

EUNA KIM | Stories of HOPE

A K-Pop Artist's Voyage to Purpose

Former K-Pop idol Euna Kim welcomes us into her "Euna-verse" to talk about the ups and downs of her entertainment career, and reveal where she ultimately found meaning to life.

Euna Kim appeared as a contestant on the South Korean survival reality shows *Superstar K 3* (2011), *Unpretty Rapstar 3* (2016), and *The Unit* (2017). She made her solo debut in 2014 with the single "Without You Now" featuring Yoon Mi-rae, Tiger JK, and Bizzy, and in 2015, she joined the girl group *The Ark*.

On May 24, 2021 Kim announced her retirement from the entertainment industry as she began a new chapter in life. This is her story of HOPE and journey of faith.

Discussion Questions

- 1. In what ways can you identify with Euna's desire for "freedom" in pursuing her dreams, and being free from restrictions that had been put on her?
- 2. Euna talked about making unwise decisions and getting into toxic relationships in pursuit of her freedom. Have you ever made unwise decisions in the name of "freedom"?
- 3. Though Euna was going after her dreams, she drifted further and further away from having anyone she could depend on? Have you ever felt that kind of loneliness or shallowness of relationships?
- 4. Being constantly judged in the entertainment industry led her to think of herself as "trash." Have you ever struggled with that kind of dignity-loss in your life?
- 5. Euna says that people want to be famous to be known and loved. Do you think that being fully known and fully loved has more to do with quantity of relationships or quality of relationships? Explain.
- 6. We live in a world where people's opinions of us can go from "good to terrible in a matter of minutes," says Euna. "Being famous means your self worth comes from what people say your self worth is rather than something that's consistent." How do you think it would change your life if you amassed your self worth from God alone?

- 7. Though she had thoughts about suicide, Euna had a sister who prayed faithfully for her and constantly reached out to her. Have you known someone like that, who might even annoy you with Bible verses at times, but you know they are in your corner and will be there for you no matter what?
- 8. Euna came to a place where she realized she was living a selfish life. When have you had that kind of revelation about yourself?
- 9. Euna talked about how her life was changed when she surrendered to Christ, and how her "self worth" now comes from God and knowing that she will always be loved in His eyes. Can you think of any Bible promises or passages that reveal the boundless love that God has for you?
- 10. Euna said, "God works with every degree of faith that you may have." She spoke of a powerful prayer when she said, "Ask God to work with you in your unbelief." What if you did that right now?