produced over 700 songs, hundreds of recordings, numerous awards, a dozen musicals, a collection of books; and best of all, three children and seven grandchildren. In affirmation of Bill and Gloria’s vast contribution to the gospel music industry they have been recipients of many Grammies and Dove Awards, the ASCAP Songwriters of the Century Award and have been inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame and Museum. As the Bill Gaither Trio, Gloria traveled with Bill and his brother Danny – and later Gary McSpadden – for twenty years, then turned to her graduate work in literature.

Gloria’s writing spans a wide range of subjects and genres; from children and family themes to devotional encouragement for women; from social commentary to scripts for video format; from song lyrics to magazine interviews. A lover of words, all of her written offerings grow out of an irrepressible habit of journaling. Gloria has always been a student of literature,
with special interest in the works of John Steinbeck, and has contributed papers and reviews on his writing in a variety of academic settings. She has been published in the Steinbeck Academic Journal both in the United States and abroad. Gloria has written over 40 books including titles for adults and children, created scripts for over 100 videos and periodicals and is instrumental in creating Homecoming Magazine.

All of these pursuits have won her the respect of the academic community with Honorary Doctorates from eight universities. Out of a sincere heart to help young adults pursue excellence in their respective fields through Christian education, she has been a dynamic voice serving on the Board of Directors for both the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities and the United Christian College Fund. Gloria maintains an extensive speaking schedule. As an advocate of family preservation, living in the moment and unadulterated discipleship, Gloria has touched the hearts of audiences everywhere with her simple, yet profound message.

Gloria’s love for creating moments has been the seed for the creation of Gaither Family Resources, an innovative gathering place and Latte Café that showcases the Homecoming Friend’s videos and recordings and includes a wide variety of hand-picked life-issues resources, art, books and gifts for people from every generation. Now well into its second decade, GFR continues to offer stimulating events and experiences to its visitors.

Whether she is writing, speaking, or giving birth to a new idea, those who really know Gloria know that no achievement or work schedule is worth the sacrifice of a relationship. For Gloria nothing is more important than building a history around the things that are priceless, or, as she expresses it “Things that Last Forever.”

The things that last forever
The things the never die
I'll give myself each day I live
For what I know will never, never die
Yes, I will give myself away for things that will never die.