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Insecurity. Guilt. Loneliness. A broken home. A broken heart.

We all hurt.

Our hurts may seem big or small. Whether it's from physical illness or abuse, job loss or an absentee parent, poverty or imprisonment, or just fear of an unknown future, pain hits all of us in one way or another.

We need healing. Our only trouble is that we don't know *where* or *how* to find it. Sometimes even our friends can't seem to help us.

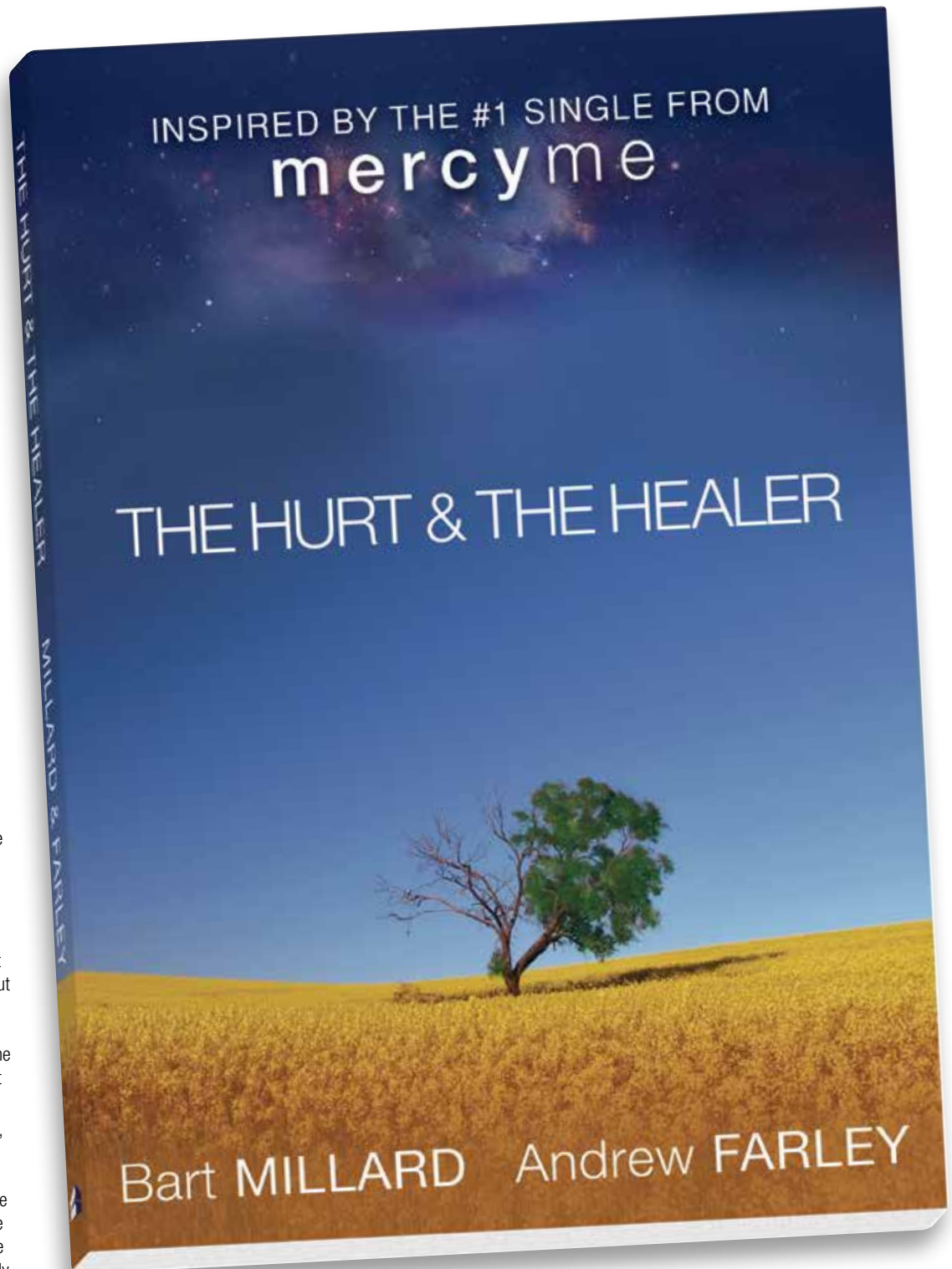
We might think there is something wrong with us. Maybe we are the only ones to feel such unresolved hurt. We sometimes have trouble just getting through life, making it all work.

We develop coping mechanisms to avoid more pain and to protect ourselves. Maybe things will get better with time, we tell ourselves. Maybe a bit of positive thinking will make it all go away. Maybe we just need to redouble our efforts, expend more energy, and somehow strengthen ourselves.

Our Christian friends seem to be living a blissful life of blessing, getting their prayers answered, some even experiencing "miracles" of one type or another. We start to feel like maybe we're the black sheep in God's family.

To make matters worse, we are ashamed that we hurt. We wish that we were stronger. We might even think God is disappointed with us for hurting or that he doesn't care. We would never say it out loud, but we might think God is the one kicking us when we're down. Maybe we think we deserve to hurt because of all the things we've done wrong, and God is just rubbing it in as he teaches us a lesson.

But that's not the God of the Bible. No, God is our Counselor, our Comforter, our Healer. He's not shocked or disappointed with us when we hurt so badly. We can be open and honest with him. We don't have to pretend around him. He wants us to be transparent about our pain. That's the only way real healing can take place in our lives. And, yes, that means being honest about *all* the feelings we have, not just the positive or spiritual-looking ones.



MercyMe: Reveals How God Is Our Gentle Healer

- Promoted on MercyMe's *The Hurt & The Healer* tours in Fall 2013 and Spring 2014
- Quick, accessible read is affordable for easy gift giving
- From the lead singer of MercyMe and the bestselling author of *The Naked Gospel*

We all experience fear, shame, loneliness, broken homes, or broken hearts. We all hurt and need true, lasting healing. The trouble, according to bestselling author Andrew Farley and Bart Millard, lead singer of MercyMe, is that we don't know where to find it. Inspired by MercyMe's #1 hit song of the same name, *The Hurt & The Healer* reveals exactly how God can be the gentle healer of all our hurts. Writing from the pain they've experienced in their lives, Millard and Farley reveal how their own struggles caused them to feel they had disappointed God. Through their biblical guidance, readers will see that God wants them to be open and honest about their pain. Only then can they discover how to exchange destructive thinking patterns for God's view of them and watch as God's perfect love casts away all their fears.

The Hurt & The Healer

Bart Millard and Andrew Farley



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Bart Millard is the lead singer of the award-winning band MercyMe. With a double platinum album, four gold albums, thirteen consecutive top five singles on the Billboard Christian Songs chart, eight Dove awards, and numerous Grammy nominations, MercyMe continues to speak to people around the world of God's love, forgiveness, and healing. Their platinum song "I Can Only Imagine" is the most sold Christian song ever. *The Hurt & The Healer* will be promoted on their Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 tours in front of hundreds of thousands of fans.



Andrew Farley is the bestselling author of *The Naked Gospel*, *God without Religion*, *Heaven Is Now*, and *Operation Screwtape*. He is also a linguistics professor at Texas Tech University and pastor of Ecclesia Bible Church. Andrew's writings have been featured by national news outlets such as PBS, ABC, and FOX. Connect with Andrew on Facebook and Twitter (@DrAndrewFarley). Visit AndrewFarley.org to watch videos, get free downloads, and find out more about Andrew's bestselling books.



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"I am thrilled about this eye-opening, life-changing book from Bart Millard and Andrew Farley. Rules do *not* set us free, but being set free by the truth is real! It's going to be exciting to see how God uses *The Hurt & The Healer* in so many people's lives. I can't wait to watch it happen!"—**Amy Grant**, Grammy Award-winning songwriter and recording artist

"I won the Winston Cup Championship in 2000, but the next day was one of the loneliest days of my life. First disappointment, then anger, and eventually depression. You name it, I've experienced it. I was excited to read this book, because there's so much here that I want to grasp. What Bart and Andrew have written will help you discover your real purpose in the midst of this broken world we all live in."—**Bobby Labonte**, professional NASCAR driver

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Forgotten Story of One of

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Harry happily sang several more plantation melodies for the family, each one ending with appreciative applause. The kitchen help stayed to listen through the door long after the dishes were cleaned. As the hour grew late, young Tony drifted off to sleep, his head resting in his mother's lap. Mrs. Dvorak finally led him and a reluctant Otylia up to bed as Harry and the composer remained in the living room.

"My wife didn't want us to come to America," Dvorak confided to Harry once he knew his wife had closed the door upstairs. "We were quite comfortable in Bohemia. But there was something that drew me to this land. In Prague I was fortunate enough to hear your Singers of the Jubilee."

"The Fisk Jubilee Singers?" Burleigh asked.

"Yes, yes, of course. They sang many of the melodies you have sung for my family tonight." The great musician placed his large, tobacco-stained hand on the young man's shoulder, looking intently into his eyes. "These songs of the slave, these melodies have haunted me from that time until today."

Burleigh was overwhelmed at Dvorak's transparency. He felt both awe and joy at what the master was confiding in him.

"These songs brought me here, Barley." The young musician didn't correct him. "You say that you know many of these songs?"

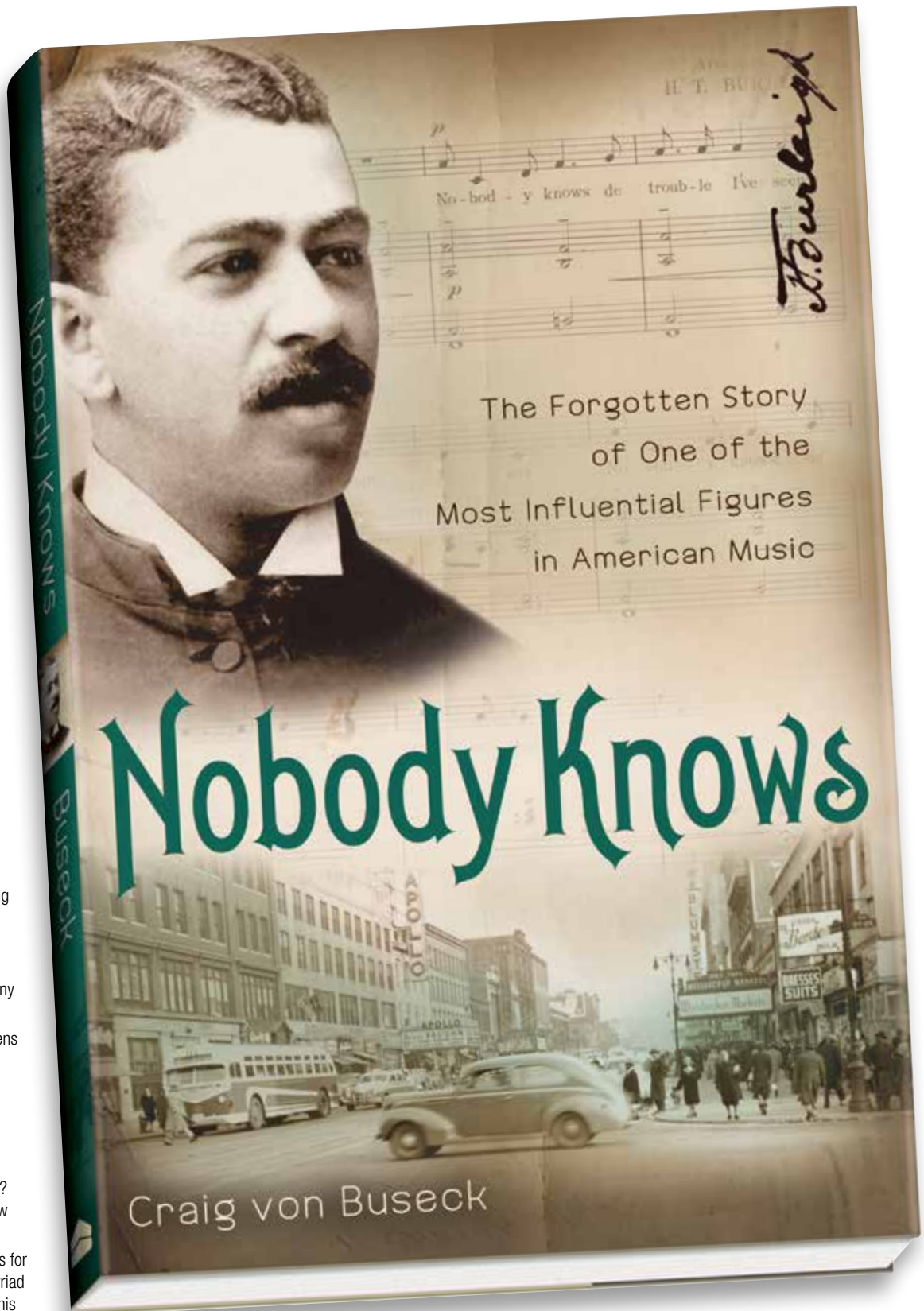
"Yes, my grandfather taught me dozens of them."

"Then you must teach them to me."

Burleigh was stunned. He stood speechless.

"Yes, and tell me of your grandfather too. How did he find his way to freedom? Tell me of the plantations. I want to know everything."

Harry sat and pondered the questions for a moment. He had heard the story a myriad of times from both his grandfather and his mother. Now he didn't know where to begin. After collecting his thoughts for a moment, he finally unfolded the story for Dvorak.



America's Most Influential African American Musicians

- The compelling story of Harry T. Burleigh, an African American music pioneer best known for his artistic arrangements of timeless Negro Spirituals
- Burleigh studied under the internationally acclaimed Antonin Dvorak and spent 52 years as the baritone soloist at St. George's Episcopal Church in NYC
- Author is a contributing writer for CBN.com where he served as spiritual life producer for more than 10 years
- Will appeal to readers of *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*

It should not surprise us when we see God use the common things of life—snow, streetlights, a rented suit, a mop—to accomplish the incredible. But it *should* inspire us. From the depths of near obscurity at the turn of the last century, a young African American man rose to fame through those ordinary things—listening intently out in the snow as a child to beautiful music in an elegant hall, listening to his grandfather sing the old slave songs as he lit the streetlamps, sweating through a rented suit during an audition for a musical scholarship, a chance meeting with a musical legend as he was mopping the halls of his school. Through the seemingly insignificant pieces of life, God led Harry T. Burleigh along the path to fame and through him preserved the songs that would form the basis of a uniquely American music.

Now Harry T. Burleigh, once world-renowned for his career as a beautiful baritone soloist, an arranger of Negro Spirituals, and a composer in his own right, is lifted once more out of obscurity by Craig von Buseck. This inspiring true story will take readers back in time to Southern plantations and Northern boom towns, to minstrel shows and soaring sanctuaries, and into the heart of a man who never suspected that God had destined him for greatness.

Nobody Knows

Craig von Buseck



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"I'm thrilled that the historical and important story of the legendary Harry T. Burleigh is finally being told! That he was for fifty-two years a member and celebrated soloist at the very church I attend here in New York City makes it all the more extraordinary. Hats off to Craig von Buseck for his tremendous research and work!"—**Eric Metaxas**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Bonhoeffer*

Overcome Self-Limiting Beliefs to

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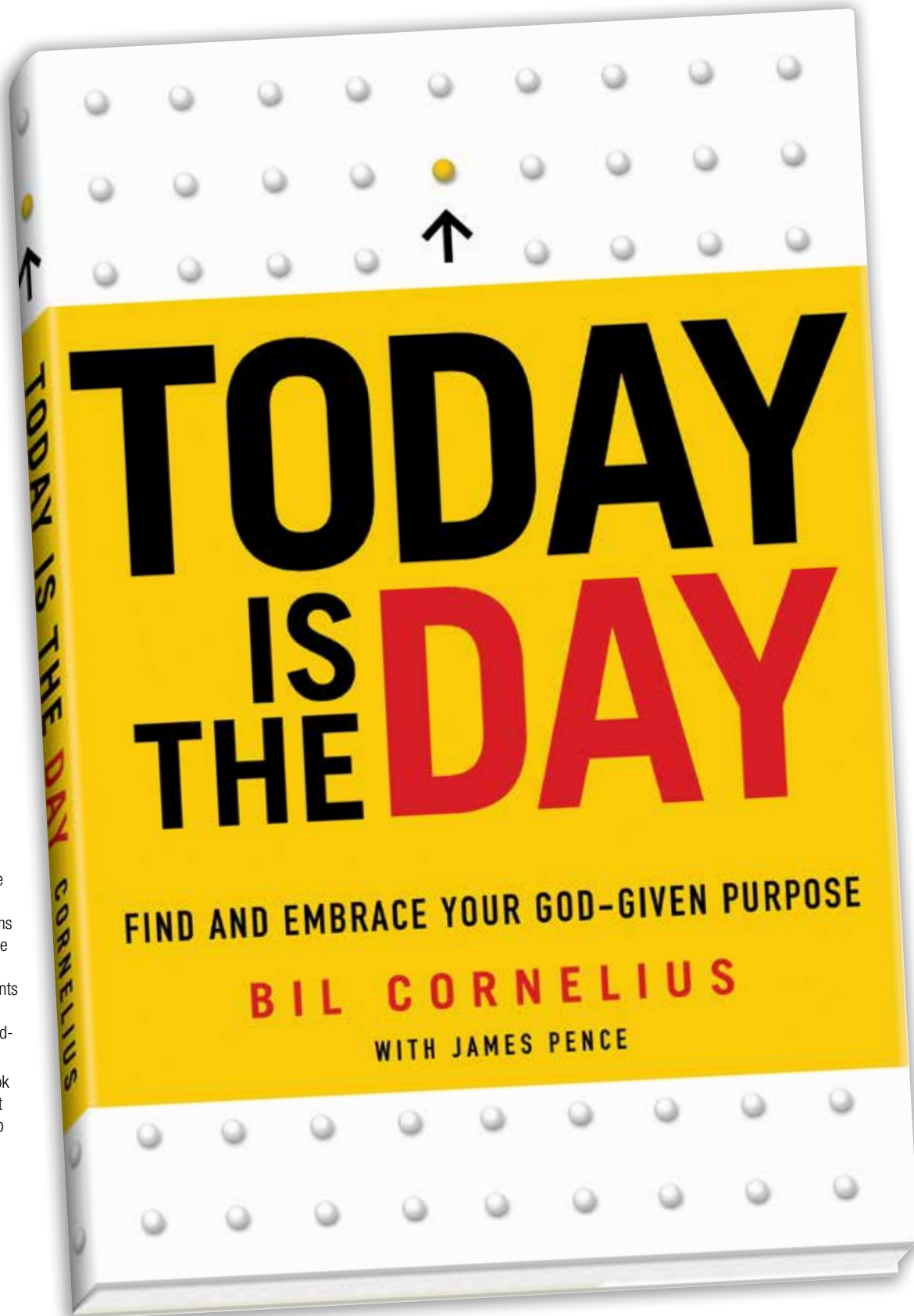
Most of us sell our dreams short by thinking too small. Whether it's from fear of failure or a desire to appear humble, we try to get by with scaled-down dreams that appear achievable. One of my goals in this book is to challenge you to stop limiting your dreams.

Have you ever taken time to think about what it means to have a God-given dream? Listen to what the Old Testament prophet Amos says about God: "He who creates the wind, and who reveals his thoughts to mankind, who turns dawn to darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth—the LORD God Almighty is his name" (Amos 4:13 NIV).

Isn't that awesome? The God who created the heavens, the earth, and the seas also gave you your dreams. The same God who set the mountains in place, placed desires in your heart. The size of your dream matters to him.

Unfortunately, most of us tend to downsize our dreams so that we have a better chance of achieving them. The problem is, when you shrink your dream down to something "doable," you weaken it. The dream may feel less intimidating to you, but it will also be less inspiring. In fact, it may not be inspiring at all. God wants our dreams to fill us with enthusiasm, to motivate us to get out of bed in the morning. Another way to put it is that God wants to give us a purpose greater than ourselves—an outrageously big, God-given dream.

What does that kind of dream look like? Here's a hint: it'll be so big that when you talk about it, you'll want to laugh out loud.



Achieve God-Given Goals

- Author's first book made *USA Today* top 50 titles list and sold nearly 40,000 copies
- Pastor of one of the 100 largest churches in America
- Provides encouragement and practical tips, inspiring readers to reach their goals

We all have dreams God has placed in our hearts, but many things keep us from fulfilling them. Fear of failure, insecurity about our financial situation, self-doubt, and more erode those ambitions until they are little more than pipe dreams. But Bil Cornelius is here to tell readers that today is the day they are going to start reaching their full potential and fulfilling their dreams.

With upbeat encouragement, Cornelius motivates readers to make their dreams reality by helping them set goals, focus their time and energies, develop their unique gifts, steep everything in prayer, and take action that God will bless. Readers will be challenged and inspired to achieve all that God has set in their hearts—starting now!

Today Is the Day

Bil Cornelius



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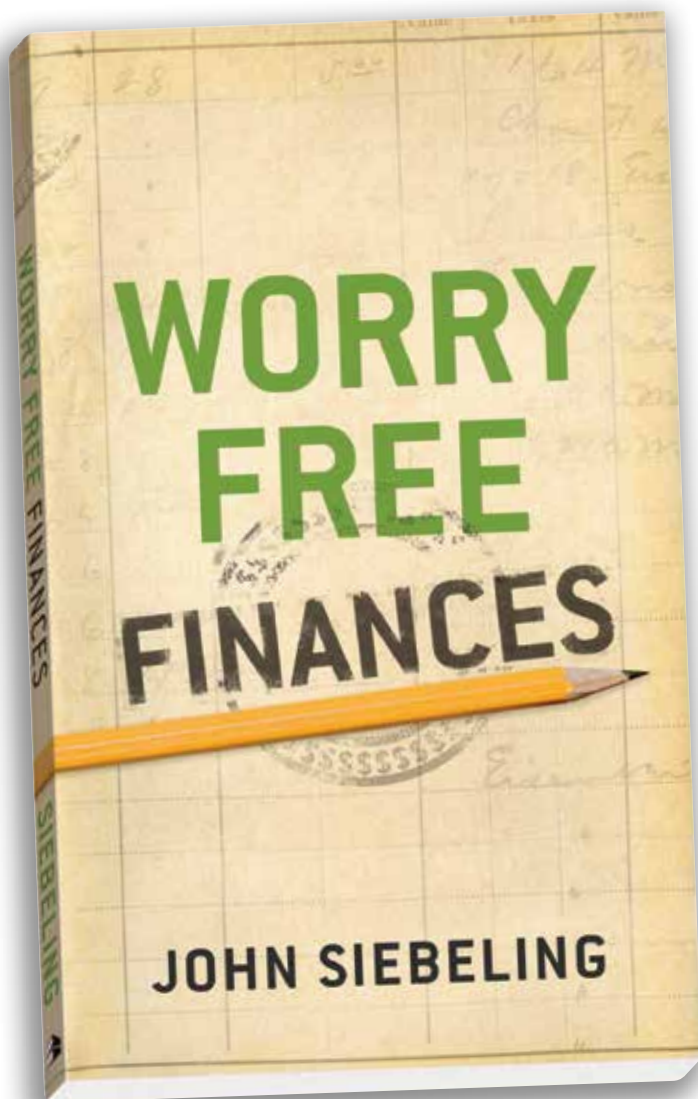
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Bil Cornelius is the founder and lead pastor of Bay Area Fellowship in Corpus Christi, Texas, which has in just twelve years grown to a membership of over 8,000 people between nine campuses, making it one of *Outreach Magazine's* Top 100 Fastest-Growing Churches. In 2008, he launched Bil Cornelius Ministries, a TV ministry that brings his message of hope to South Texas. He can be seen hosting the *Praise The Lord* broadcast throughout the world on TBN. Bil is also a sought-after speaker and church health and growth consultant and lives in **Corpus Christi, Texas**, with his wife, Jessica, and their three children.



Three Biblical Principles to Reach Financial Freedom and Peace of Mind



- Practical, easy-to-read guide to getting your finances in order
- From lead pastor of a 7,000-member, ethnically diverse church in Memphis
- Author hosts popular weekly television program, *The Life Church Television*

In a volatile economy, can we ever truly be free of worry and anxiety about our finances? John Siebeling answers that question with an emphatic yes. It's not about making more money, it's about three simple, biblical steps that apply to all of us, no matter what our income: tithe consistently, manage responsibly, and build a spirit of generosity.

In this concise book, Siebeling unpacks each of these concepts, showing readers how to lay a strong foundation for worry-free finances, how to manage their resources wisely, and how to expand their perspective on finances to receive the blessings that come with living a generous, open-handed life. These biblically based principles will inspire and equip readers to break free of the stranglehold that our finances often have on us and build a life that is blessed by God and a blessing to others.

Worry Free Finances

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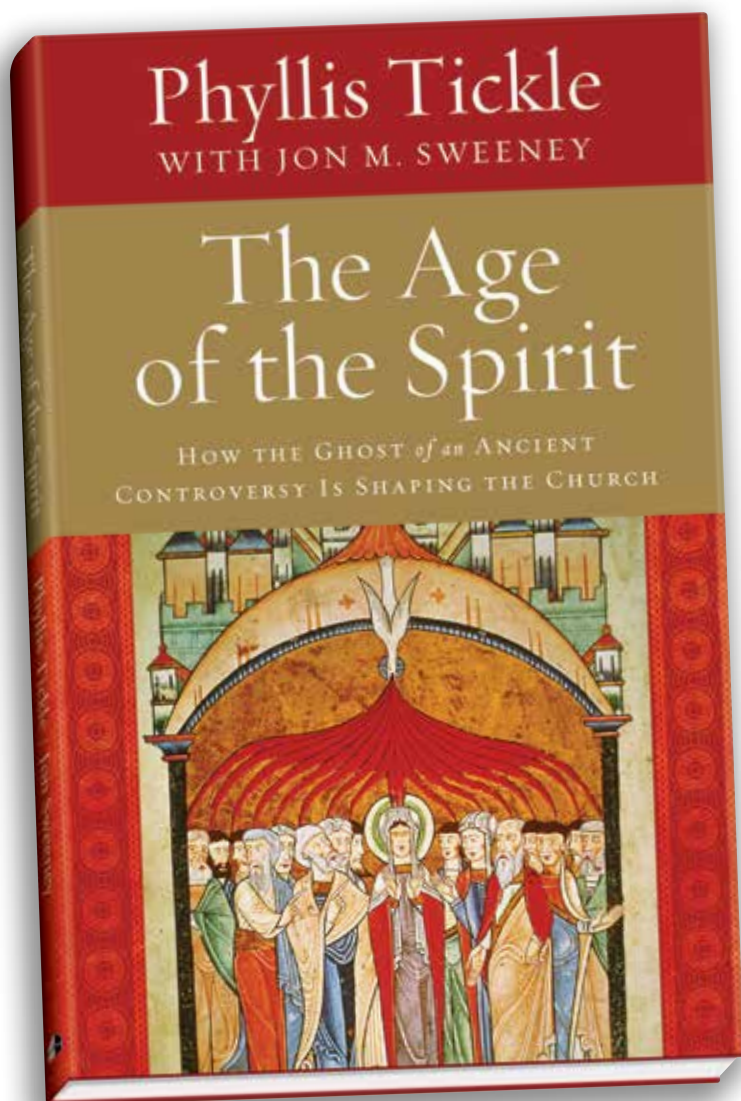


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How an Ancient Controversy Sheds Light on the Future of Christianity



- Bestselling author Phyllis Tickle is a widely respected authority on religion in America
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A thousand years ago, the church experienced a time of tremendous upheaval called the Great Schism. The one faith became two churches, East and West, and the course of world history was forever changed. And it all swirled around one Latin word in the Nicene Creed, *filioque*, that indicated the Holy Spirit proceeded both from God the Father "and from the Son." From the time that phrase was officially instituted onward, the Holy Spirit's place in the Trinity and role in the lives of believers would be fiercely debated, with ramifications being felt through the centuries to this very day.

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The Age of the Spirit

Phyllis Tickle with Jon M. Sweeney



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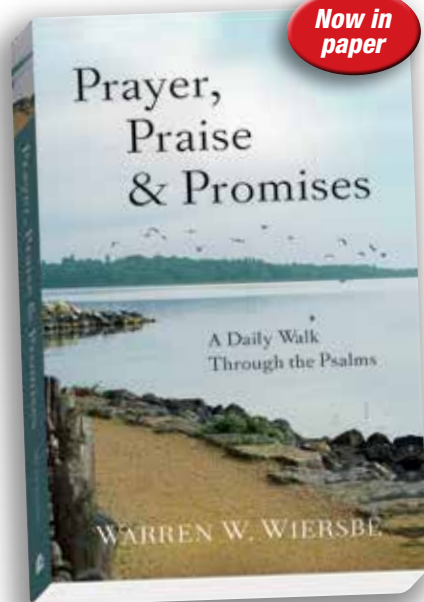


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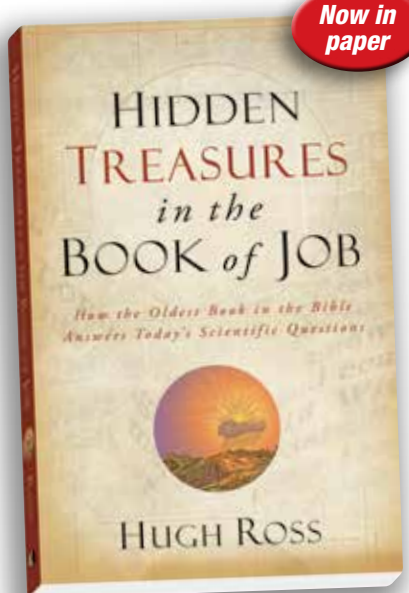
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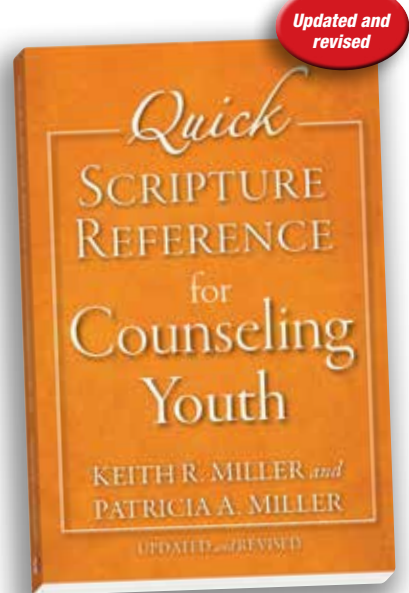
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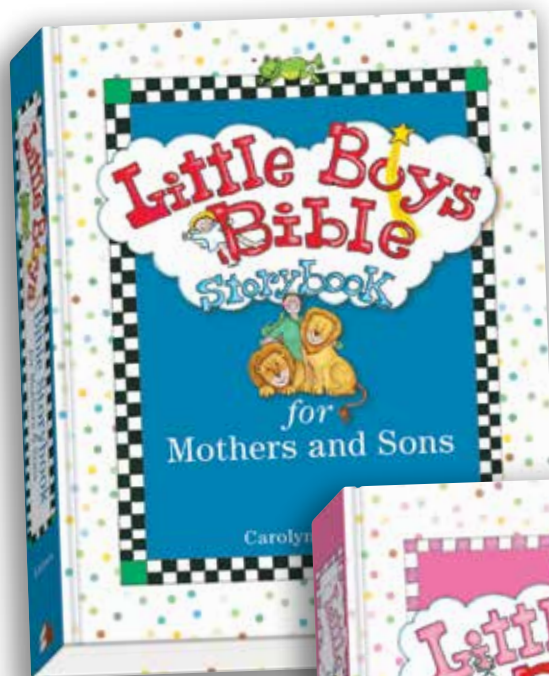
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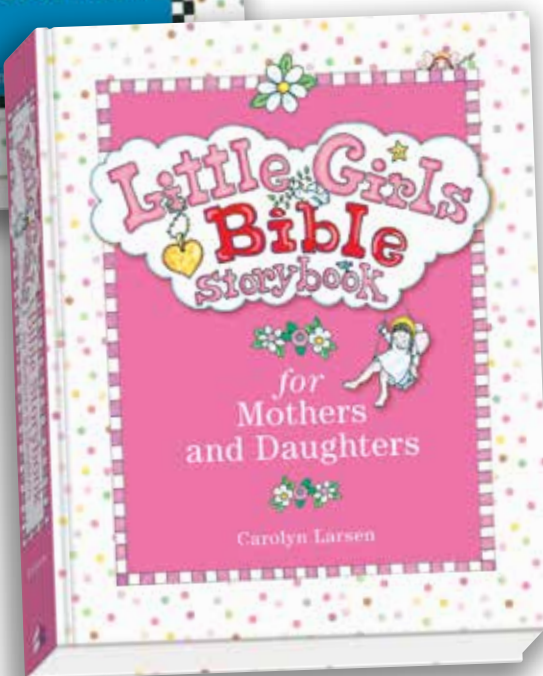
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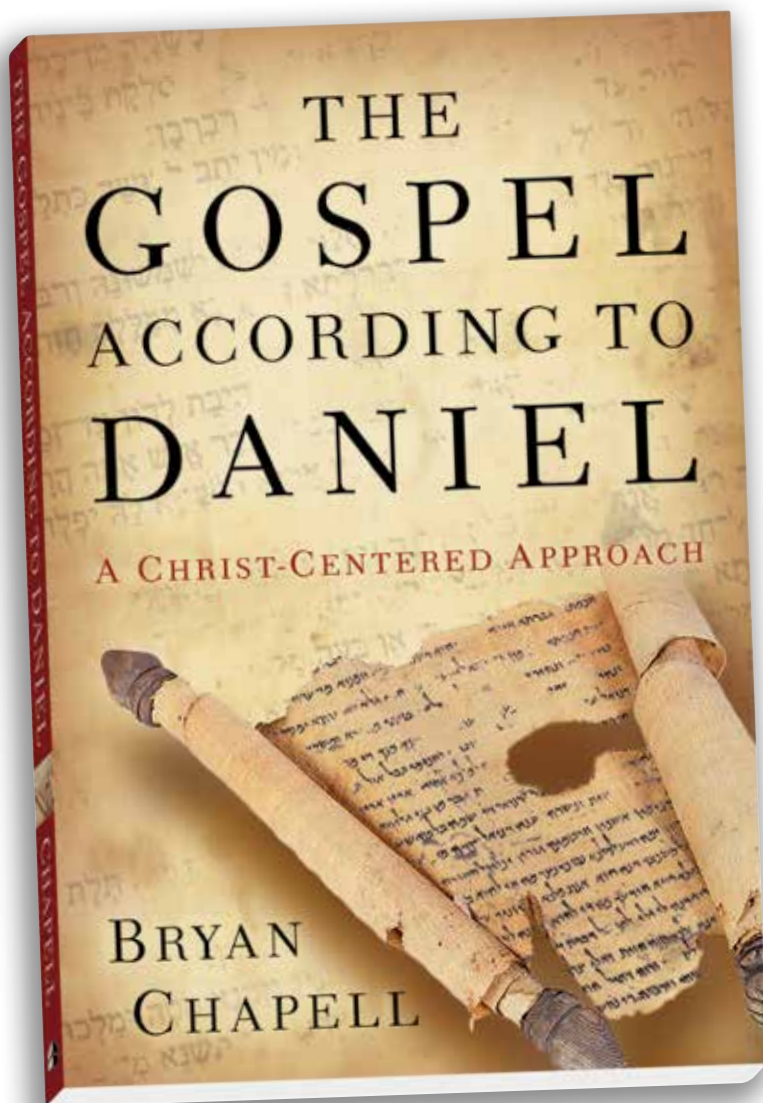
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A Christ-Centered Gospel Message Where God Is the Hero



- Chapell is a leading authority on preaching and teaching the Bible
- Counters many of the extreme end-times interpretations of Daniel
- Author's books are steady sellers

Often we read the book of Daniel in one of two ways—either as a book about a heroic man whose righteousness should inspire us to keep the faith no matter what our circumstances, or as a roadmap to the end times that can, through careful study, perhaps tell us the day and hour (or nearly so) of Christ's return. Both, says Bryan Chapell, are sadly missing the bigger picture, that *God* is the hero of this story and he is in the midst of his unrelenting plan to rescue his people from their sin and its consequences. We mustn't simply make the man Daniel the object of our worship nor the subject of our debates. We may differ about prophetic details, Chapell says, but we should never miss the point that the book of Daniel is, like all of Old Testament Scripture, pointing us toward the grace of God, ultimately revealed in Christ.

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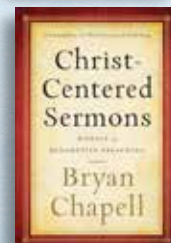
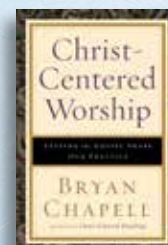
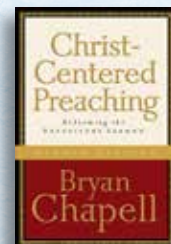
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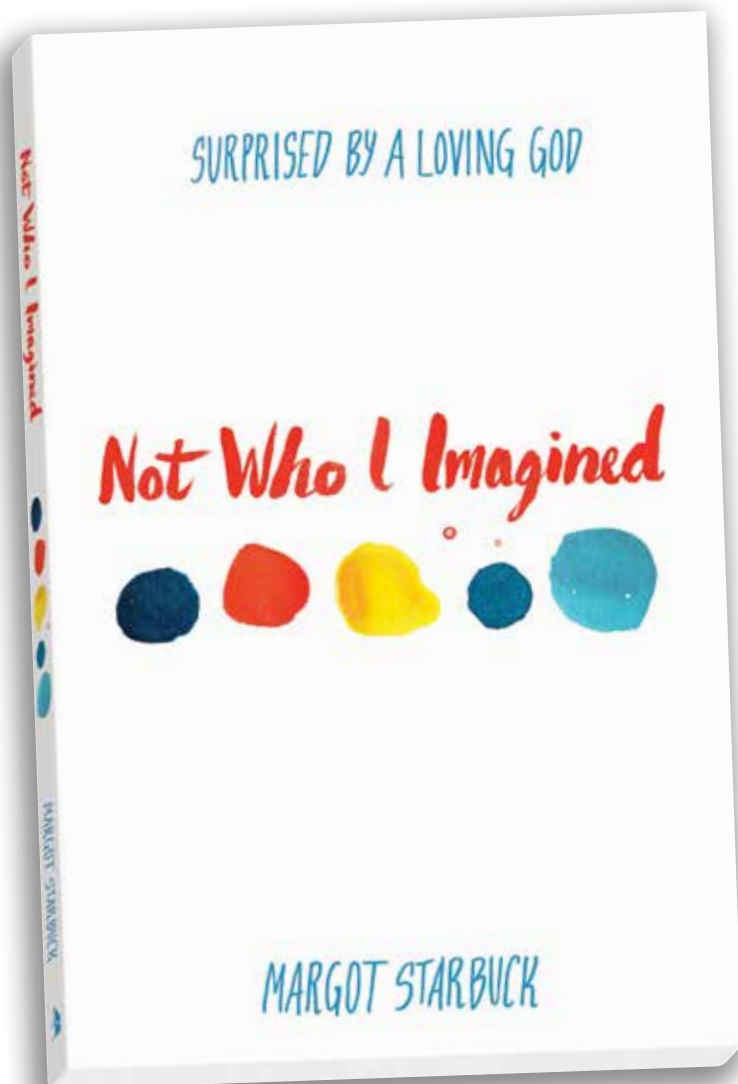
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For Those Who Feel Like They're Not Good Enough for God



- Author is a regular speaker at women's conferences
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From our earliest days we long for love and acceptance. First from our parents, then from peers, and eventually from romantic interests. We look into their faces, searching for a smile, a look that says, *I love you exactly as you are. Don't change.* We long for the same gracious acceptance from God. But despite the Christian gospel of unearned grace and unconditional love, too many of us feel as though we're still not *quite* good enough as we are. We can't believe that God accepts us. And often this is because those who represent God to us on earth—our parents, other Christians—have not looked upon us as we are with expressions of unrelenting love.

With compassion and wit, Margot Starbuck asks the question, *What if God receives me exactly as I am?* She explores the unbounded love of God, showing readers a God whose face is open, kind, and gracious, accepting us as we are and freeing us from shame. Anyone who has ever felt as though they don't quite measure up will cherish this liberating message about God's abundant grace.

Not Who I Imagined

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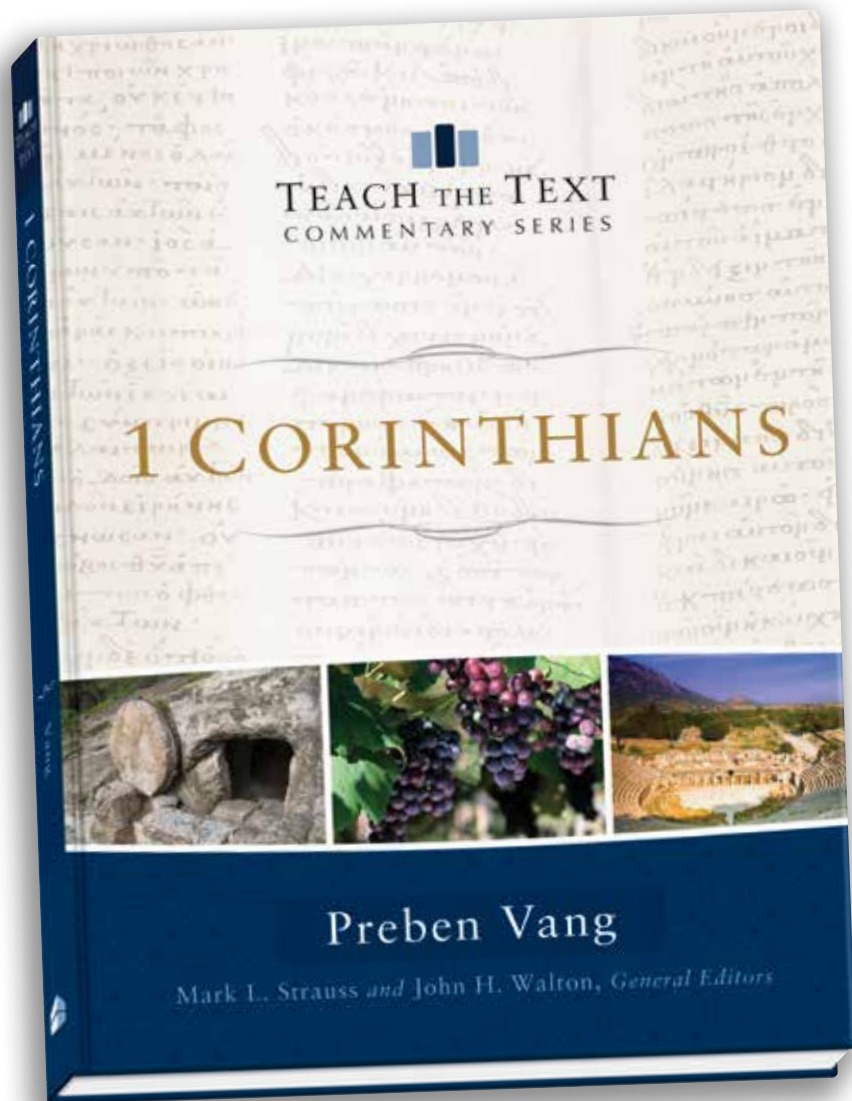


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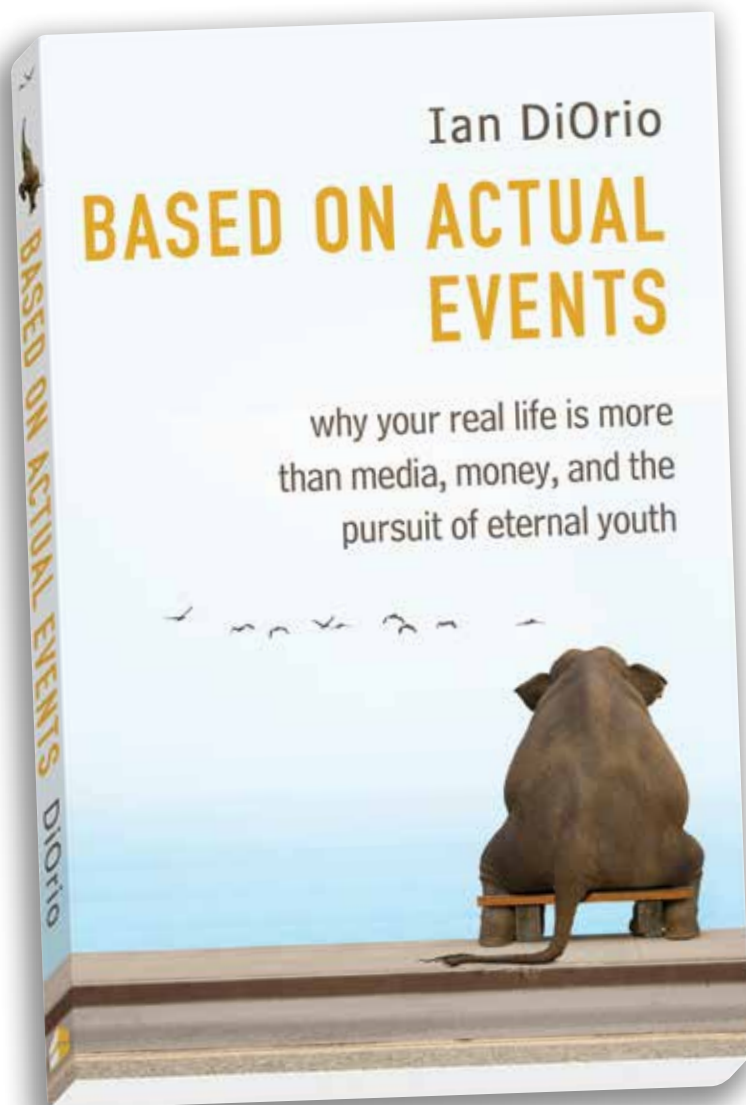


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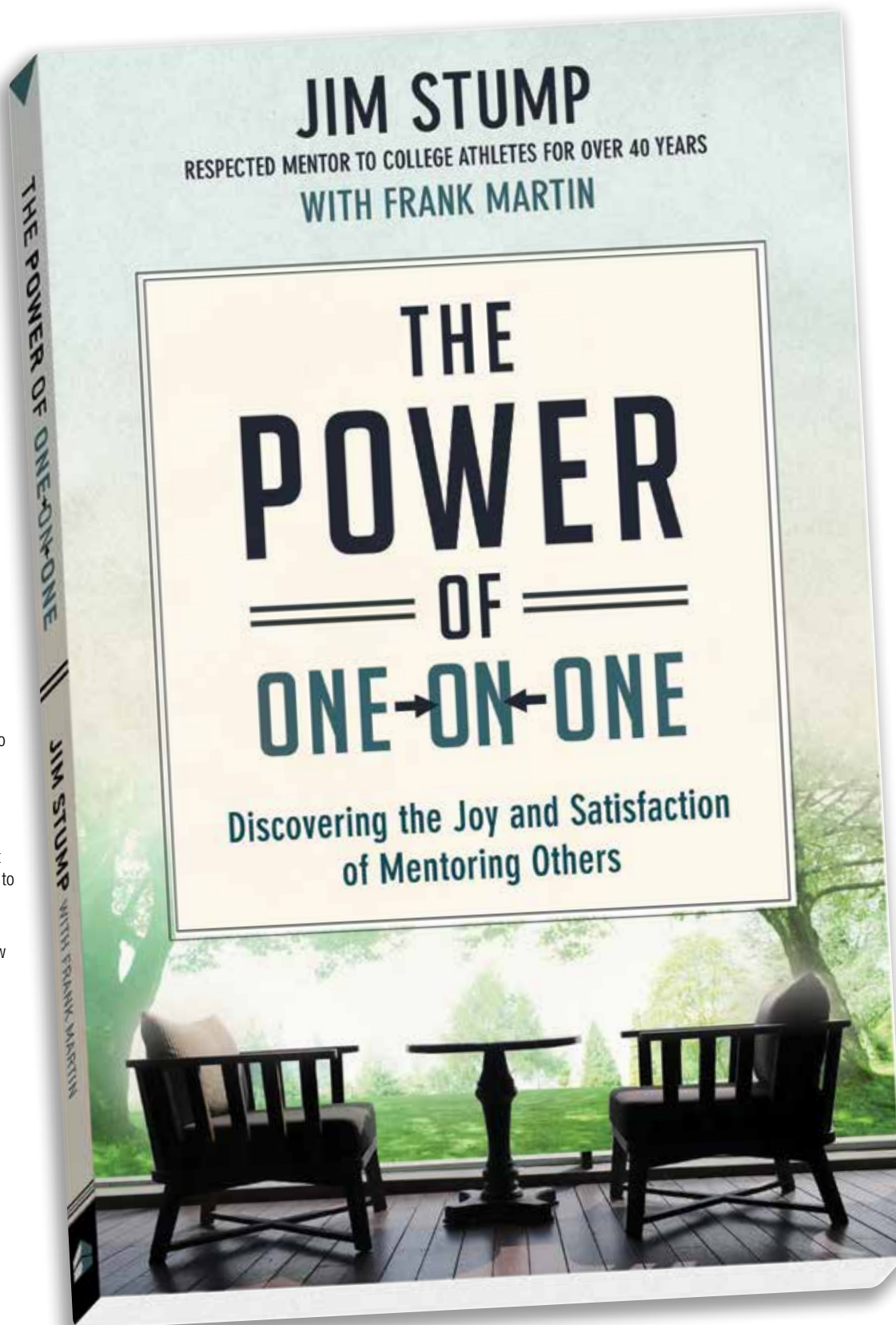
Every time I bow to pray with a new convert, I silently wonder if this young man will grow to be the next Billy Graham, or Billy Sunday, or D. L. Moody, or Dr. Bill Bright. Every time I open my Bible to study with a new believer, I wonder what God will accomplish through my humble efforts and what vision he has in store for their lives . . .

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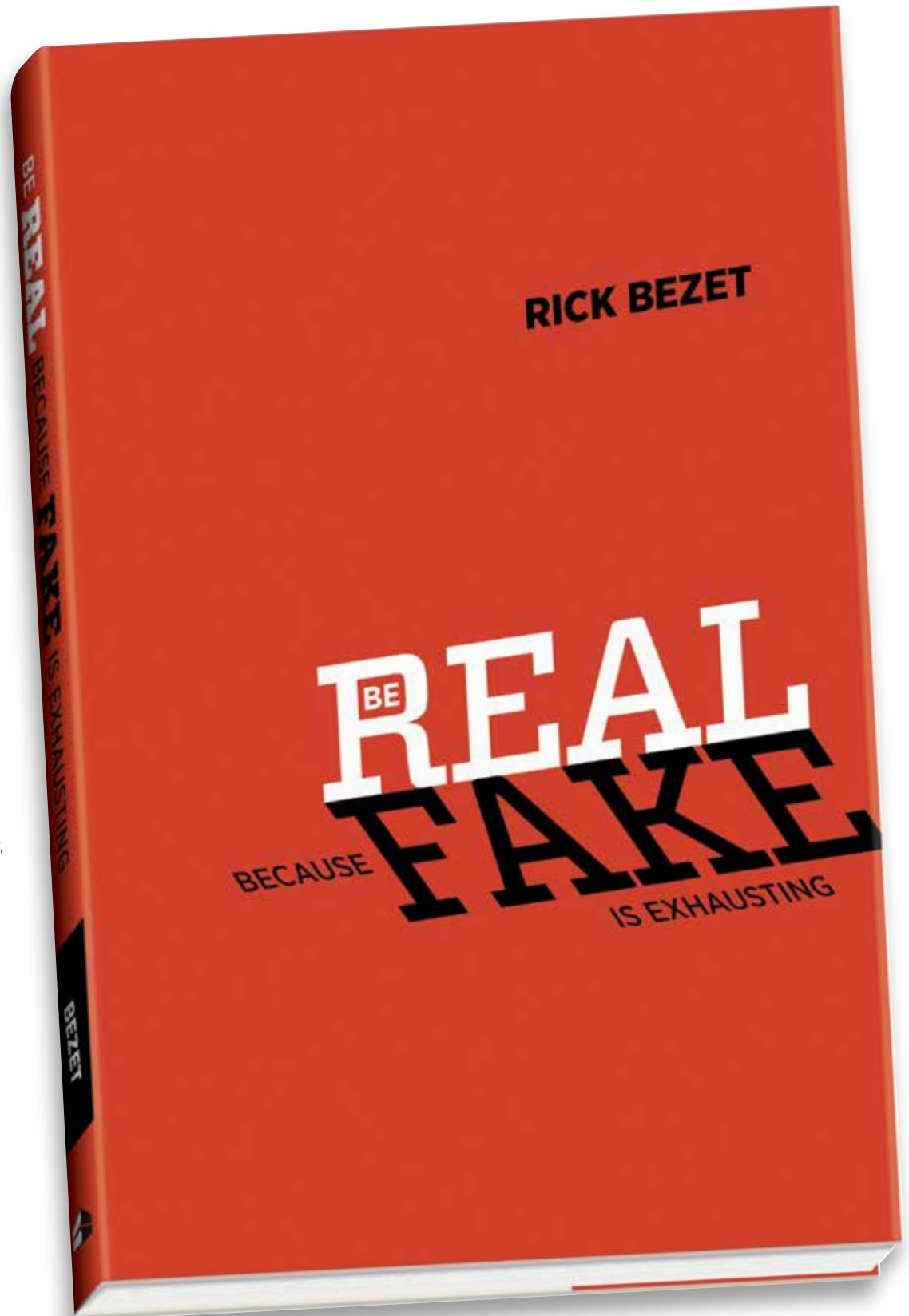
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Politicians are willing to say what a particular group of constituents wants to hear in order to gain their support. Actors and celebrities make a living by pretending to be other people, often becoming inseparable from their onscreen roles. Advertisers give us the best spin for their products so that we'll become loyal consumers. At work, we're conditioned to do a good job and please the boss, doing whatever it takes to fit in and get ahead. Everywhere we turn we find people wearing masks, projecting carefully controlled images, and skating on the surface of life.

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