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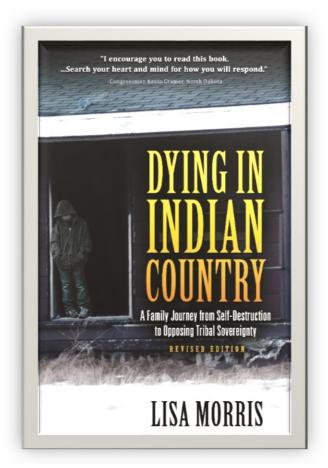
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### DYING IN INDIAN COUNTRY

A Family Journey from Self-Destruction to Opposing Tribal Sovereignty

Lisa Morris



Dying in Indian Country is the true story of a father who, recognizing how current tribal and federal government policies were destroying his family, embarked on a bold journey of change.

The names of children who are perishing daily within Indian Country never make it into the media. Abuse is rampant on reservations because the US government system allows exploitation to go on unchecked and without repercussion. Yet genuine hope is available! While multitudes of tribal members are dying from alcoholism, drug abuse, suicide, and violence, personal responsibility and non-governmental solutions can bring real change to Indian Country.

Author Lisa Morris reveals the anguishing reality of how the current reservation system played out in of her own family. After a life-changing experience, her husband, Roland, a member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, rejected the mantle of victimhood and blame, became personally accountable, and led their family in a new direction. The greater story within her story is one of spiritual transformation and healing. Readers will gain a deep understanding of the plight of Americans living throughout Indian Country, while experiencing one family's real-life journey away from decades of trauma, toward hope and victory in Jesus Christ.

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## About the Author

#### Lisa Morris

The co-founder and chairperson of the Christian Alliance for Indian Child Welfare, Elizabeth "Lisa" Morris holds a BA in Christian ministries from Living Faith Bible College in Alberta, Canada; a diploma of Bible and missions; and is a registered nurse. Although raised upper-middle class, Lisa spent much of her adult life living within modern Indian Country, witnessing her extended family's struggle with alcoholism, drug abuse, and suicide. After a life-changing experience, her husband, Roland, a member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, rejected the mantle of victimhood and blame, became personally accountable, and led their family in a new

direction. Subsequently, they both came to understand that foundational tenets of federal Indian policy were at the root of the pain and violence destroying their loved ones. Lisa and Roland raised their five children, as well as four grandchildren who were placed with them, through the Indian Child Welfare Act. She is actively rallying for governmental reform to provide true help for Native American families.

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# Suggested Interview Questions For Lisa Morris, author of Dying in Indian Country (Revised Edition)

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- What percentage of tribal members actually live within Indian Country? What is the significance of this?
- How did your late husband, Roland, come to embrace Jesus Christ?
- Why did Roland stop accepting Welfare and other government entitlements?
- What led Roland to oppose tribal government?
- Do treaties actually state that federal entitlements are to be provided to tribal governments "as long as the grass grows" ie: forever? (*The truth is, if you read the treaties, they were never intended to be perpetual. That is a myth. Read a few. Most were intended to cease entitlements within twenty years. At the time, people seemed to have understood the value and need for growth and independence.*)
- Why does our federal government continue extending treaty entitlements if they aren't promised in the treaties?
- How are the welfare and entitlement systems hurting families?
- Please explain the concept of "tribal sovereignty" and why it is harmful to children and families.
- Do you believe all children of tribal heritage suffer if they are separated from Indian Country?

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