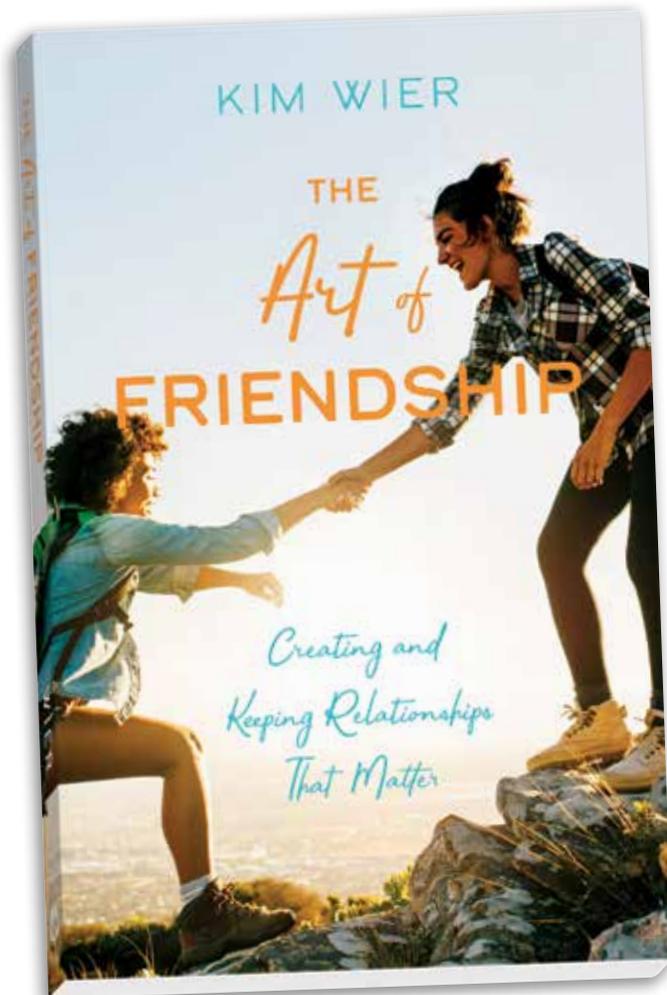




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Unlock the Key to Lasting and Meaningful Relationships



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- Author is also a regular guest on *Focus on the Family*, *FamilyLife*, and *Moody Network*
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In this age of limitless digital connections, we are somehow lonelier than ever. This isn't just bad news—it's dangerous news. Loneliness puts us at greater health risk than smoking or obesity, but we would sooner label ourselves overweight than admit we are lonely. It is a secret that is killing us.

Contrary to all our efforts, the answer is not found in more connections, but deeper ones that mirror God himself as the originator of friendship and the original Friend. *The Art of Friendship* walks with you into a greater understanding of how God has equipped you to be a friend and to have meaningful friendships. With step-by-step guidance, you will begin to strategize how to fulfill your divine calling as a friend. And through God's Word, as you come to understand the depth and width and breadth of God as Friend, you will discover that the spiritual discipline of friendship is both life-changing and life-giving.

The Art of Friendship

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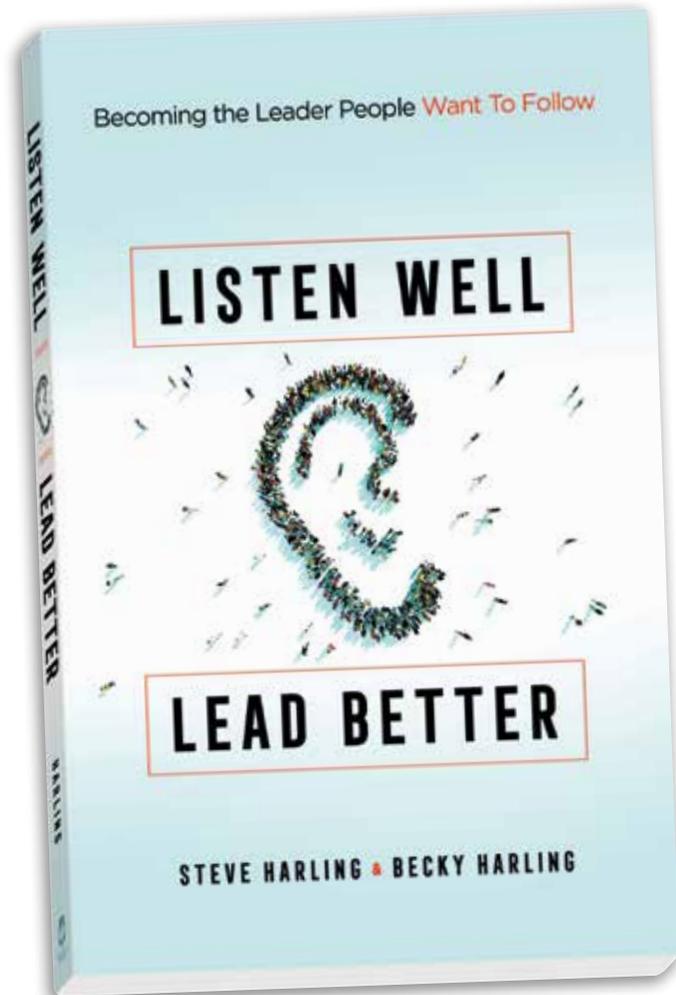
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Be a More Effective Leader by Developing Your Listening Skills



- Practical advice for leaders at all levels of churches, nonprofits, and businesses
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- Becky Harling is the author of *How to Listen So People Will Talk*

Why do so many leaders prioritize their speaking skills when communication studies show we spend more time listening than reading, writing, or speaking? The reality is, most people are below-average listeners, and it's keeping them and their team members from reaching their potential.

In *Listen Well, Lead Better*, Steve and Becky Harling share 10 practices that will help you be a more effective listener and leader. Learn how to ask better questions, make people feel heard and valued, and create an open and positive culture. Strong listeners also enjoy greater credibility, navigate conflicts better, and foster more engaged teams. Above all, the lessons here will help you hear from God more clearly and gain his wisdom on all matters in life. Becoming a better listener will transform how you lead and relate to everyone.

Listen Well, Lead Better

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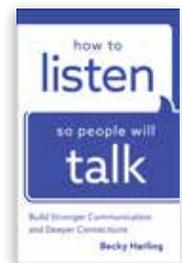
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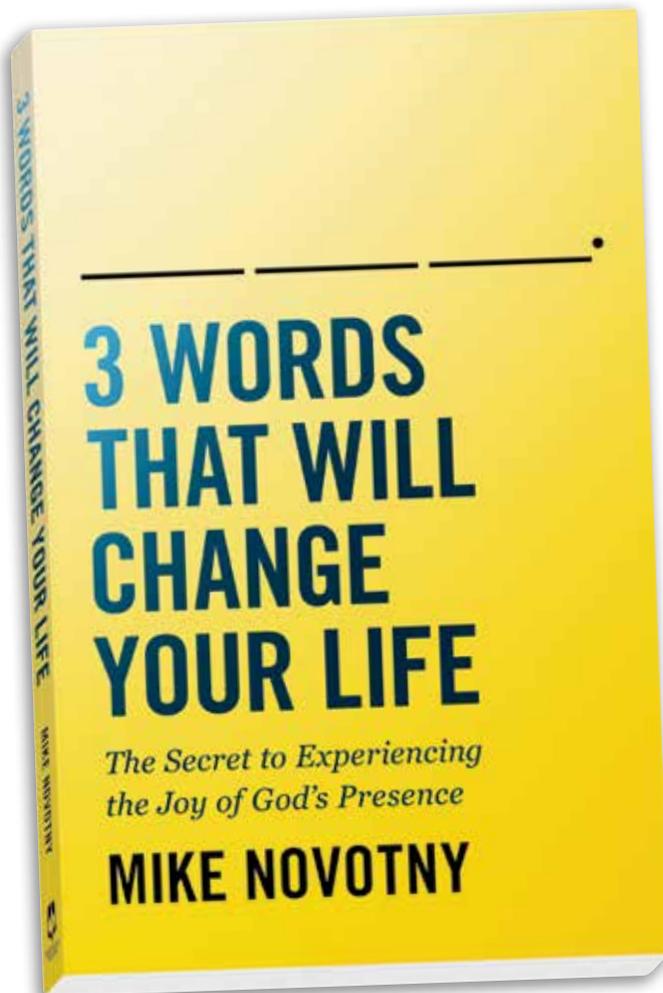
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The Life-Changing, Here-and-Now Joy of Being in God's Presence



- Author is the lead speaker for Time of Grace ministry, which has over 4 million views across Facebook and YouTube
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- Connects with readers' desire for more joy and peace in their lives

One tiny little sentence can change your life. Ready for it?
"God is here."

It may sound obvious at first, but truly understanding these three words is the key to more happiness, less boredom, more rest, less rush, more love, less drama, more peace, less fear.

A deeply satisfying life doesn't require a sabbatical, a mission trip, or a New Year's resolution. As long as God is glorious enough and near enough, you can enjoy the life that is *truly* life—not just the cheap substitutes we've settled for.

This book will help you move from just enjoying the good *moments* in life to worshipping the God who is right here, right now. This movement will exponentially increase your happiness, peace, and contentment. It will allow you to shake off the guilt and shame of sin and see yourself as God sees you. Learn how to recognize God's impact on your life and find the joy he's been waiting to give you.

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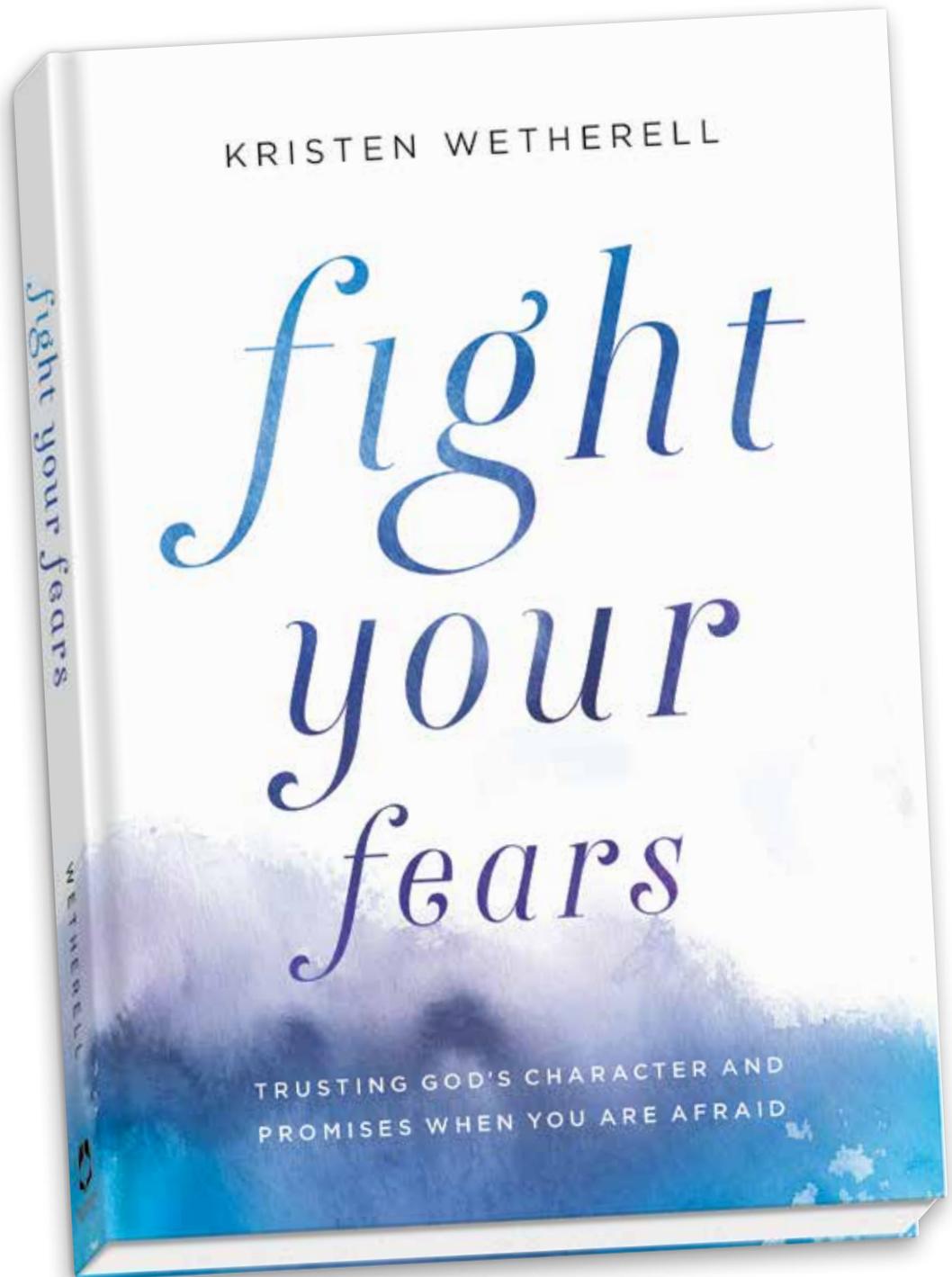
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EXCERPT

When it comes to knowing what we're afraid of and why we're afraid, we should start by looking at God, not at ourselves. Of course, this seems counterintuitive: *Don't I need to look at myself to grasp why I am the way I am?* But like any sick person who can't discern the nature of their sickness and who can't heal apart from a doctor's diagnosis and treatment, we must look to the Great Physician for help and healing. We must begin with the God who speaks.

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Overcoming Fear through a Deeper Understanding of God

- Author is a popular speaker at such conferences as the Gospel Coalition, True Woman, and Revive Our Hearts
- Author is the content manager for Unlocking the Bible, a ministry with 150,000 Facebook likes
- Overcoming fear is a perennial bestselling topic for Christians and seekers
- Appealing hardcover with a two-color interior will draw readers in with its eye-catching look

What are you afraid of? You could probably fill this page with a list of your fears. Fears about the future; fears about your health, job, and family; fears about inadequacy and failure (and maybe success); fears about how much *fear itself* seems to affect your decisions, plans, and growth in this life.

You might even fear what God thinks about your fears. After all, in his Word God commands us not to be afraid hundreds of times. But how is this possible? We're troubled by evil, we're slammed with bad news, and we can't know what tomorrow will bring. How can we learn to trust God and not be afraid?

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Discover truths that will bring peace to your soul as you learn to fear God and nothing else.

Fight Your Fears

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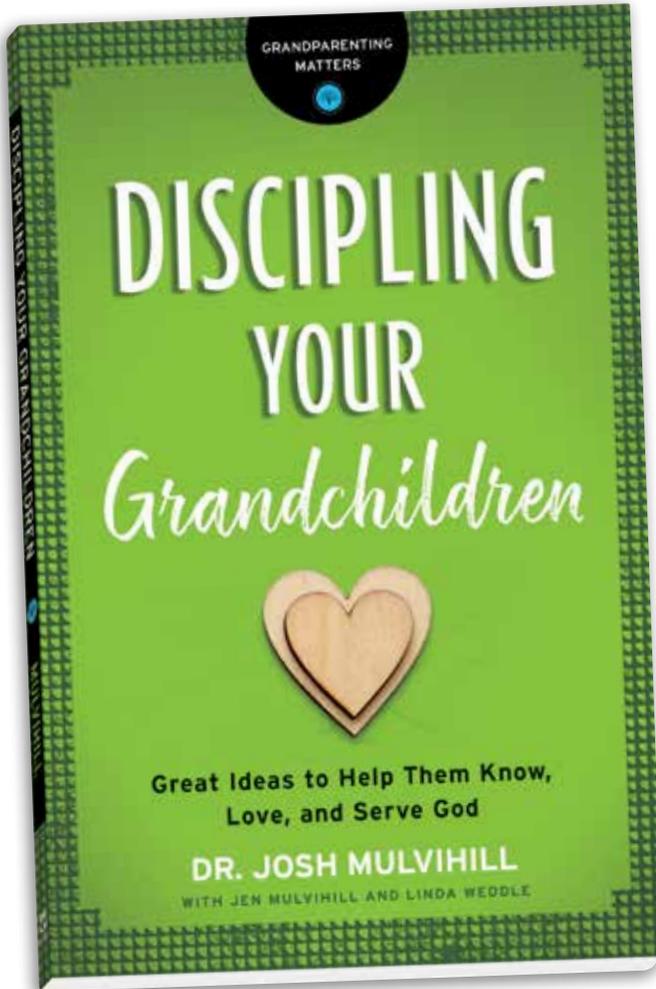
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Fresh Ideas and Practical Tips for Sharing Faith with Grandchildren



- The Legacy Coalition is the nation's largest grandparenting ministry, with rapidly growing support in churches across the country
- Author has written several books on grandparenting and has a PhD from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
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You are a grandparent with a passion to impact your grandkids for Christ, but sometimes you struggle to find fun and meaningful ways to disciple them and leave a lasting legacy of faith. Help is at hand in *Discipling Your Grandchildren: Great Ideas to Help Them Know, Love, and Serve God*, in which grandparenting expert Dr. Josh Mulvihill has compiled dozens of suggestions and strategies to help you do just that.

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Discipling Your Grandchildren

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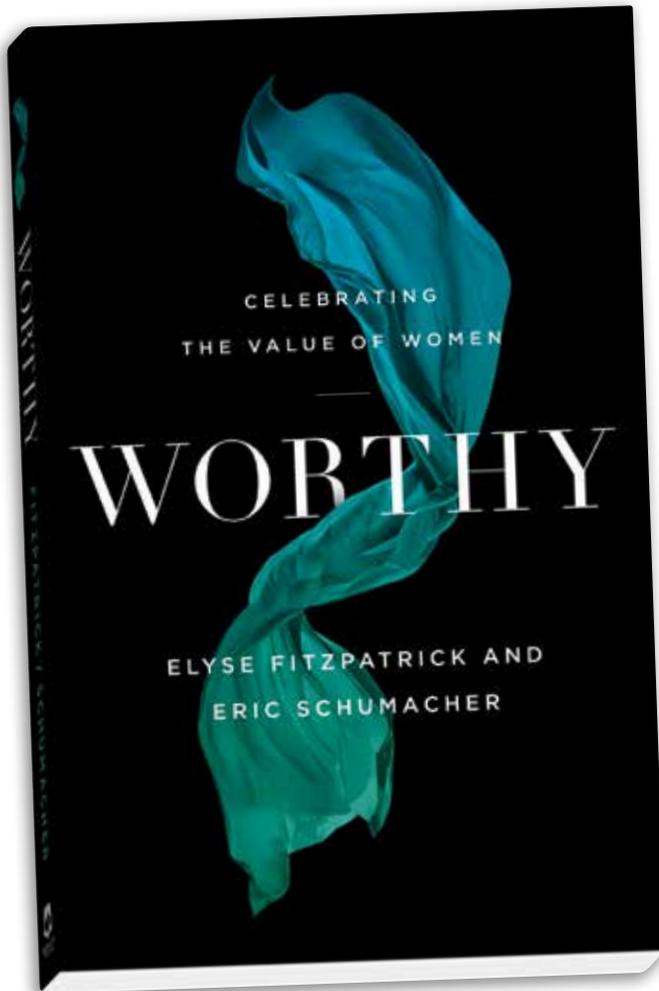


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- Fitzpatrick speaks regularly at churches and large conferences such as the Gospel Coalition Women's Conference and True Woman
- Bestselling author and popular pastor write in a style that is winsome for women and informative for men, including pastors and other male leaders
- Study questions offer guidance for discussion and relevant perspectives amid #MeToo and #ChurchToo movements

From beginning to end, the Bible affirms women, who have intrinsic value because they are—just as men are—created in the image and likeness of God. *Worthy: Celebrating the Value of Women* offers insights for both women and men as they more fully grasp that truth through the study of Scripture.

Bestselling author Elyse Fitzpatrick and popular pastor Eric Schumacher explore how women fit into the church's redemption story and into the new world, offering women a transformative view of their Maker, themselves, and the church. Men, who might be wondering if they have missed something amid the #MeToo and #ChurchToo movements, also will be informed and encouraged as *Worthy* uncovers the empowering role God has for women without rejecting the complementarian perspective. Study questions and a "Digging Deeper" section will help men and women alike discover how to cherish, value, and honor one another for God's glory.

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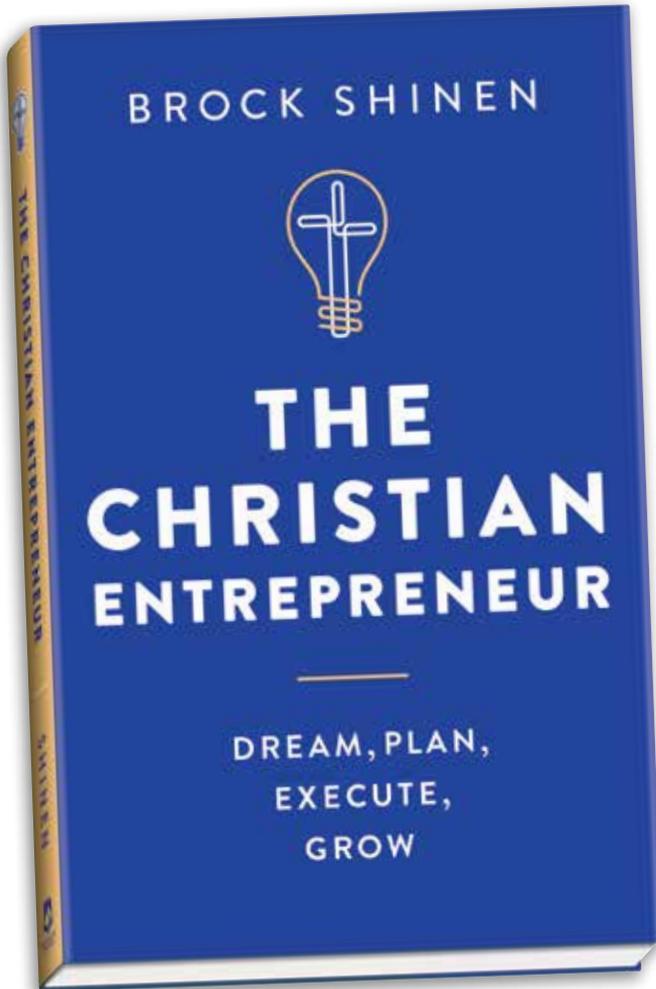
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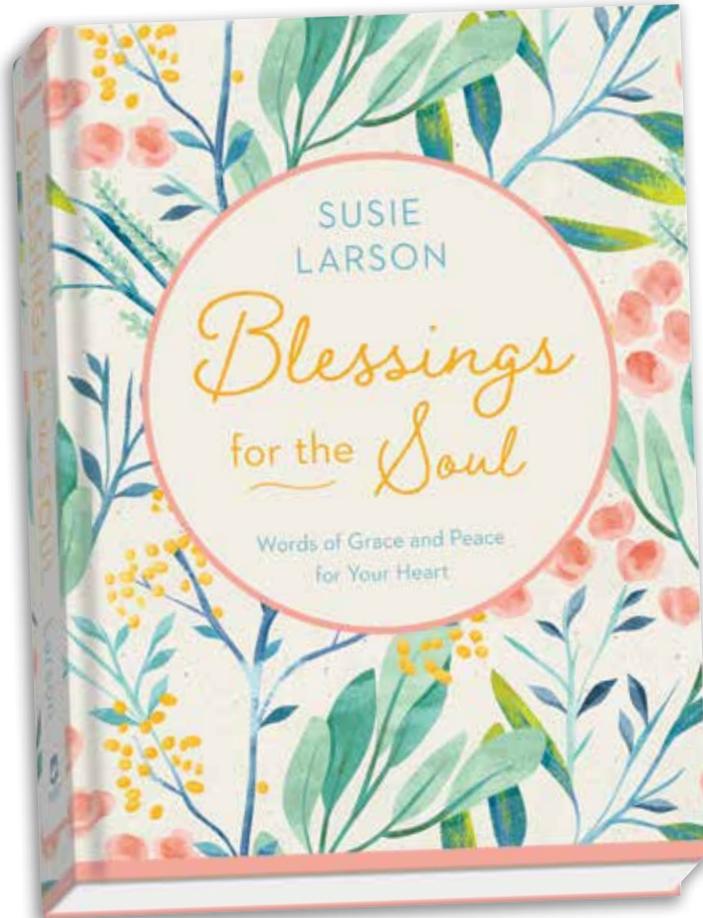
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- Original version sold 40,000 copies
- Susie Larson is a popular media personality and speaks regularly at large conferences and women's retreats nationwide

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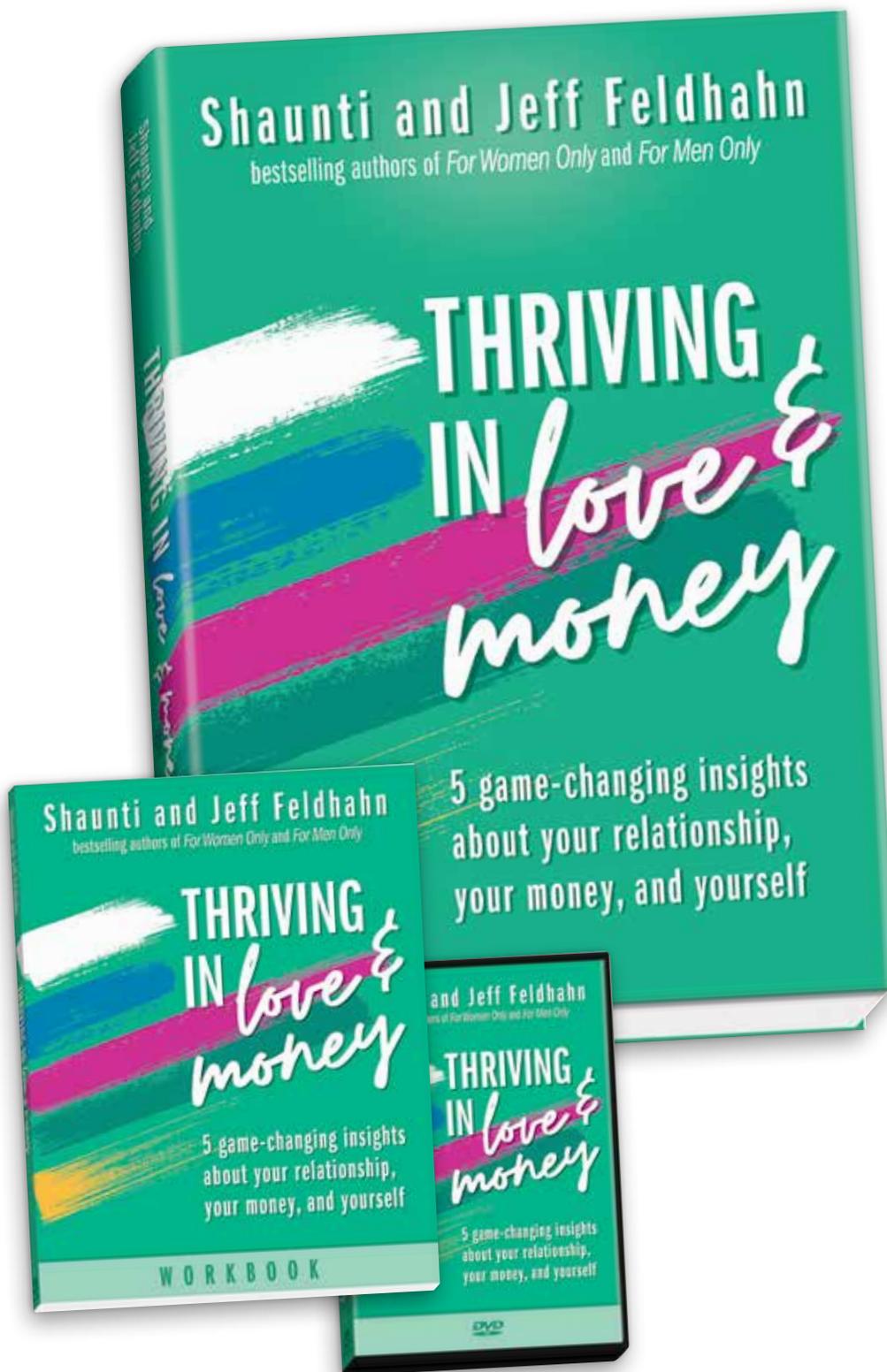
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Over 90 percent of couples experience some level of tension around money. In fact, money issues are the number one stressor in relationships. So many books try to fix the surface problems, such as how to budget and what to prioritize when it comes to finances, but the issues go much deeper than just a simple spreadsheet.

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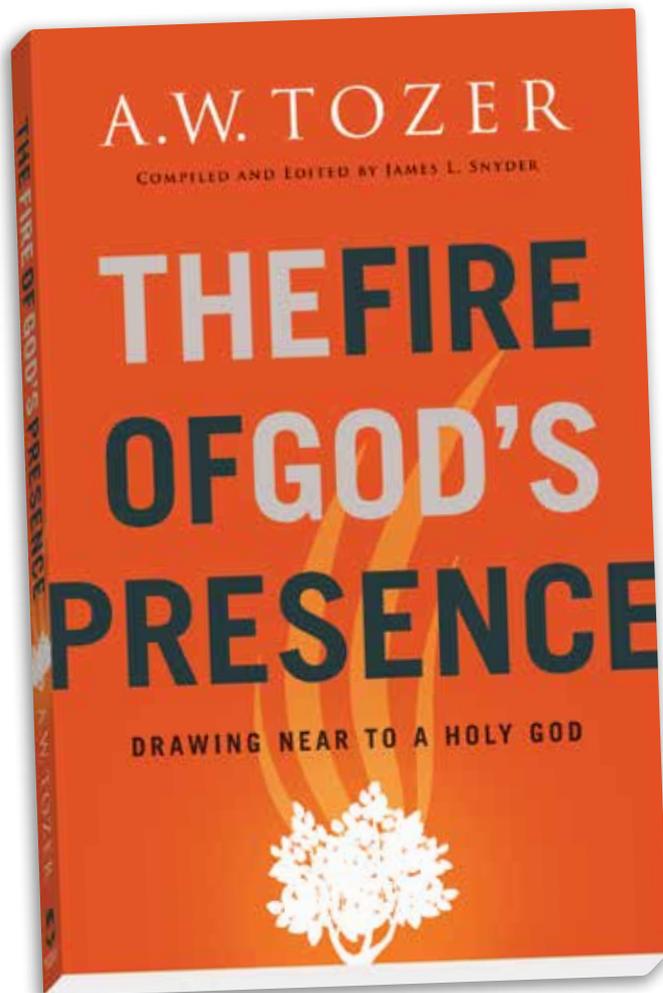


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A.W. Tozer on Encountering God Face-to-Face



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The bush's fire did not frighten Moses, but rather it poured the essence of sacredness into his life, giving him an experience he had never had before. Let this book teach you how, like Moses, to kneel and worship before God's holy fire.

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James L. Snyder is recognized as an authority on A.W. Tozer. His first book, *The Life of A.W. Tozer: In Pursuit of God*, won the Reader's Choice Award in 1992 from *Christianity Today*. James and his wife live in Ocala, Florida. Learn more at www.jamesnyderministries.com.

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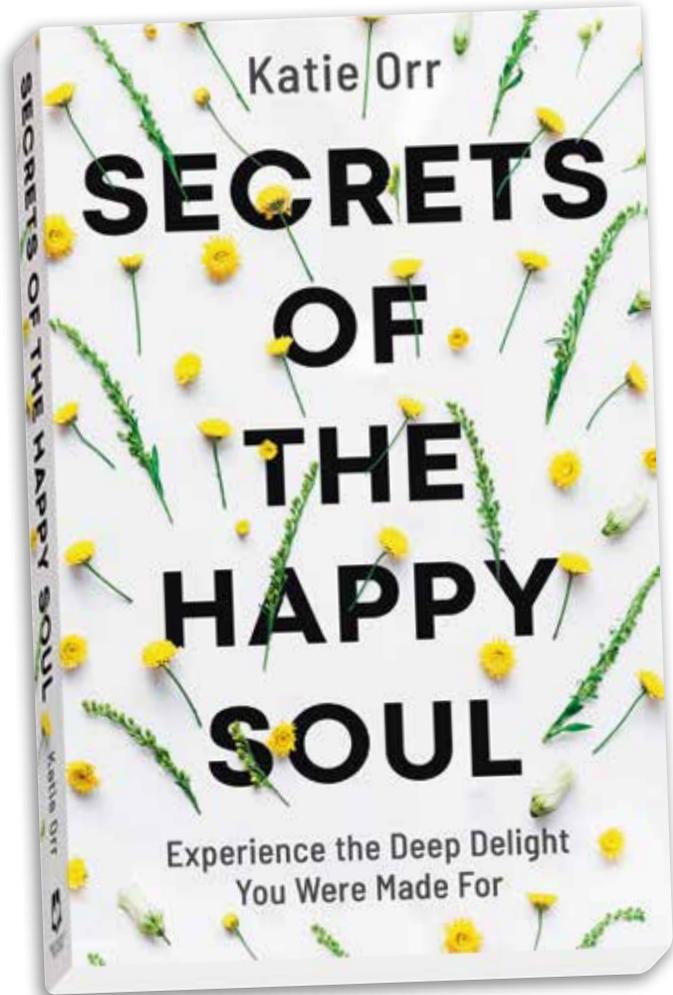
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Discover Soul-Level Happiness That Can Weather Any Storm



- Author is an influential Bible teacher whose study methods have been adopted widely
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How do some people do it? They rise above the circumstances and distractions of life and remain consistently happy. Even in tough times they have a quiet sense of peace about them. Examining the Bible and her own life, Katie Orr has discovered that deep happiness and satisfaction are only possible when we are rooted in God and pursuing his good and specific purpose for each of us.

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Answers Unseen

I prayed for strength for today.
 Did You hear my request, Lord?
 Do You see my need?
 I don't feel stronger, more vibrant,
 more alive.

Does that mean You didn't
 answer?
 Or is Your strength invisible,
 a kind I can't feel?
 Are You working in me in ways I can't
 see or touch or feel?

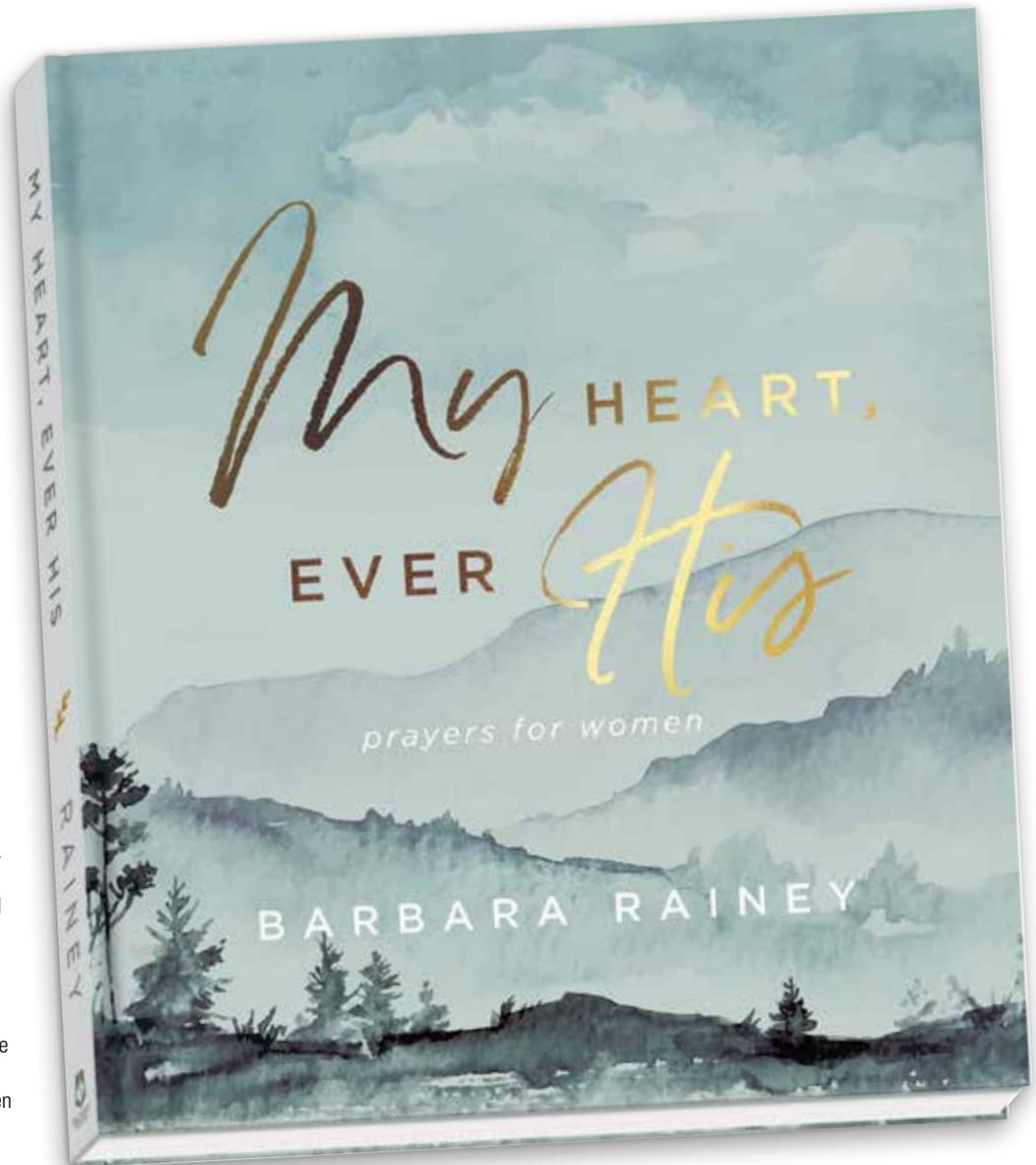
Do not lose heart, You remind me.
 Though my outer visible body is
 decaying,
 not performing for me as I desire
 and wish,
 my heart is being changed
 day by day.

You alone see our hidden work there,
 our cooperative partnership.
 Your heart nudges mine; "Trust Me."
 My quiet choice, "Yes, Lord,"
 is unseen.

But perhaps not.
 Maybe You are measuring my growth
 like we parents measure our children's
 growing stature.
 Are You recording my baby faith steps in
 one of Your books?
 Nothing is hidden from Your sight.

Though I don't feel renewed strength,
 I do feel comforted by the thought
 that You are pleased, Abba Father, that I
 come to You.

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