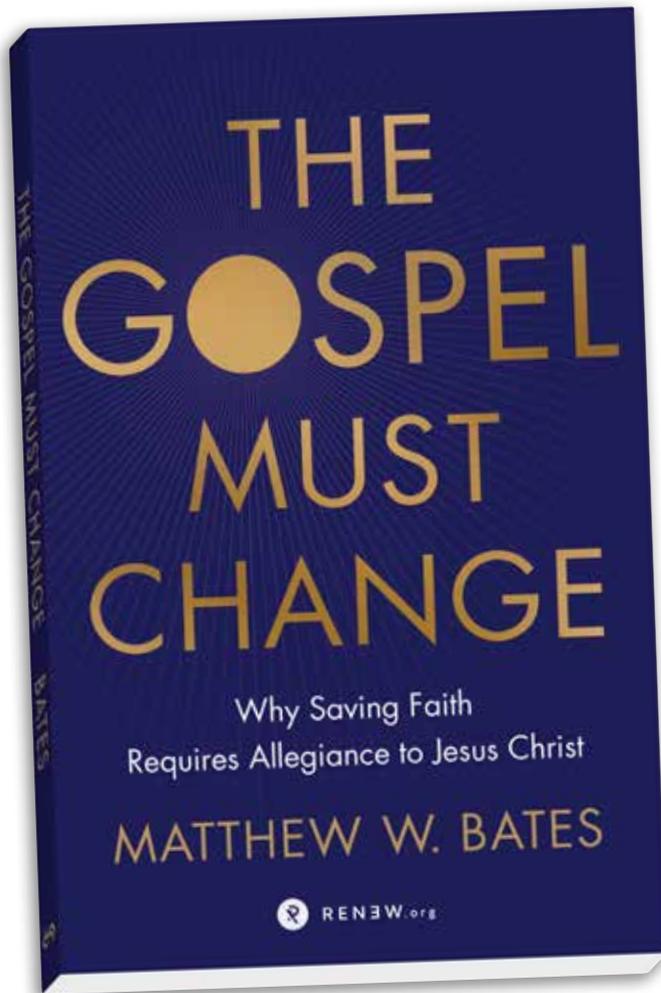




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# Why Our Gospel Must Change



- *Salvation by Allegiance Alone* sold well and received wide attention and acclaim (named the *Jesus Creed* Book of the Year; covered in *CT*, the *Christian Century*, *Englewood Review of Books*, *First Things*, and The Gospel Coalition)
- Shows why saving faith is better understood as allegiance
- Challenges popular teachings on the biblical gospel

Is faith in Jesus enough for salvation? Perhaps, says Matthew Bates, but we're missing pieces of the gospel. The biblical gospel can never change. Yet our gospel must change. The church needs an allegiance shift.

Popular pastoral resources on the gospel are causing widespread confusion. Bates shows that the biblical gospel is different, fuller, and more beautiful than we have been led to believe. He explains that saving faith doesn't come through trust in Jesus's death on the cross alone but through allegiance to Christ the king. There is only one true gospel and one required response: allegiance.

Bates ignited conversation with his successful and influential book *Salvation by Allegiance Alone*. Here he goes deeper while making his acclaimed teaching on salvation more accessible and experiential for believers who want to better understand and share the gospel. *The Gospel Must Change* includes a guide for further conversation, making it ideal for church groups, pastors, leaders, and students.

## The Gospel Must Change

Matthew W. Bates



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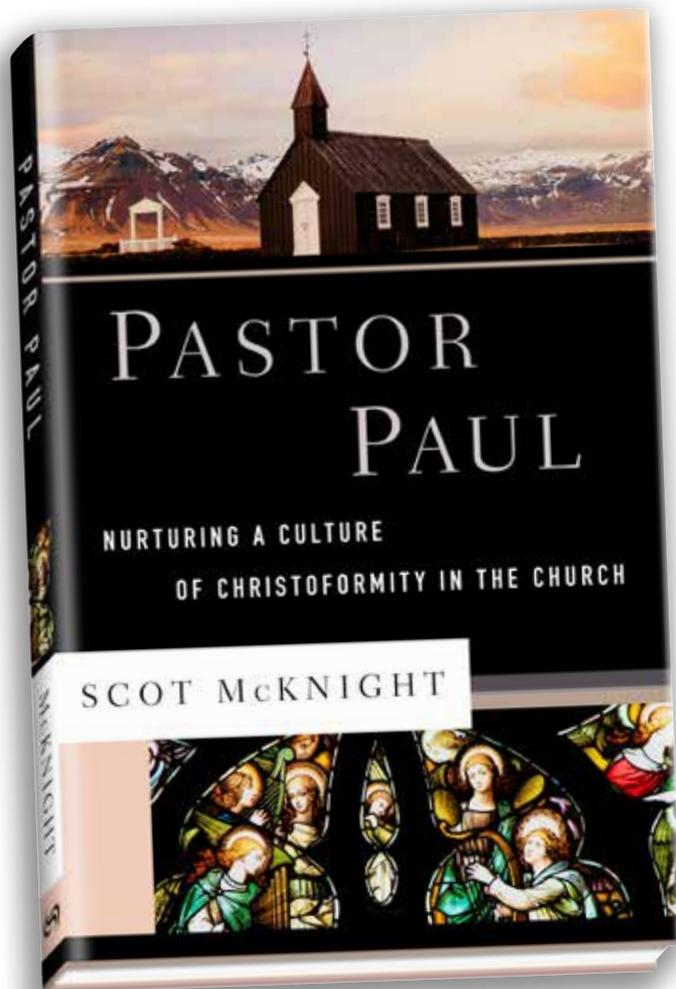
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# What Paul Has to Say to Pastors



- McKnight is a world-renowned scholar, speaker, author, and blogger at the *Jesus Creed* blog
- Explains Paul's strategies for pastoral ministry
- Speaks into the current crisis of character in ministry

**B**eing a pastor is a complicated calling. Pastors are often pulled in multiple directions and must “become all things to all people” (1 Cor. 9:22). What does the New Testament say (or not say) about the pastoral calling? And what can we learn about it from the apostle Paul?

According to popular New Testament scholar Scot McKnight, pastoring must begin first and foremost with spiritual formation, which plays a vital role in the life and ministry of the pastor. As leaders, pastors both create and nurture culture in a church. The biblical vision for that culture is Christoforimity, or Christlikeness. Grounding pastoral ministry in the pastoral praxis of the apostle Paul, McKnight shows that nurturing Christoforimity was at the heart of the Pauline mission. The pastor's central calling, then, is to mediate Christ in everything. McKnight explores seven dimensions that illustrate this concept—friendship, siblings, generosity, storytelling, witness, subverting the world, and wisdom—as he calls pastors to be conformed to Christ and to nurture a culture of Christoforimity in their churches.

## Pastor Paul

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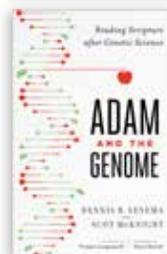
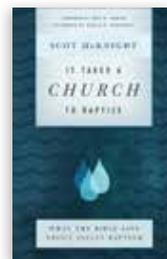
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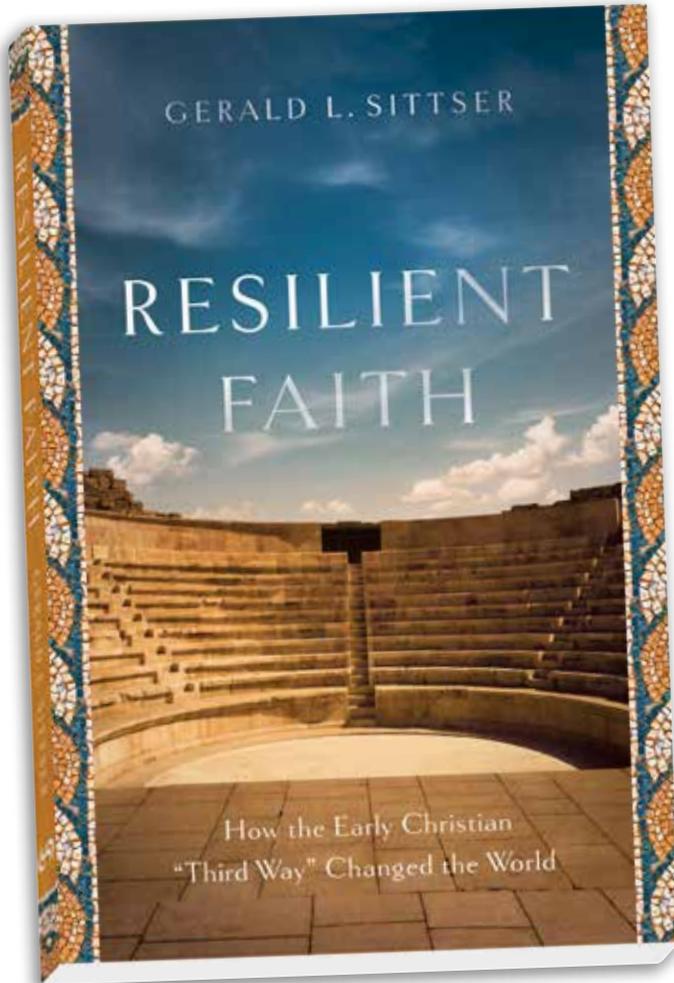
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# Recovering the Genius of Early Christian Discipleship



- Sittser is the bestselling author of *Water from a Deep Well*, *A Grace Disguised*, and *The Will of God as a Way of Life*
- Demonstrates how commitment to the lordship of Jesus and rigorous discipleship animated early Christianity and helped it thrive in a hostile world
- Explores how the early Christian movement can guide Western churches today as they navigate a post-Christendom world

In our Western, post-Christendom society, much of Christianity’s cultural power, privilege, and influence has eroded. But all is not lost, says bestselling author Gerald Sittser. Although the church is concerned and sobered by this cultural shift, it is also curious and teachable.

Sittser shows how the early church offers wisdom for responding creatively to the West’s increasing secularization. The early Christian movement was surprisingly influential and successful in the Roman world, and so different from its two main rivals—traditional religion and Judaism—that Rome identified it as a “third way.” Early Christians immersed themselves in the empire without significant accommodation to or isolation from the culture. They confessed Jesus as Lord and formed disciples accordingly, which helped the church grow in numbers and influence.

Sittser explores how Christians today can learn from this third way and respond faithfully, creatively, and winsomely to a world that sees Christianity as largely obsolete. Each chapter introduces historical figures, ancient texts, practices, and institutions to explain and explore the third way of the Jesus movement, which, surprising everyone, changed the world.

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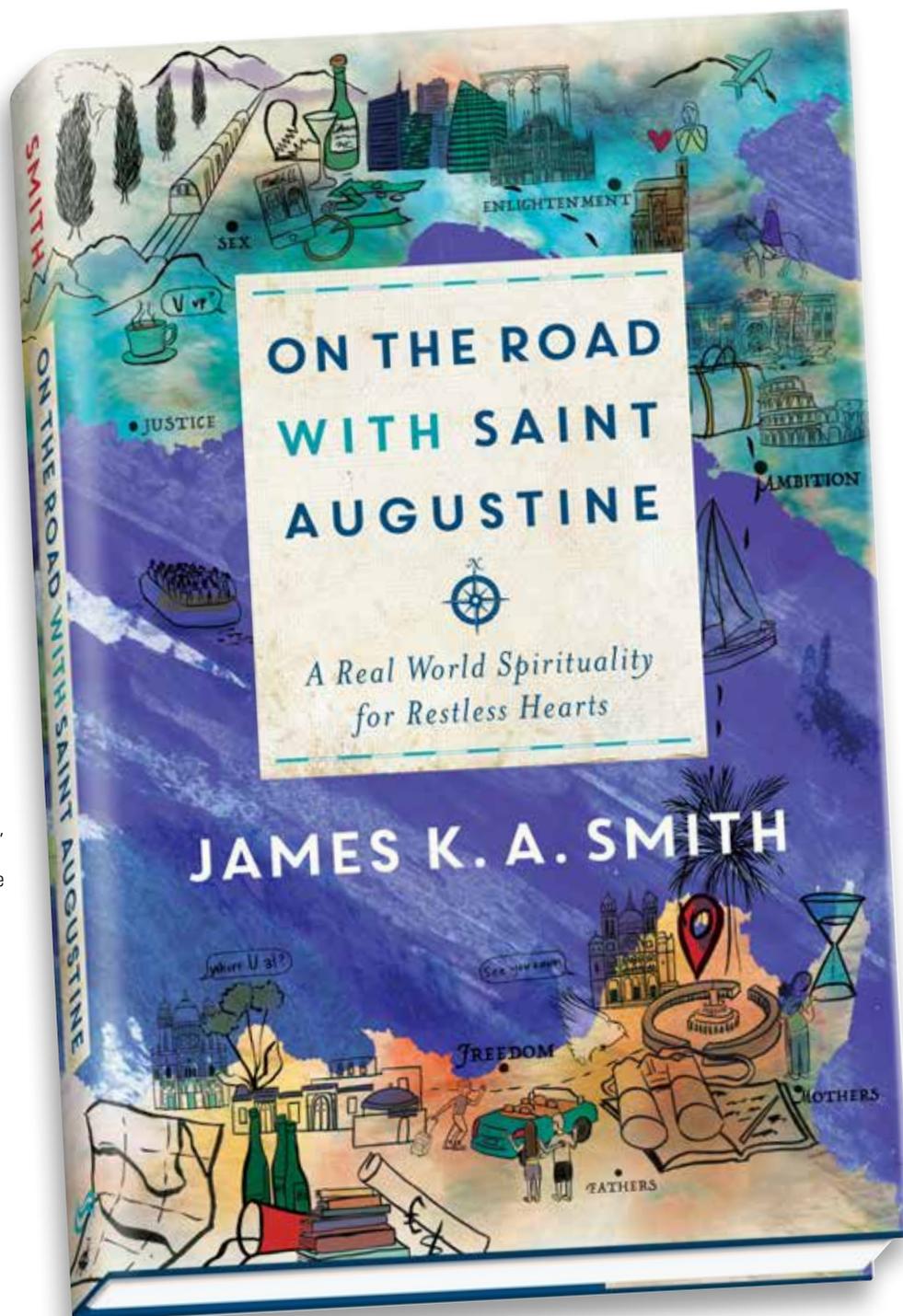


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This is not a biography. This is not a book about Augustine. In a way, it's a book Augustine has written about you. It's a journey with Augustine as a journey into oneself. It's a travelogue of the heart. It's a road trip with a prodigal who's already been where you think you need to go.

But it's also the testimony of someone who has spent time on the road with Augustine. In Jack Kerouac's iconic novel, *On the Road*, the narrator Sal Paradise plays chronicler to the antics of the star of the story, Dean Moriarty, who is really the exemplar, the hero, the model. Just call me Sal. I've been on a ride with Augustine. Here's what I've seen; here's what he's shown me (about myself); here's why you might consider coming along.

This is an invitation to journey with an ancient African who will surprise you by the extent to which he knows you. It's not because he's some guru, some Freudian analyst who haughtily sees through you. He only knows you because he's been there, because he has a sense of the solidarity of the human race in our foibles and frustrations and failed pursuits. If he jackhammers his way into the secret corners of our hearts, unearthing our hungers and fears, it's only because it's familiar territory: he's seen it all in his own soul. Augustine isn't a judge; he's more like an AA sponsor. "Nothing you could tell me would surprise me," he would say. "Let me tell you my story."



# Finding a Real-World Spirituality with the Patron Saint of Restless Hearts

- Smith is a popular speaker and an award-winning author
- Follows Smith's successful *You Are What You Love* (over 90,000 copies sold)
- Has written for *CT*, *First Things*, the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, and the *Washington Post*
- Shows how an ancient African can be a pilgrim guide to the challenges of contemporary life

Popular speaker and award-winning author James K. A. Smith has spent time on the road with Augustine, and he invites us to take this journey too. We might be surprised at how much we learn about ourselves along the way.

Following Smith's successful *You Are What You Love*, this book shows how Augustine can be a pilgrim guide to a spirituality that meets the complicated world we live in. Augustine, says Smith, is the patron saint of restless hearts—a guide who has been there, asked our questions, and knows our frustrations and failed pursuits. Augustine spent a lifetime searching for his heart's true home and he can help us find our way. "What makes Augustine a guide worth considering," says Smith, "is that he knows where home is, where rest can be found, what peace feels like, even if it is sometimes ephemeral and elusive along the way." Addressing believers and skeptics alike, this book shows how Augustine's timeless wisdom speaks to the worries and struggles of contemporary life, covering topics such as ambition, sex, friendship, freedom, parenthood, and death. As Smith vividly and colorfully brings Augustine to life for 21st-century readers, he also offers a fresh articulation of Christianity that speaks to our deepest hungers, fears, and hopes.

## On the Road with Saint Augustine

James K. A. Smith



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