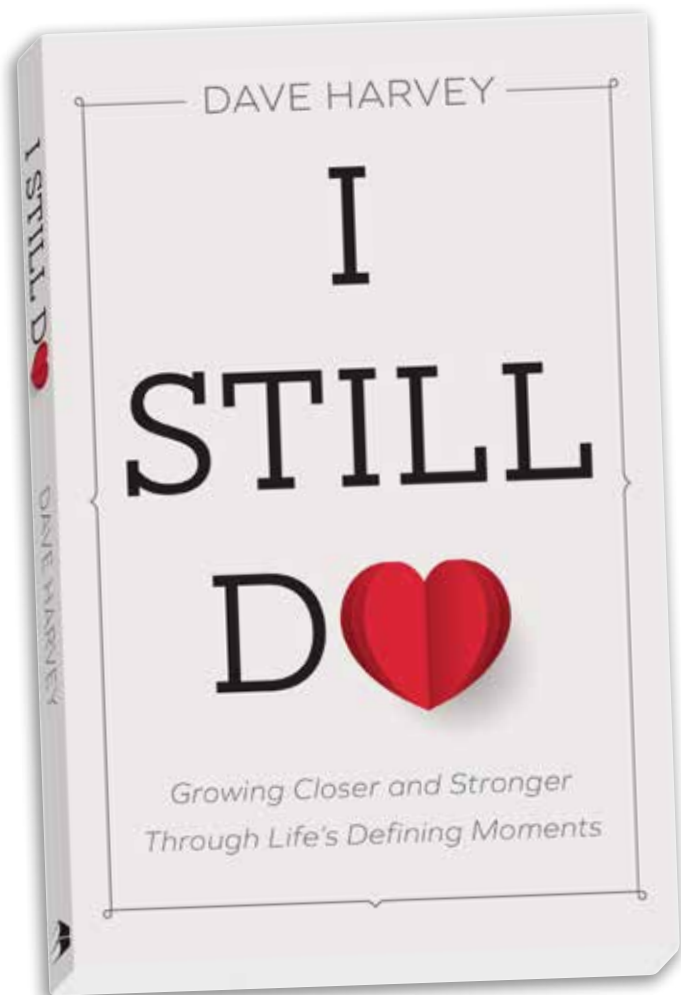




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Practices That Will Make Marriages Last “Until Death Do Us Part”



- Author's previous book, *When Sinners Say "I Do"*, combined with ancillary products, sold over 200,000 copies
- Frequent contributor to outlets such as The Gospel Coalition and Desiring God websites
- Serves on the board of the Christian Counselor & Educational Foundation and has traveled widely for 25 years teaching on marriage and training leaders

Lasting marriages are built one defining moment at a time. The moment of blame. The moment of weakness. When your spouse suffers. When dreams disappoint. When the kids leave the nest. It's how we think and behave toward one another in moments like these that determines whether our marriage endures or falters. Ultimately, these are invitations from God to consider our direction and pursue transformation.

With 37 years of marriage and 33 years of pastoring under his belt, Dave Harvey has identified those life-defining moments of a post-newlywed marriage. He wants to help couples recognize them in their own relationships so that they can take a proactive, godly approach to resolving conflicts, holding one another up as change inevitably happens, and ensuring that their marriage survives and thrives.

Whether your relationship is maturing gracefully, just needs a tune-up, or you and your spouse are locked in conflict and your future seems uncertain, Dave Harvey has encouragement and practical tools to help strengthen what remains and build a rock-solid union for the days to come.

I Still Do

Dave Harvey



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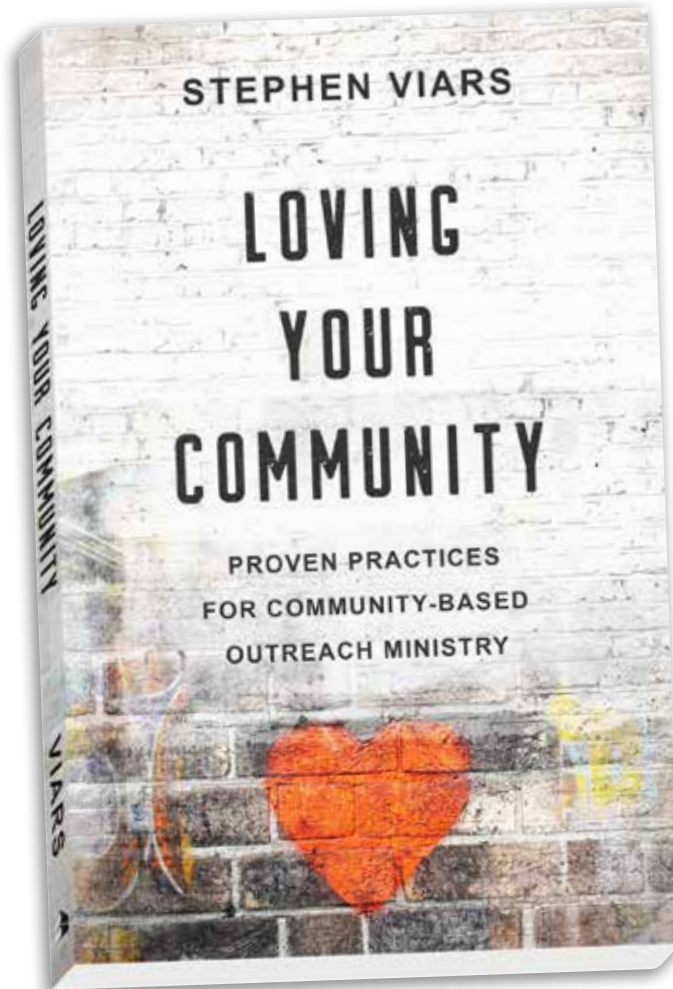
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dave Harvey (DMin, Westminster Theological Seminary) is a teaching pastor, blogger, and founder of *AmICalled.com*, and travels widely across networks and denominations as a popular conference speaker. He is the author of *When Sinners Say "I Do"*, *Am I Called*, and *Rescuing Ambition*, and coauthor of *Letting Go: Rugged Love for Wayward Souls*. He and his wife, Kimm, have four kids and two grandchildren and live in Southwest Florida. For videos, articles, or to book an event, visit www.rev-daveharvey.com.



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Successful Strategies for Community-Based Outreach Ministry



- Author is the senior pastor at Faith Church, a multisite church of 2,000 people
- Author serves on the board of the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors and provides oversight for Faith Bible Seminary
- A practical guide for equipping Christians and local churches in effective community outreach strategies

Are you and your church making a difference in your community? Are you meeting needs in a positive, proactive, and loving way? Too often when churches are presented with a need outside their walls, they operate on the principle of "Say no unless you have to say yes."

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No matter the size, location, demographics, or issues in your community, the approach found in this practical book will help you improve people's lives, draw them into productive conversation about the hope you have in Christ, and glorify God.

Loving Your Community

Stephen Viars



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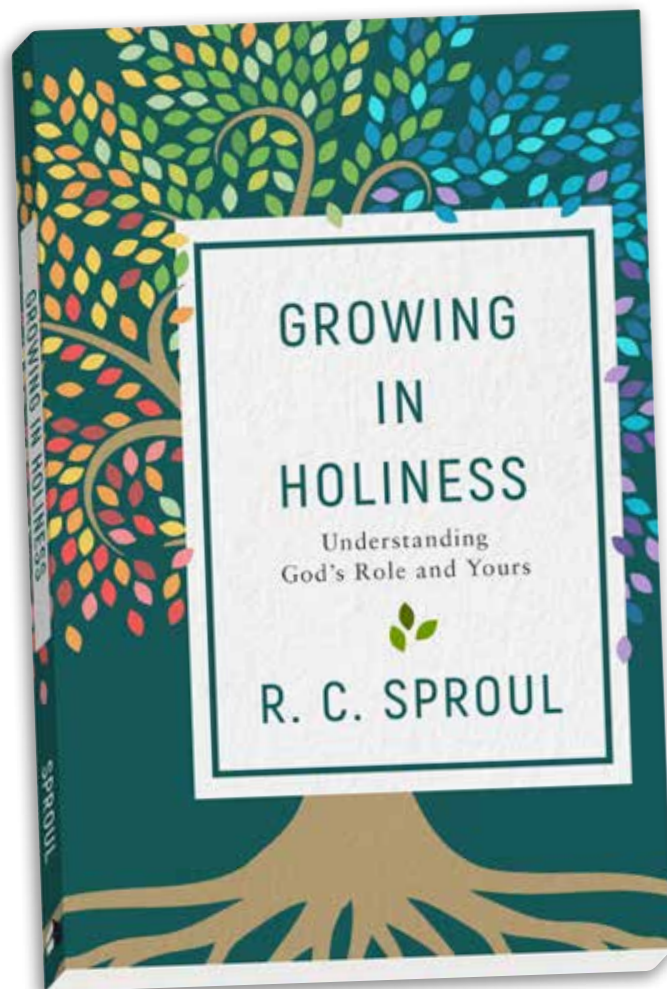
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Stephen Viars (MDiv, Grace Theological Seminary; DMin, Westminster Theological Seminary) has served as a pastor and biblical counselor at Faith Church and Faith Biblical Counseling Ministries in Lafayette, Indiana, since 1987. He is a frequent speaker at conferences, colleges, and seminaries in the United States and abroad. In addition to overseeing the staff and ministries at Faith, he also serves on the boards of the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors, the Biblical Counseling Coalition, Vision of Hope, and the Faith Community Development Corporation. The author of *Putting Your Past in Its Place*, he and his wife, Kris, have been married since 1982 and have three children and three grandchildren.



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Responding to the Good News of Your Redemption in Christ



- Baker has sold more than half a million copies of R. C. Sproul's books
- R. C. Sproul was a seminary professor, a pastor, and the author of more than 100 books
- Sproul was the founder and chairman of Ligonier Ministries and the first president of Reformation Bible College, and his teaching can still be heard on the program *Renewing Your Mind*, which broadcasts around the world

The Christian life is a process of growing in holiness, our natural response to the good news of our redemption in Christ. This kind of growth is gradual, and obstacles are plentiful. Thankfully, we don't have to go it alone. God has given us his Spirit so that we can overcome temptation and become more and more conformed to the image of Christ. But how does the Spirit work? What is the nature of our own personal involvement in the process? And how do we know if we are making progress?

Drawn from the lectures of beloved theologian R. C. Sproul, *Growing in Holiness* explores the doctrine of sanctification, offering insightful commentary on themes such as developing perseverance, overcoming barriers to growth, dealing with feelings of inadequacy, cultivating love for God and others, exhibiting the fruits of the Spirit, and much more. Whether you're a new believer who wants to understand what the Christian life is all about or you've been a Christian for some time but are frustrated by a lack of progress, this book is your guide to pursuing a holy life.

Growing in Holiness

R. C. Sproul



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

R. C. Sproul (1939–2017) was founder of Ligonier Ministries, an international Christian discipleship organization located near Orlando, Florida. He was also founding pastor of Saint Andrew's Chapel in Sanford, Florida, first president of Reformation Bible College, and executive editor of *Tabletalk* magazine. His radio program, *Renewing Your Mind*, is still broadcast daily on hundreds of radio stations around the world and can also be heard online. Dr. Sproul contributed dozens of articles to national evangelical publications, spoke at conferences, churches, colleges, and seminaries around the world, and wrote more than 100 books, including *The Holiness of God*, *Chosen by God*, and *Everyone's a Theologian*. He also served as general editor of the *Reformation Study Bible*.

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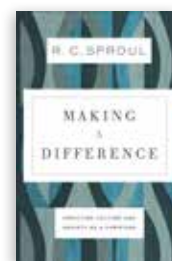
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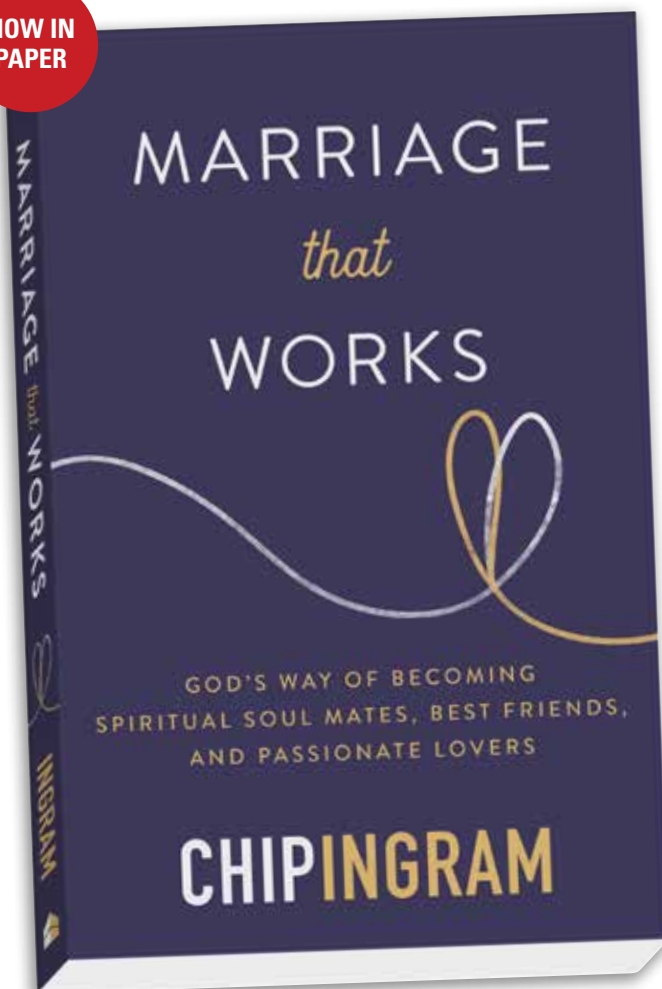
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Chip Ingram is the teaching pastor and CEO of Living on the Edge, an international teaching and discipleship ministry. A pastor for over thirty years, Chip is the author of many books, including *Culture Shock*, *The Real Heaven*, *The Real God*, *The Invisible War*, and *Love, Sex, and Lasting Relationships*. Chip and his wife, Theresa, have four grown children and twelve grandchildren and live in California.



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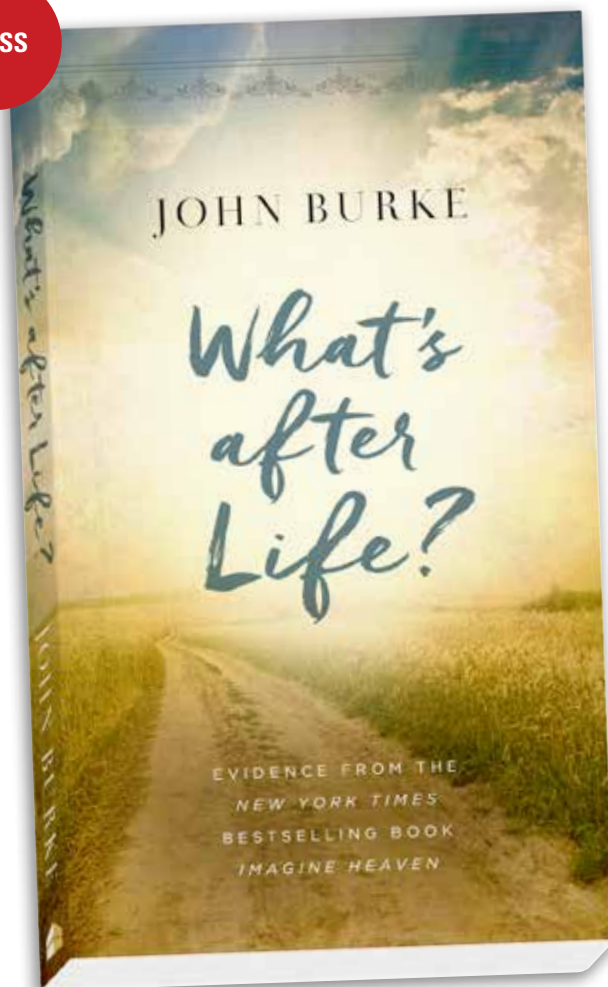
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- *Imagine Heaven* is a *New York Times* bestseller that has sold nearly 800,000 copies in all editions
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The Gallup Poll reports that 1 in 25 people has had a near-death experience. Their heart stopped beating, their brain waves ceased, yet they claim they were more alive than ever. With improved medical resuscitation, more and more verifiable evidence indicates that life doesn't end with our last breath—it's just beginning.

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If you've lost a loved one, if you've received a frightening diagnosis, or if you're just curious about what happens after death, this concise look at the life to come will bring you hope and reassurance. Content derived from the *New York Times* bestseller *Imagine Heaven*.

What's after Life?

John Burke



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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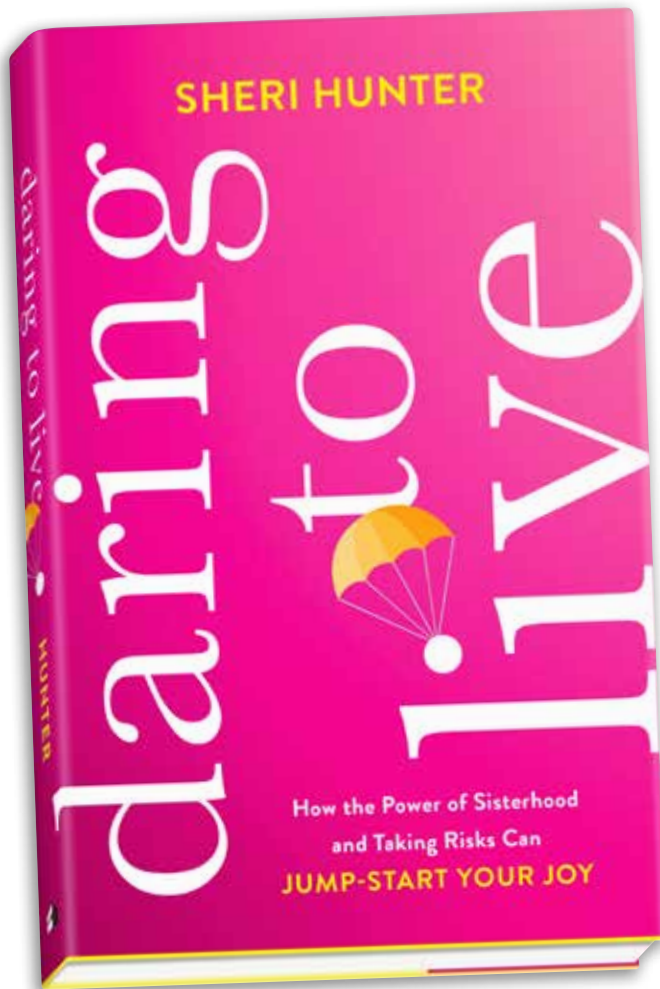
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Adventures in Friendship, Courage, and Stepping Out of Our Comfort Zones



- Sheri has several speaking events scheduled around the release of the book, including with many churches and nonprofits
- Author's article in *MORE* magazine led to coverage on *Good Morning America* and in magazines such as *Essence*, *Vanity Fair*, *Hollywood Reporter*, and others
- Book launch will be supported by a national media tour

When her husband, Mannard, unexpectedly passed away at just 50 years of age, Sheri Hunter was devastated. With her whole world falling down around her, she turned to her friends. Years before, she and these Dare Divas had gone on a whitewater rafting trip. Now they sought out other adventures—zip-lining, skydiving, mountain climbing, and more. Through these death-defying activities and the unwavering support of her friends, Sheri slowly found the strength to move forward in life.

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If you've ever experienced a sudden loss or upheaval in life, Sheri's story will reassure you that even if life as you knew it is over, the future God has for you is always full of new adventures.

Daring to Live

Sheri Hunter



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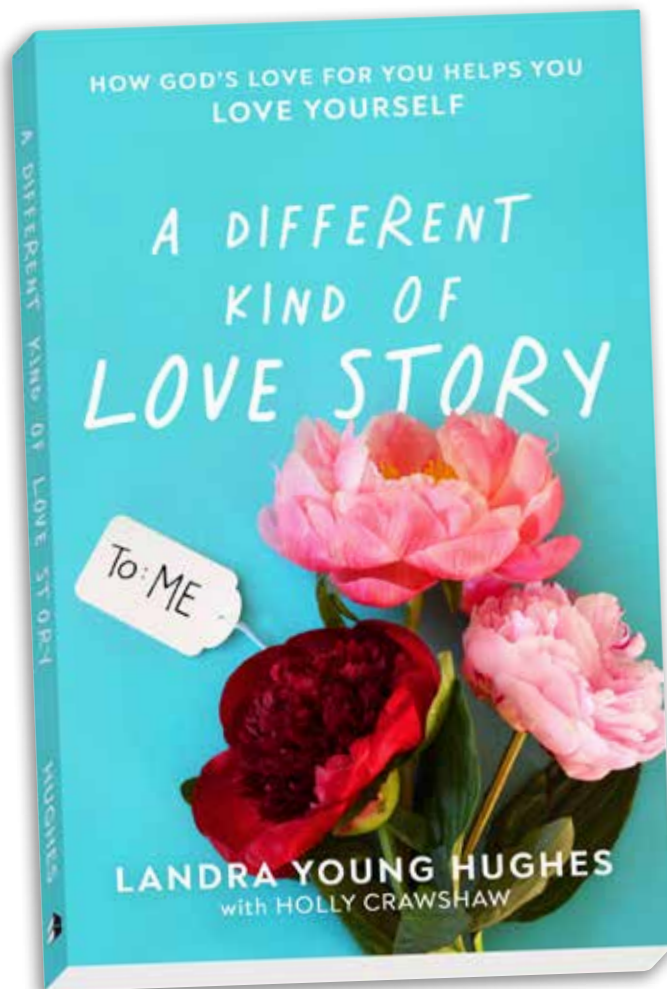
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sheri Hunter is a marketing professional who has served as a producer for Detroit's national news affiliates, including CBS and NBC. She is a freelancer for several daily newspapers, including the *Oakland Press*, the *Morning Sun News*, and the *Grand Rapids Herald*, and she has been featured in *MORE* magazine and *National Geographic Traveler*. A popular keynote speaker, Sheri loves to show others that living outside of our comfort zones helps us discover amazing things about ourselves, even if those acts aren't as extreme as jumping out of an airplane at 13,000 feet. Sheri lives in Michigan.



Surrendering Your Life to God's Sovereign Plan



- Landra is the daughter of Ed Young Jr., and he plans to promote the book along with the support of Fellowship Church, with a combined social media reach approaching 1.5 million
- Nationwide speaking tour is planned for the launch of the book
- Book will be launched at the C3 Conference that includes 4,000 attendees from 430 churches

In this book, you're going to read about a different kind of love story. It's a love story each and every one of us is currently playing a role in—whether we're aware of it or not. And truth be told, it's scary-critical that we stay tuned-in to this love story. Because outside of a growing relationship with your heavenly Father, no other love (or lack of love) has the potential to improve or implode your life like the love that you have for *you*.

For anyone who has ever struggled with their identity, Landra Young Hughes has a radically simple message: give up. Specifically, give up your need to be in control of how other people see you. Instead, let God's words—not yours and not others'—define you. Through her own deeply personal story of trying to control her circumstances and others' perceptions of her through an eating disorder, Landra points the way toward a life free from self-obsession and self-resentment. She shows you how to listen to God's voice, let go of the struggle for perfection, and live authentically from your deepest self.

A Different Kind of Love Story

Landra Young Hughes with Holly Crawshaw



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ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Landra Young Hughes is the daughter of pastor Ed Young Jr. and Lisa Young of Fellowship Church. Raised in a prominent pastor's home, Landra has developed a passion for seeing people maximize their God-given potential and embrace their God-defined self-worth. She and her husband, Brad, lead Fellowship Church's Norman campus and live in the Norman, Oklahoma, area with their daughter, Sterling.



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Holly Crawshaw is a writer and editor who eats sour candy and laughs at her own jokes. A self-proclaimed cat-lady, Holly was on staff with North Point Ministries for eight years, working with volunteers, kids, and students. Holly currently serves as lead writer for life stage strategies at Orange/The Rethink Group. Holly is raising three daughters, Lilah (the silly one), Esmée (the charming one), and Sailor (the sweet one) in her hometown of Cumming, Georgia.

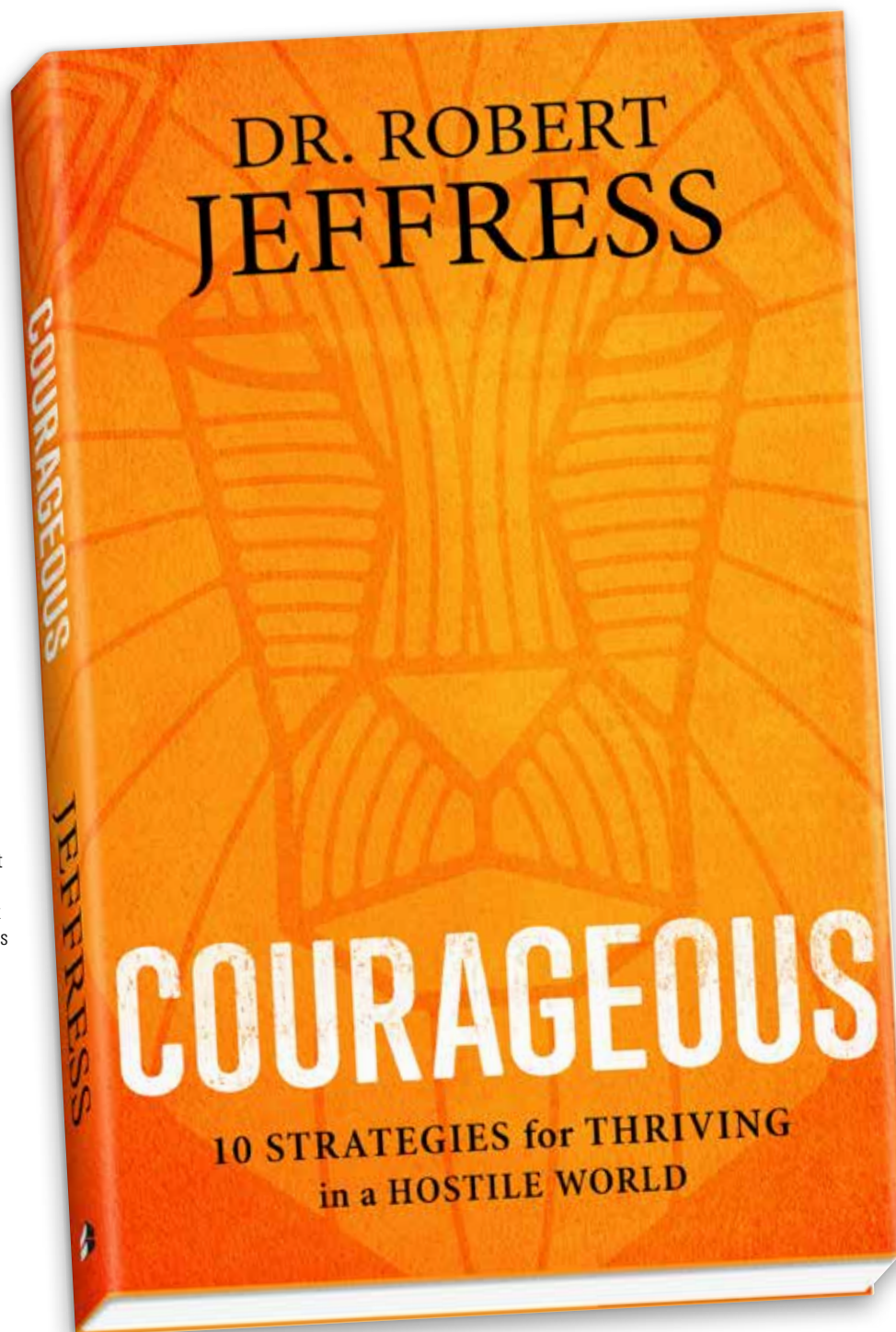
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As Christians, we must learn how to survive the daily challenges of living out our faith in this complicated world. It's easy to get sidelined by fear, but the life God calls us to is so much more! In this book, you will find practical tips on how to have courageous faith in a culture that is opposed to God and His truth as well as the biblical answers, encouragement, and hope you need to thrive in your personal struggles.

Like all survivors, we must rely on certain learned skills to make it through stressful circumstances and difficult environments. The pages that follow are filled with stories of men and women whose courage and careful responses helped them survive seemingly hopeless situations. As you read their stories, you will discover that survivors have not only a different response to troublesome situations but also a different perspective on life.

Jesus never taught that Christians are exempt from problems. Consider His words in John 16:33: "In the world you have tribulation, but *take courage*; I have overcome the world." Jesus didn't say that we would live without problems; instead, He offers us a way to thrive during our difficulties.

In *Courageous*, we will look at ten essential survival skills that Christians must use to navigate the tumultuous terrain of today's world. My prayer is that this book will strengthen your courage by serving as a kind of spiritual compass to guide you, with true north pointing to Christ.



A Survival Guide for Christians

- Dr. Jeffress's radio program, *Pathway to Victory*, and TV programs reach 106 million US households and 195 countries
- Dr. Jeffress is a Fox News contributor and has made more than 3,000 appearances on television and radio programs
- Dr. Jeffress and *Pathway to Victory* have more than 250,000 loyal social media followers

Christians face relentless attacks from an ungodly culture, a formidable adversary, and our own fallen natures. Yet we cannot afford to surrender to these very real enemies. Just as survivalists use 10 specific strategies to overcome threatening situations, *Courageous* explains 10 biblical strategies for surviving—and thriving—in a world that is hostile to our faith. As A.W. Tozer said, "A scared world needs a fearless church." *Courageous* is a clarion call for Christians to boldly live out their faith.

If you've felt your faith is under attack, if you're struggling with the temptation to follow the crowd despite biblical teaching to the contrary, or if you're just feeling weary, the 10 strategies in *Courageous* will provide fresh fire and new hope.

Courageous

Dr. Robert Jeffress



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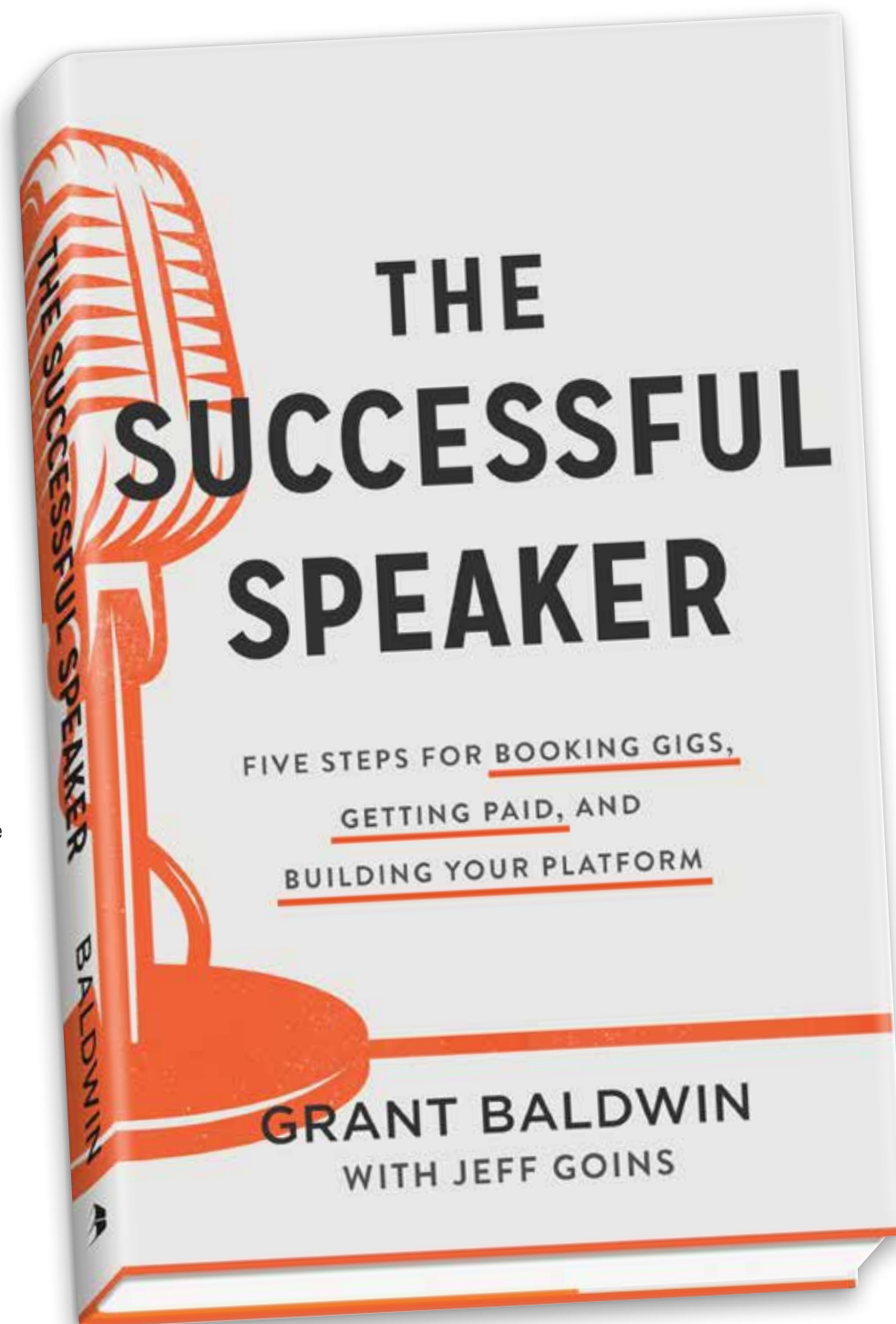


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If you have a desire to share your message with the world, if you've wondered if this is something you can do, if you're even just a little curious about being a speaker, this book is for you. If you have a message the world needs to hear, then it's up to you to find a way to share it. In this book, I want to share with you that way, along with one very important message: You can be a professional speaker. Not an amateur. Not an "aspiring" speaker. Not someone who fakes it till they make it. The real deal. A successful speaker.

But don't just take my word for it. On this journey of becoming a speaker, I've met hundreds of other successful communicators who have done the same, and they all followed a very specific system. Sure, some of them did this intuitively and others did it intentionally, but what it takes to succeed as a speaker is more than dumb luck. You need a proven process.

In this book I'm going to share that process with you. It's a system I've learned through trial and error, as well as from meeting many speaking mentors along the way. This is the same framework I've been teaching thousands of people over the years whose stories you're going to hear in the coming chapters. These are people who had something to say. People who had a message to share. People just like you.



Proven Plan to Making a Living as a Speaker

- Author has been speaking live for over a decade, with more than a thousand messages to live audiences
- Authors' social media platforms have more than half a million loyal followers
- Author has coached over 2,000 speakers, teaching them both the art and business of public speaking

Do you have a message you want to get out into the world? Have you ever dreamed of speaking for a living? Is there something you have to say but just aren't sure what to do next? *The Successful Speaker* is a proven, easy-to-follow guide to helping you do just that.

Whether you want to speak at your next board meeting or community gathering, start making some extra money on the side, or become a full-time professional speaker, Grant Baldwin knows how to get you from here to there. Why? Because he's done it himself and has coached over 2,000 speakers.

In *The Successful Speaker*, you will learn the five-step road map to start and scale a speaking business from the ground up, including

- how to hone your message and know exactly who it's for
- the preparation process to help your next speech move an audience to action
- what it takes to establish yourself as an in-demand expert
- practical steps to finding and booking paid speaking gigs
- how to know when it's time to grow your impact and income

In each chapter, you will get specific action steps and case studies from professional speakers (including some of the most successful communicators in the world) to put you on the fast track to booking gigs, getting paid, and building your speaking platform.

The Successful Speaker

Grant Baldwin with Jeff Goins



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Jeff Goins is the bestselling author of five books, including *Real Artists Don't Starve* and *The Art of Work*. He lives with his family just outside Nashville, Tennessee. His website www.goinswriter.com is visited by millions of people every year.



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There have been many dark seasons in my life when I found it hard to pray. That's why I wrote this book. After years of trying to be perfect, I began to understand that God doesn't seek our perfection, he longs for our presence. I've written many books over the years, but I don't think any have impacted me personally as much as this one.

If you've been tempted to give up on prayer, just know that you're not alone. Perhaps you're tired of saying the same things over and over again. It may be that you've prayed and God didn't answer you, so why keep praying?

Whatever your challenge is, let me remind you that God's not looking for perfect words or perfect people. He just wants our hearts. So together we'll look at how to pray when you don't know what to say, how to pray through your pain, how to pray God's promises over your life, and perhaps most life changing of all, how to pray God's Word back to him. This one practice alone is changing my life.

May I pray for you?

*Father,
I pray right now for the one reading
these words.*

If she is tired, give her rest.

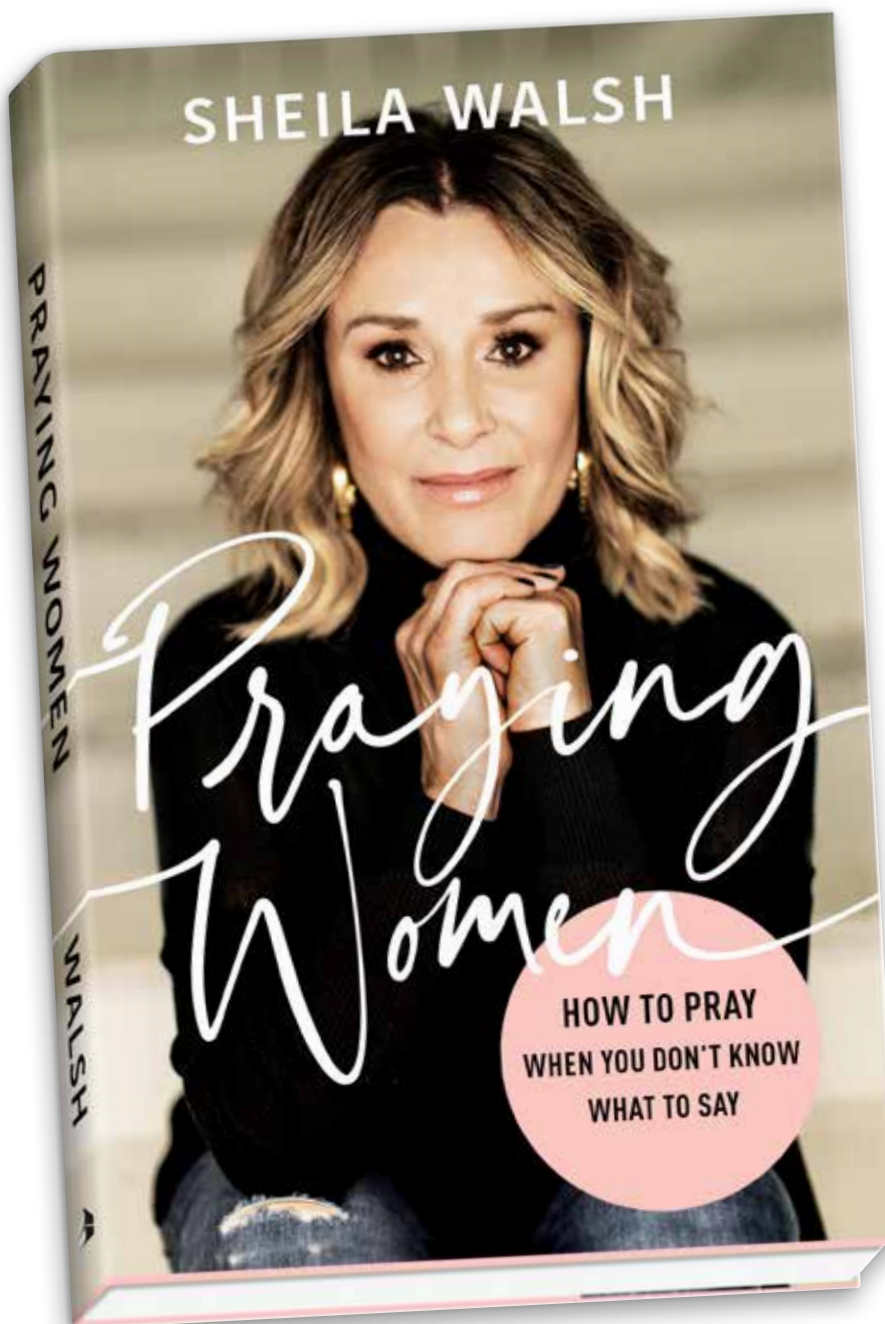
If she is broken, bring your healing.

If she is heart-sick, bring your peace.

*If she feels condemned, bring your
grace.*

*We want to be praying women for
Jesus's sake.*

*In his name I ask these things,
Amen.*



How to Become a Powerful Praying Woman

- *It's Okay Not to Be Okay* was Baker Books's #1 book at retail in fall 2018
- Author is a cohost of *LIFE Today* with James and Betty Robison and host of *Wednesdays in the Word* (viewership of more than 100 million)
- Author's books have sold over 5.5 million copies
- Author has over half a million highly engaged social media followers

Do you ever find it hard to pray and don't know what to say? Prayer is one of the most powerful, life-changing things we will ever do, and yet we often struggle. It's hard to find the time. It's repetitive, we get distracted and sometimes even bored. And the answers often feel few and far between. The good news? There is a simple, powerful way to reignite your conversation with God.

In *Praying Women*, bestselling author Sheila Walsh shares practical helps directly from God's Word, showing you how to

- know what to say when you pray
- understand how to use prayer as a weapon when you are in the midst of a struggle
- pray as joy-filled warriors, not anxious worriers
- let go of the past and stand on God's promises for you now

Prayer changes you and it changes the world. You may have tried before, but if you're ready to start again in your relationship with God, let Sheila Walsh show you how to become a strong praying woman.

Praying Women

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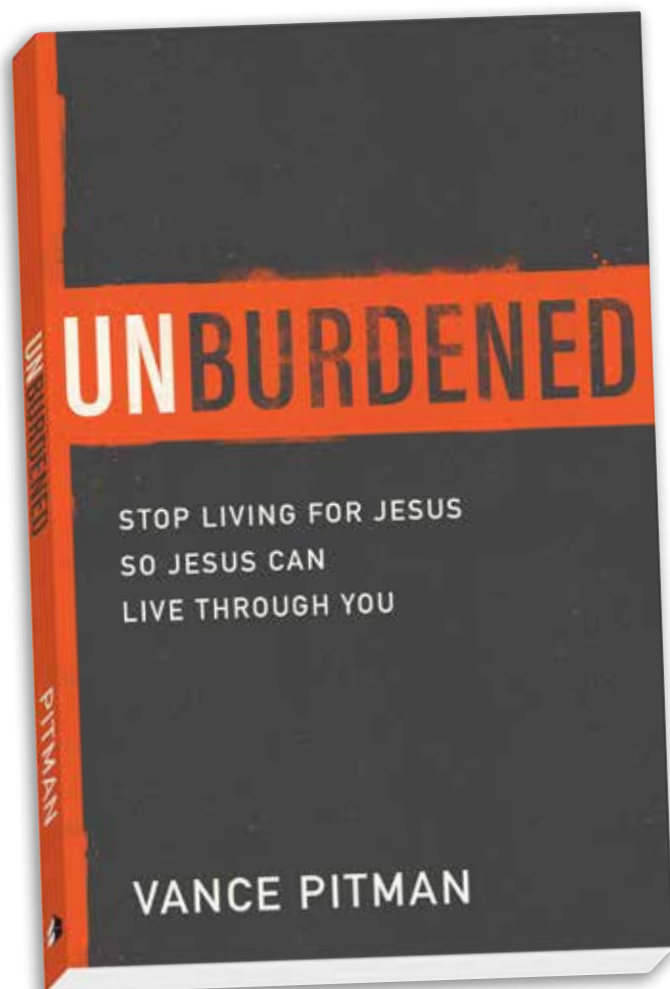
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Recapture the Joy of Following Jesus



- Pitman is a sought-after speaker for events across America and around the world
- Book has strong support and endorsements from influential Christian peers including David Platt, Matt Chandler, J. D. Greear, Russell Moore, and others
- Author is senior pastor at Hope Church in Las Vegas, which he helped start in 2001 and where thousands now gather weekly to join God's activity locally and globally

Does following Jesus feel impossible? Are you trying hard to be a good Christian while secretly feeling exhausted and overwhelmed?

Las Vegas pastor Vance Pitman spent almost a decade of his Christian journey trying hard to live the Christian life. For years he tried—and for years he failed miserably.

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Unburdened

Vance Pitman



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Uncover Limiting Beliefs that Hold Women Back from Their Full Potential in Business



- Over 11 million female-owned businesses in the United States
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- Author reaches over 150,000 women entrepreneurs annually

With over 11 million female-owned businesses in the US today, more women than ever are taking the reins to create their own success. Maybe you feel the pull to start a business but deep down you're afraid that you don't have what it takes. Maybe you have a great idea but wonder if you're actually qualified to make it happen. Or maybe you want to expand your business, but you're worried about how it will affect your family. If that's you, it's time to start thinking like a boss.

In this practical and encouraging book, Kate Crocco exposes the 12 limiting beliefs that are holding you back from your true potential, such as

- I should have it all together and I don't
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Thinking Like a Boss

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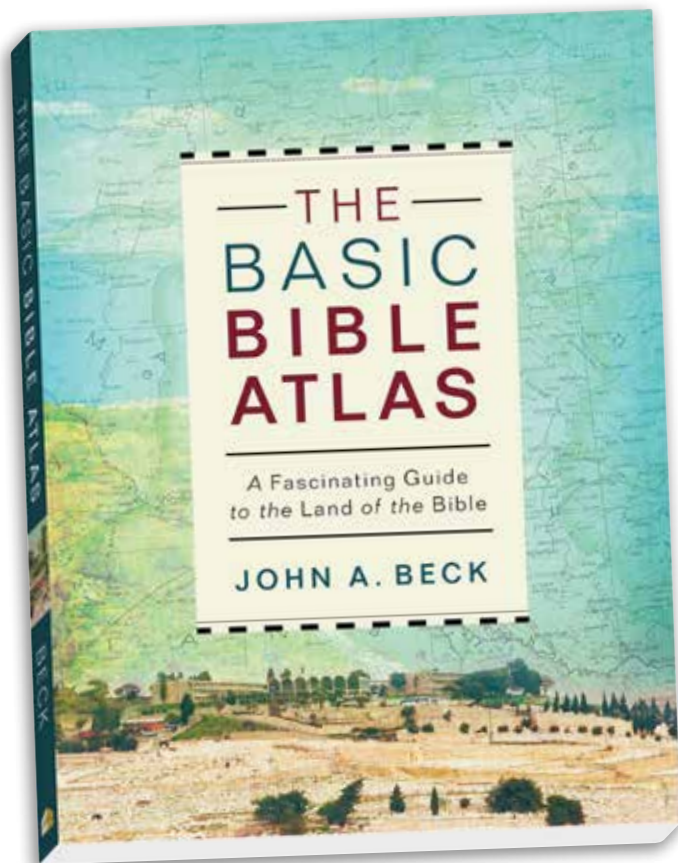
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Revealing the Significance of Bible Geography



- Author holds a PhD in biblical studies and has studied and taught in Israel, Egypt, and Jordan as an expert in biblical geography for more than 20 years
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- Tells the biblical story in 10 chapters, structured around the narrative framework of the Bible

The Bible tells the story of God meeting real people in a real time and place, yet we rarely take the time to wonder, *Why there?* Maybe we have a hard time even picturing where *there* is. To begin to fully understand the Bible, we must understand the geographical settings of Scripture and how each place participates in the biblical story.

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The Basic Bible Atlas

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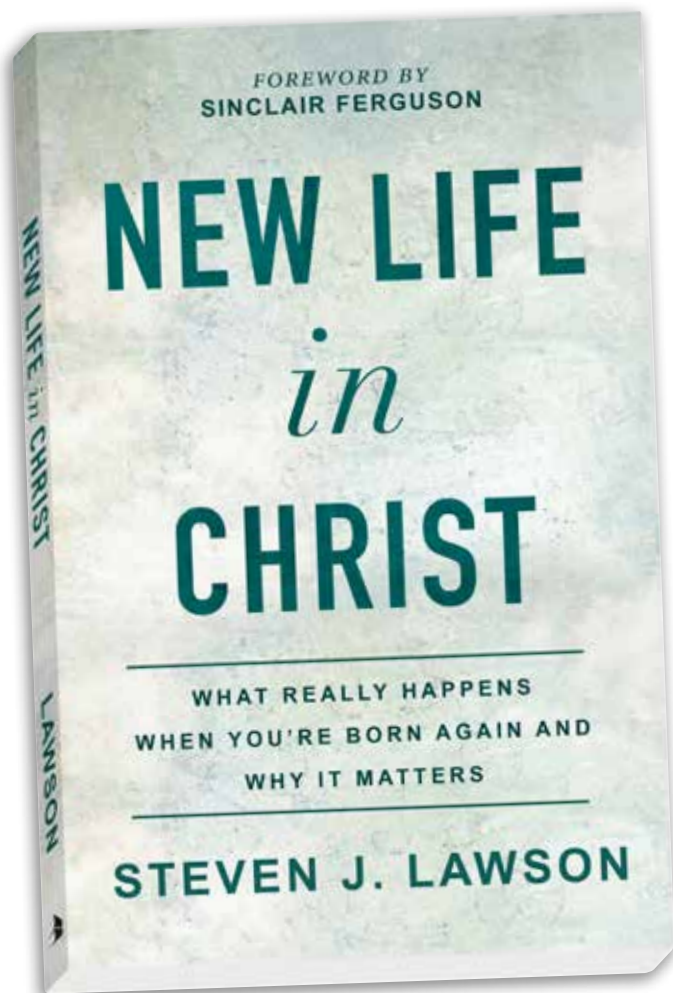
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What Takes Place When You Trust Christ for Salvation?



- Author is a frequent speaker at places such as Grace to You, Ligonier, Shepherds' Conference, and G3 Conference
- Author is president of OnePassion Ministries and has a social media reach approaching 150,000 followers
- "Dr. Lawson is a remarkable man driven by a remarkable passion."—R. Albert Mohler Jr.
- Foreword by Sinclair Ferguson

The single most important event in a person's life is the new birth. Yet, this is also one of the most neglected doctrines in the church. Many Christians would be hard-pressed to describe exactly what the new birth is, let alone what it means to the rest of their walk with God. What happens when we are born again? Does everything in our lives change immediately? Is it just a kind of spiritual do-over, a chance to get it right this time? What happens when we fail? Does it mean we weren't really born again to begin with?

With a pastor's heart and a professor's insight, Steven Lawson carefully examines the encounter between Jesus and Nicodemus found in John 3 to uncover the nature of this spiritual rebirth. He shows you the necessity of the new birth, how God changes our hearts through it, and what follows after, from baptism and involvement in a local church to handling doubts and setbacks. This book is perfect for believers who want to understand what happened when they believed and for non-Christians who are curious about what a new life in Christ is all about.

New Life in Christ

Steven J. Lawson



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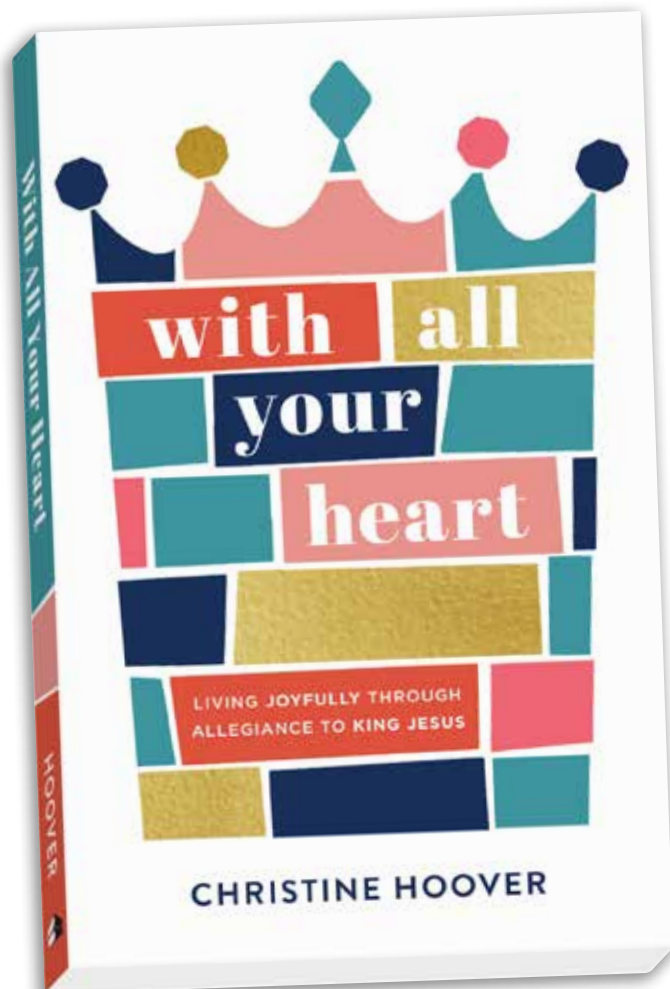
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Our Hearts Were Made for Unswaying Devotion to the King



- Frequent writer for websites such as *Desiring God*, *The Gospel Coalition*, and *For the Church*
- Speaker at popular conferences such as ERLC National Conference and *The Gospel Coalition*
- Author's podcast has featured guests such as Jamie Ivey, Jen Wilkin, Sara Hagerty, and Lore Ferguson Wilbert

Our hearts are made for unswaying allegiance to a king and a kingdom, a concept that Jesus talked about more than any other. Yet every day, the false kings of anxiety, approval, comfort, image, escape, power, accumulations, self-sufficiency, supremacy, and shame plot to reign over our hearts instead. Their lies about the true king are so subtle and insidious that we rarely recognize them, and we go on living with divided loyalties that stall our spiritual growth, infect our relationships, and hinder our witness.

If you want to find freedom from the forces vying for your heart, let Christine Hoover equip you for the fight. In this approachable yet provocative book, she helps you root out your own misplaced allegiances so that you can live wholly as a subject of the king who made and redeemed you.

With All Your Heart

Christine Hoover



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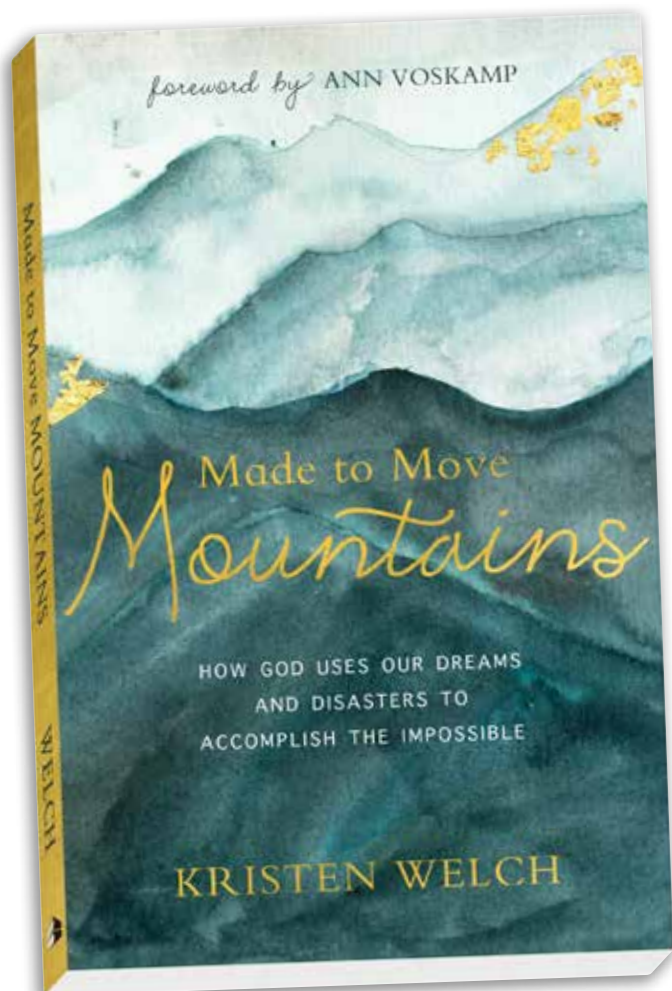
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Do You Trust God to Do the Impossible?



- Foreword by Ann Voskamp
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- Each chapter includes questions for reflection and room to journal

Life is an incredible journey with ups and downs. We soar, struggle, scale and stumble, and often stand at the edge of cliffs, afraid to step into the unknown, unsure of where we will land. But instead of running away, we are called by God to stand firm, muster up what faith we can, and take a step. Because we were made to move mountains.

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Made to Move Mountains

Kristen Welch



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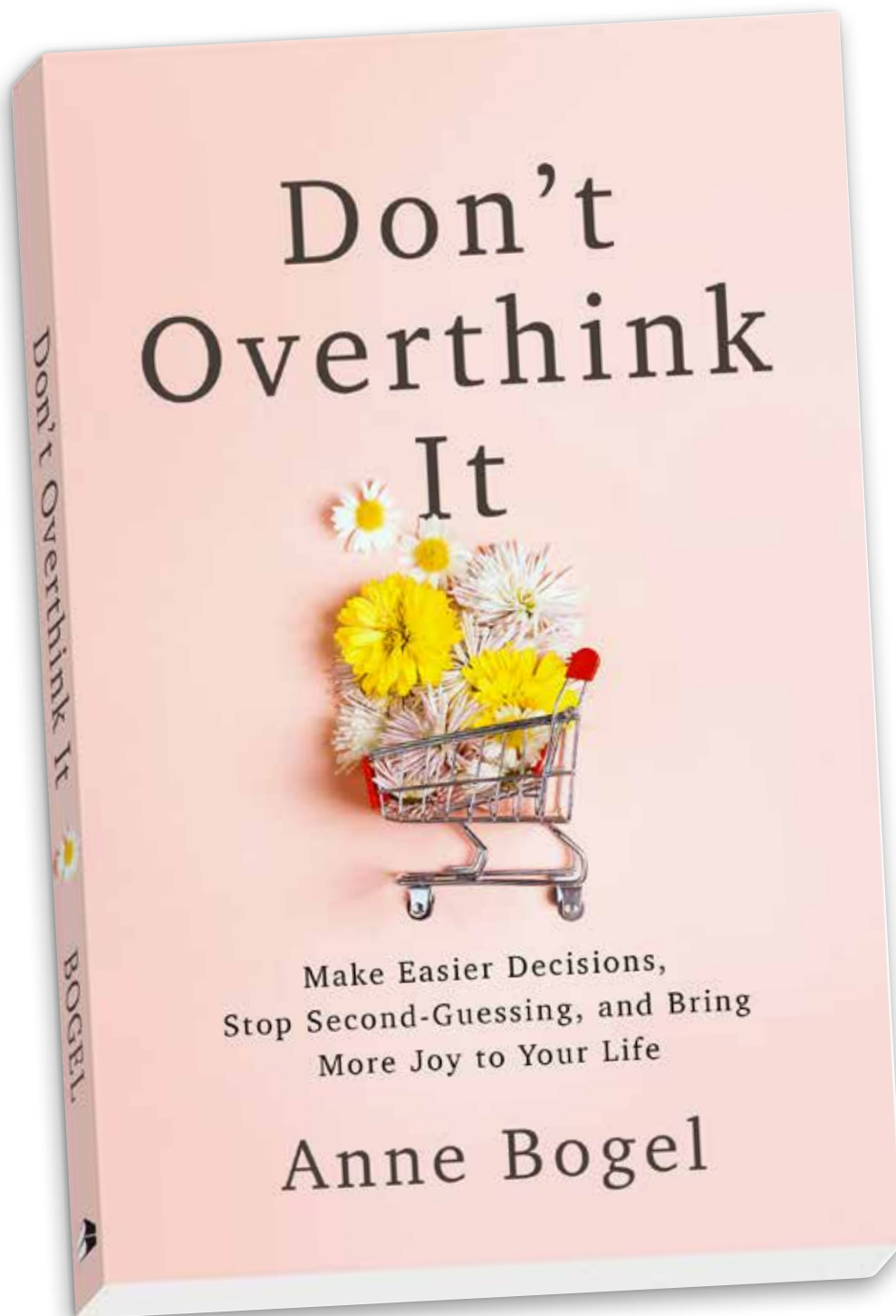
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Let's face it: nobody wants to live a life characterized by overthinking. But it doesn't feel like something we're *choosing*; it feels like something we can't escape. Of course we don't want to fritter away our one precious life second-guessing ourselves about a conversation we had last Thursday or whether we're sick enough to go to the doctor or when we're going to squeeze in a Costco run this week. We want better for ourselves. But we're not sure how to get there.

We know some strategies, but they don't work as well as we'd like or are difficult to put into action. Maybe we don't even know *what* to try. A friend recently relayed some advice she'd read in a women's magazine: to squelch overthinking, resolve not to think about anything that stresses you after dinner. We laughed about this together. It sounds good, but how does one actually *do* it? If one could simply decide not to think about it, we wouldn't have an overthinking problem, would we?

Why aren't our strategies more effective? What can we do differently? Why is it so hard to untangle this one little thing that looms so large over our lives?

This book is for those who, like me, would like to look back one day and declare their life to be one that was well-lived. And they can see living well depends on thinking well, *about the things that matter*. They want to learn how to make easier decisions, stop second-guessing, and bring more peace and joy into their lives.



Popular Blogger Gives Practical Strategies for Making Life Simpler and More Fulfilling

- Author has a large and growing social media platform, with more than 275,000 highly engaged followers
- *I'd Rather Be Reading* was a *Publishers Weekly* bestseller
- Author's blog, *Modern Mrs Darcy*, averages more than half a million unique visitors each month, and her *What Should I Read Next?* podcast averages 50,000 downloads every week

We've all been there: stuck in a cycle of what-ifs, plagued by indecision, paralyzed by the fear of getting it wrong. Nobody wants to live a life of constant overthinking, but it doesn't feel like something we can *choose* to stop doing. It feels like something we're wired to do, something we just can't escape. But is it?

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Don't Overthink It

Anne Bogel



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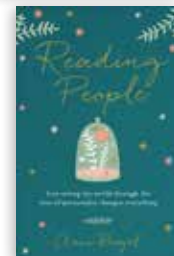
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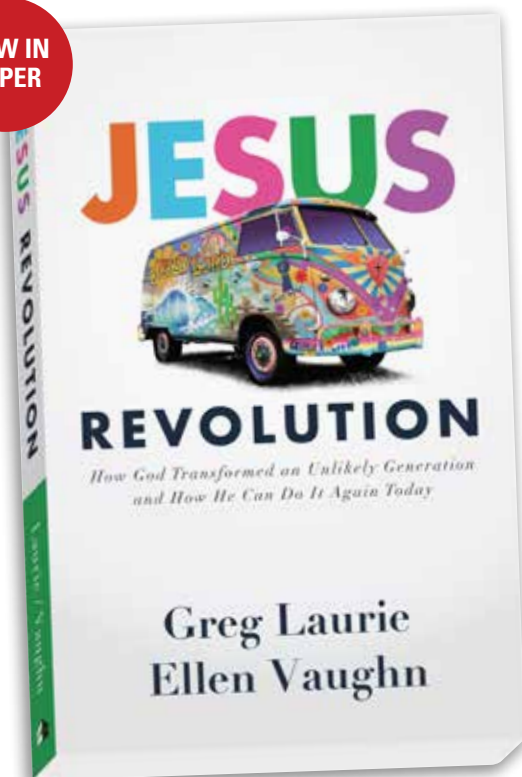
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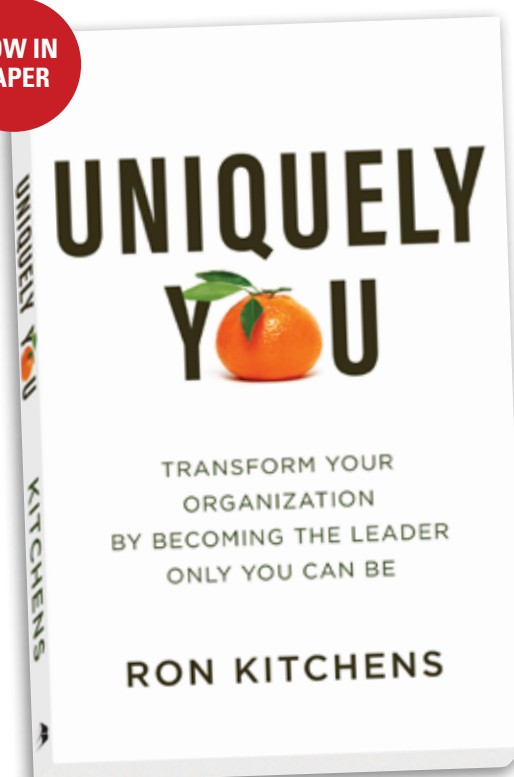
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The leadership lessons we most need to learn are not *out there* somewhere—they're *in here*, in our own lives. By sharing his own journey, Ron Kitchens equips you to mine your own story for the relationships and life lessons that have made you into the unique individual you are today. He then shows you how to leverage those experiences into a distinctively personal leadership style that is authentic, one-of-a-kind, and effective in building businesses and leading teams.

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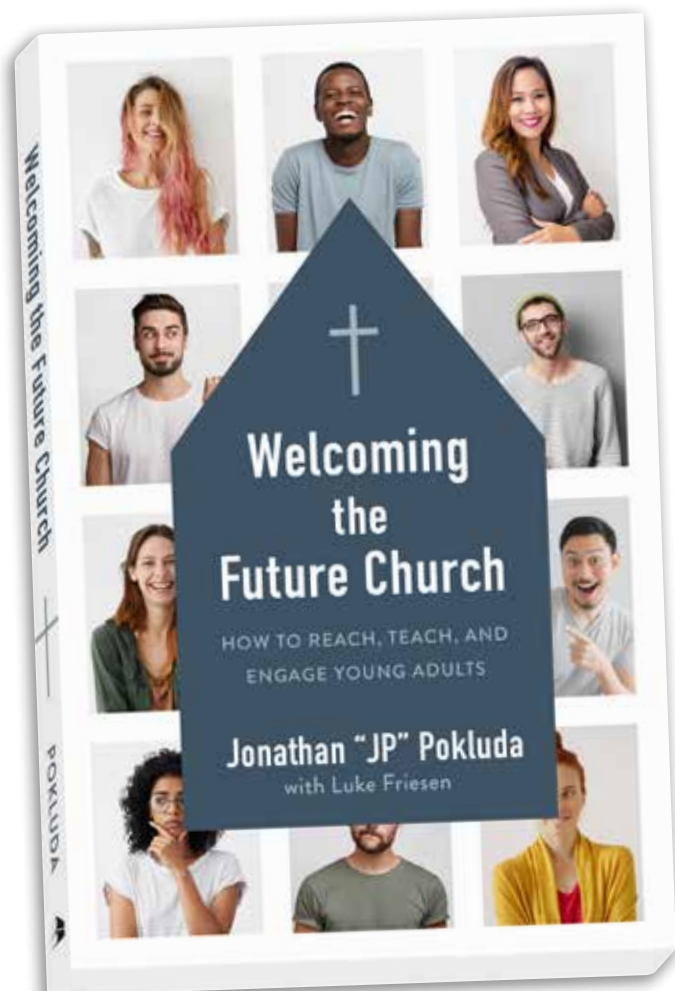
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Proven Methods to Reach and Retain Young Adults



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If you're not reaching the future of the church, your church has no future. As much sting as that statement has, it's hard to argue with. Yet many churches have no idea how to attract and retain younger generations.

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- teach the whole truth
- hold traditions loosely
- find young leaders
- give the ministry away
- and so much more

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Luke Friesen is director of operations at Watermark Community Church and has been involved with The Porch for more than ten years as an attendee, volunteer, and staff member. As an editor and contributor to The Porch blog, he's collaborated with JP on a number of writing projects.



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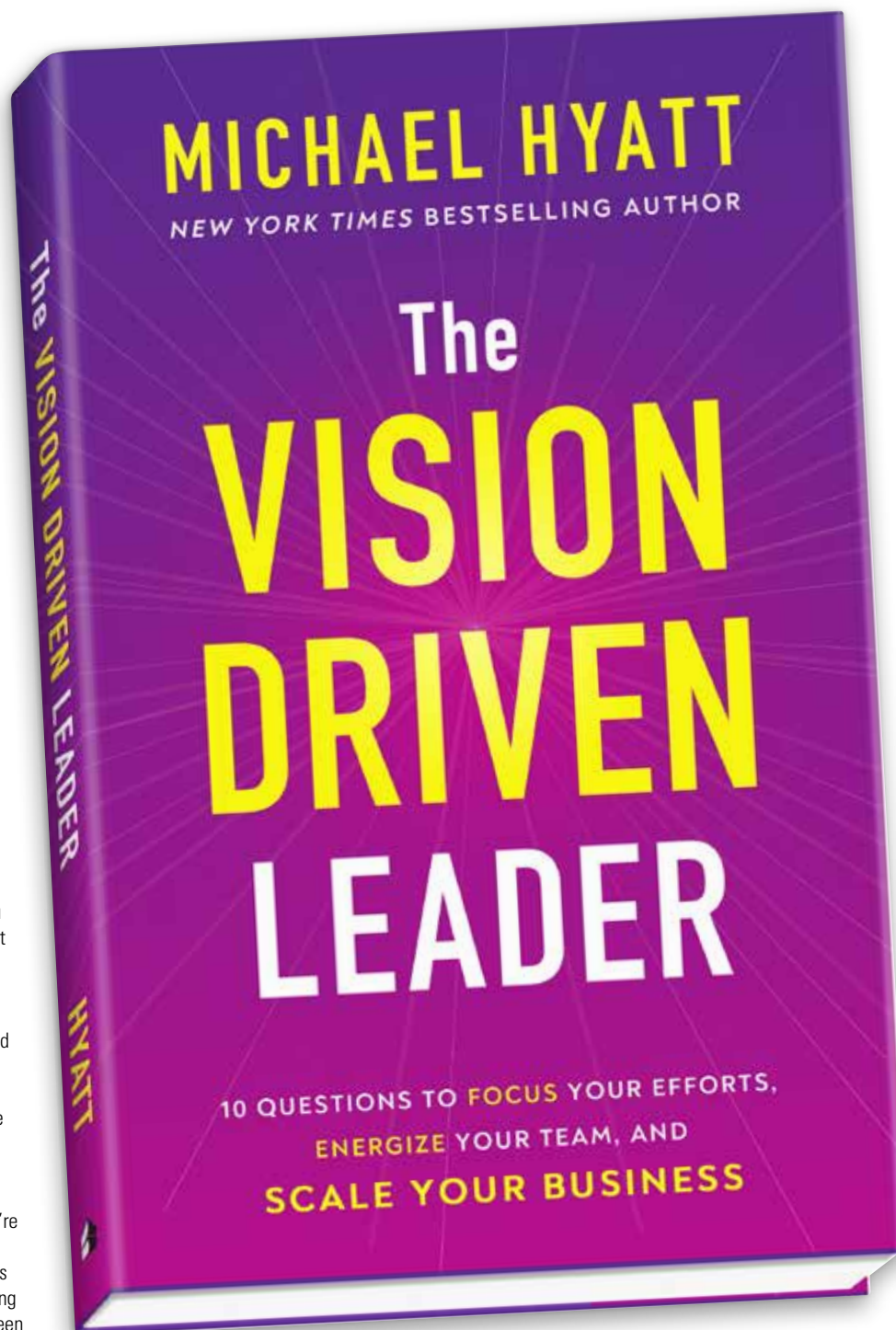
Vision is a defining characteristic of successful leadership, and yet many leaders deem it secondary. They limit leadership to execution. It's right there in the word: *executive*. But it's only part of the picture. Without a destination and people to follow you there, you might be busy, but you're not busy leading.

Despite the need, I hear from leaders that they don't have either time or skills to establish a vision or sell it to their team. They're missing out on massive benefits. Start with the fact that vision drives execution. Why? Because you're able to align all of your resources, your focus, and your strategy around that vision. Properly aligned, your organization avoids the sideways energy and wasted resources spent by people pursuing projects that are outside the scope of your vision.

By minimizing or even eliminating the cross-purpose activities within your company, vision allows you to scale much faster than you would otherwise be able. By contrast, if you're unclear about your destination, your future will be a hit-or-miss prospect at best. Without a vision guiding the direction of your organization, the tendency will be to make small, incremental decisions leading to any number of outcomes—not all of which are favorable.

I love how baseball legend and part-time philosopher Yogi Berra put it: "If you don't know where you're going, you might not get there." A better way to express that sentiment would be: Your company will end up somewhere. Wouldn't it be better to end up somewhere desirable and on purpose?

Finally, don't overlook the role vision plays in giving meaning to your team. The right vision inspires people across the organization by stirring within them the motivation to follow and do great things together. Vision reminds people what we're building and why it matters. That's what happened at NASA after Kennedy cast his vision to put a man on the moon. According to one report, "a strong connection between a NASA employees' day-to-day role and the ultimate goal" was forged, evidenced by the comments of one custodian. "I'm not mopping floors," he said, "I'm putting a man on the moon."



Your Tools for Crafting an Irresistible Vision for Your Business

- Hyatt is a *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today* bestselling author
- Author's website has more than 150K unique monthly visitors with nearly 300K page views
- Hyatt's email list has more than 450K subscribers and he has a social media reach of 670K
- Hyatt's *Lead to Win* podcast has more than 200K monthly downloads and is a 5-star show consistently ranked in the top 200 of the Marketing and Management category on Apple Podcasts

Having a clear, compelling vision—and getting buy-in from your team—is essential to effective leadership. If you don't know where you're going, how on earth will you get there? But how do you craft that vision? How do you get others on board? And how do you put that vision into practice at every level of your organization?

In *The Vision-Driven Leader*, *New York Times* bestselling author Michael Hyatt offers six tools for crafting an irresistible vision for your business, rallying your team around the vision, and distilling it into actionable plans that drive results. Based on Michael's 40 years of experience as an entrepreneur and executive, backed by insights from organizational science and psychology, and illustrated by case studies and stories from multiple industries, *The Vision-Driven Leader* takes you step-by-step from *why* to *what* and then *how*. Your business will never be the same.

The Vision-Driven Leader

Michael Hyatt



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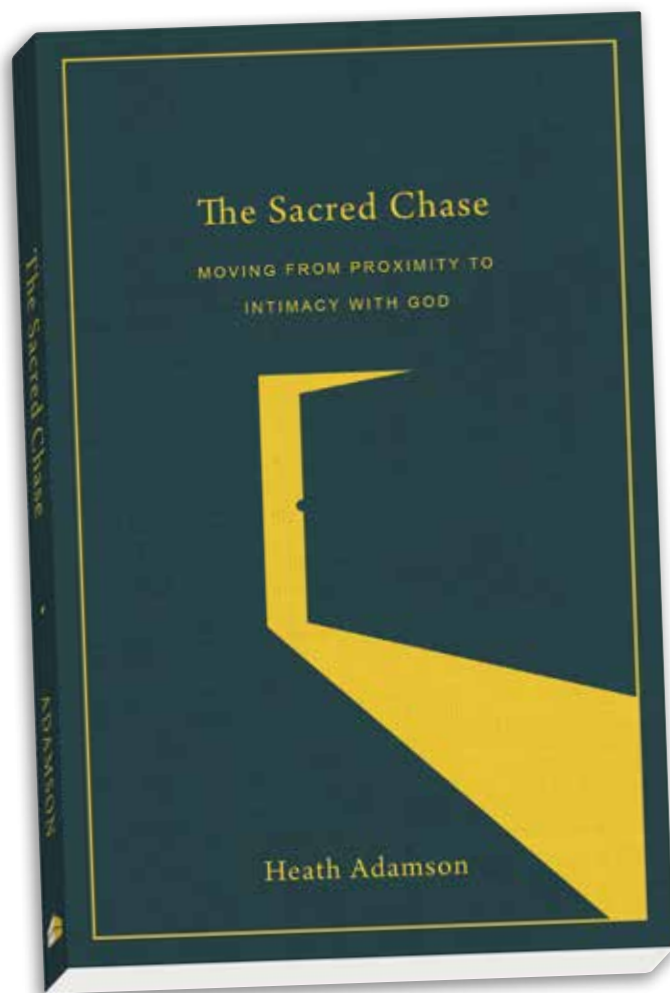
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An Invitation to Move Toward the Waiting Savior



- Author frequently speaks nationally and internationally at conferences, universities, churches, and music festivals
- Adamson serves as Chief of Staff at Convoy of Hope
- Adamson serves as the Global Chairman for the World Assemblies of God Fellowship Next-Generation Commission, a community of more than 360,000 churches
- Author is well connected and will leverage existing relationships with organizations like Focus on the Family, *Christianity Today*, and TBN

There is nothing more important in this life or the one to come than an intimate connection with Jesus. Unfortunately, we have thousands of voices distracting us, and all too often we listen to them. We confuse proximity to God with intimacy with God and are content with a Christian-branded life yet miss out on what we were created for: knowing God intimately.

Sharing the touching story of a demon-possessed man who had every reason to run the other way when he encountered Jesus, Heath Adamson shows us how spiritual hunger can overcome our hopelessness, our shame, and our excuses. He encourages us to pursue God regardless of where we've been or where we are, seeing our salvation as a doorway. Once we walk through it, we can discover the love of God in a tangible way.

This book is for anyone who longs for a deeper connection to God, who has felt far from peace and hope, and who needs the assurance that God is both interested in who they are and accepts them.

The Sacred Chase

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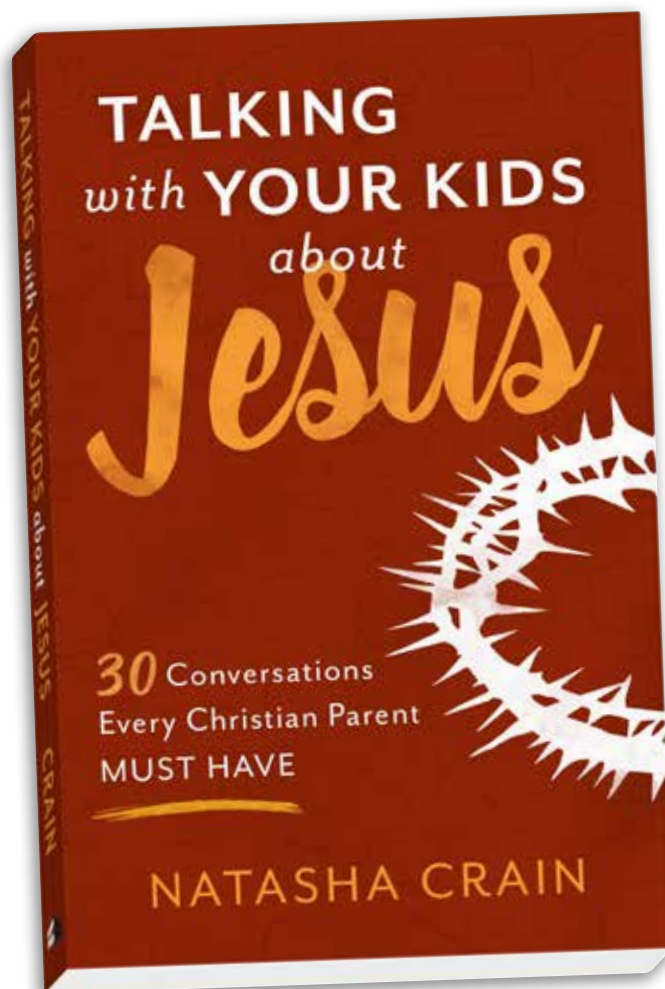
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A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. *"No one is good—except God alone."*

(Luke 18:18–19, italics mine again, but I bet Jesus wanted it italicized.)

This is very hard for us to accept. *"I'm not a good person" may be the single most shockingly countercultural thing a person can say.*

It almost sounds crazy to say it. "Hello. My name is Brant, and I am not a good guy."

Not only is it countercultural, it even runs counter to our physiology. Studies have shown we actually get a dopamine hit when we think we're proven right. We can literally become addicted to the sensation of our rightness. "Your body does not discriminate against pleasure," writes clinical psychologist Renee Carr. "It can become addicted to any activity or substance that consistently produces dopamine."

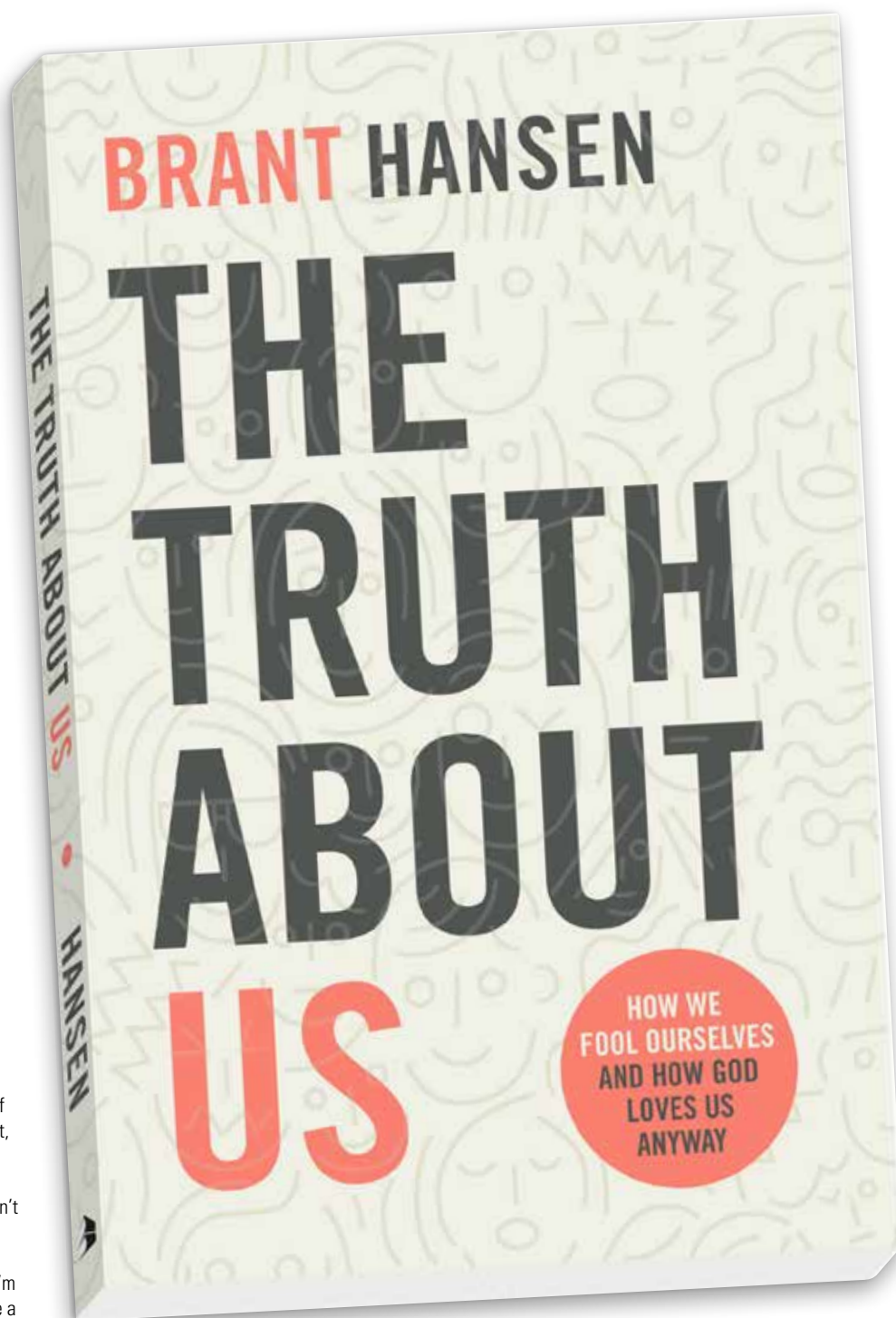
This might explain why we spend time scrolling and enjoying information and news links that prove—once again—how right we are. Wow, do we love this feeling. This also might explain why many have gone to their graves insisting they were right, even if it made them miserable in the process. Addictions work that way.

W. H. Auden was right: "We'd rather be ruined than changed."

Jesus is relentless on this, because He knew that *self-righteousness could separate us from God forever*. We're all sick with this, and if we don't submit to His healing, it's terminal.

Listen to Jesus, and it sounds like an intervention, except instead of a group of people surrounding an unbelieving addict, it's the crowd that needs to get the message, and just one man is delivering it.

Interventions like that, historically, don't end well for the message-bearer. Calling out our self-righteousness isn't popular, and believe me, this isn't lost on me as I'm writing this. (Note to self: Next time, use a pen name. Pick something cooler than Brant Hansen.)



Biblical, Humorous Challenge to Let Go of the Self-Righteousness of Thinking We're "Good People"

- Author is an award-winning radio host whose program is broadcast on over 200 stations with 2 million loyal listeners
- Author's podcast, *The Brant and Sherri Oddcast*, has more than 6 million downloads
- Frequent contributor to outlets such as the *Washington Post* and *Relevant* magazine

What would happen if you admitted you weren't a good person?

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Rejecting the Idol of Nice Christianity and Discovering the True Call of Discipleship



- Using biblical and personal stories, author identifies five idols of niceness we must discard if we hope to follow Jesus faithfully
- Author is a regular contributor for *Propel* and has written for *Christianity Today*, *The Exchange*, *Relevant*, *P31*, and (in)courage
- Study guide and DVD include 5 sessions ideal for small groups and women's ministry use

We live in a culture that prizes niceness as one of its highest virtues. Niceness keeps the peace, wins friends, gains influence, and serves our reputations well, but it also takes the teeth out of our witness and the power out of our faith. When we choose to be nice instead of faithful, we bear fruits that are bland, bitter, empty, or rotten to the core.

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