

Suggested Interview Questions for Anne Jackson,
author of *Permission to Speak Freely*
(Thomas Nelson)

Why did you ask people to tell you “the one thing you feel you can’t say in the church” on your blog, FlowerDust.net?

Were you surprised by the response?

What did you learn about confession, fear, and grace, from the comments to your blog, and the artistic renditions that people submitted?

Why are people so afraid to reveal their brokenness and struggles in church?

Why is confession so liberating?

How did a pastor’s daughter become addicted to porn? Isn’t that usually a problem for males?

How did you overcome the fear that kept you silent about your own addictions and other painful things, like the sexual abuse you encountered, that you were dealing with?

How did confessing your addiction set you on the road to healing and wholeness?

What can be done to make the church a safer and more grace-giving place?

Why does perfectionism have such a hold on the church?

What is the Gift of Going Second?

You’ve some difficult experiences with the church, dating back to your childhood as a pastor’s daughter. How have you hung onto your faith?

Is there anything you still feel you can’t say in church?

You travel the world as a writer, seeking out stories of hope in unlikely places. How do you see the themes of confession, grace, and fear playing out in these places—for example, in Russia and Eastern Europe, where you recently traveled to write about sex trafficking?

We’ve seen a string of confessions recently from celebrities, politicians and other public figures. Why do you think confession has such fascination for our culture?

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