

## Tali's Song

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**From an abusive marriage in Iran to seeking refuge in Turkey, one woman never lost faith that God would deliver her.**

1. For years Tali Johnson tried to hold on to the conservative Muslim faith her parents had taught her. Then she became a Christian. How does your current faith differ from the religious traditions in which you were raised?
2. What items would you pack if you had to leave your home with just two suitcases as Tali did when she fled to Turkey?
3. Tali's ministry, Voice of Love, helps refugees transition to life in the States, but it also teaches Americans how to build friendships with Muslims. What are some things that you might need to learn about being in relationship with refugees, or specifically Muslims?
4. What part of Tali's story surprised you most?
5. In the accompanying story youth pastor Nate Severson says he wants their students at Hillcrest Covenant Church to get to know refugees by name. How does this approach differ from simply supporting refugee ministries?