

Profiles in Goodwill: Merianna Harrelson

Merianna Harrelson is pastor of New Hope Christian Fellowship in West Columbia, South Carolina, and editor-in-chief of Harrelson Press Publishing.

1. Where did you grow up?

Spartanburg, South Carolina.

2. What is your favorite verse, book or story in the Bible? Why?

Colossians 3:17.

This verse reminds me that any ability I might have comes from Creator God and any change or transformation I might offer in my words and deeds are all because of the new life offered by Christ Jesus.

3. What is your favorite movie? Why?

Currently, my favorite movie is “Inside Out.”

The way it personifies our feelings and depicts the importance of memories is a reminder that our words and actions can make a huge impact on someone’s life.

4. Who are three people you admire?

Sam Harrelson (my husband), Margaret Atwood (author of “The Handmaid’s Tale”) and Tarana Burke (founder of the #metoo movement).

5. What is one little-known fact about yourself?

I am currently writing a book that explores my call to ministry and my experience with spiritual abuse.