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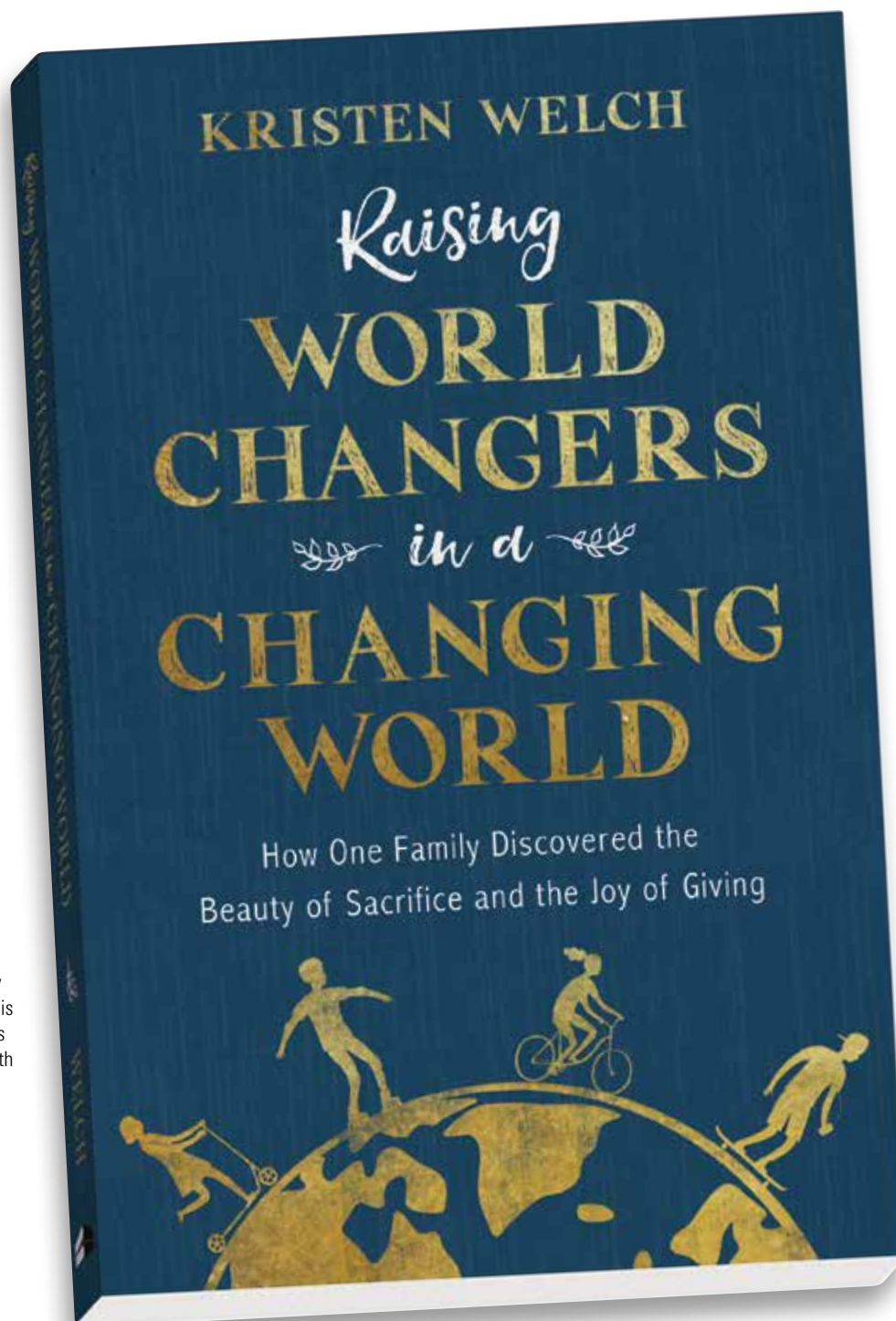
If someone interviewed your children today and asked them, "What's the most important thing in your family?"—how would your children answer? If the interviewer pressed a little harder and said, "What does your family spend the most time doing? Or spend the most money on?"—what would your children say? Kids are honest, sometimes painfully so. They are superb at calling our bluffs and seeing our motives. They also delight us when they catch us doing something right.

When Emerson, my youngest, asked me what this book was about (as I was writing it), I answered, "It's a book about generosity and how we've learned it's better to give than to receive." She laughed! "But Mom, I'm not generous. I don't have any money!" I was like, well, there's goes that idea. I laughed and thought about her words and how maybe I needed to explain a thing or two. "Honey, yes, we can and should be generous with our money. But it's more than that. You spent all morning volunteering at Mercy House; we are cleaning your room so you can share it with someone who needs a place to stay tonight; and you are driving me crazy about completing the paperwork so we can offer respite to foster care families. This is living a generous life." She replied, "Oh, well, I thought it was just loving God."

Boom. It's both.

We love others.

We love our neighbors in our world by seeing their needs and meeting them. This is practical, real time, need-meeting. This is taking what we have and sharing it with those who have less, not in theory but in feet-on-the street, tangible acts of love.



Shows Parents How to Raise Generous Kids Who Impact the World

- Guides parents in raising their kids to be generous with their time, abilities, and resources
- Offers inspiration from biblical heroes and modern-day world-changers
- Each chapter ends with one of the author's family members answering relevant questions that can serve as conversation starters as well as tips to practice generosity
- Welch's *Raising Grateful Kids in an Entitled World* sold more than 40,000 copies in its first 10 months

Almost any parent you asked would tell you that they want their children to be happy, successful adults. But many of us forget (or never knew to begin with) that lasting personal joy is not necessarily found the way the world says it is—through reaching a certain socioeconomic status, having a certain job, buying a certain house, or having a certain amount in one's bank account. In fact, says Kristen Welch, popular blogger and author of *Raising Grateful Kids in an Entitled World*, personal satisfaction comes not from grabbing onto things but from holding them with an open hand and, very often, giving them away.

In this inspiring book, Welch shows parents how to discover for themselves and instill in their kids the profound joy that comes from sharing what we have been given—our time, our talents, and even what's in our wallets—with those who have less. Through powerful personal stories as well as stories from Scripture, Welch offers a tantalizing alternative to status quo parenting that has the power to impact not only our own families but the entire world. At the end of each chapter, one of the author's kids offers their perspective on what it's like to be raised as a world changer.

Raising World Changers in a Changing World

Kristen Welch



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kristen Welch was born and raised in Texas. Her parenting blog, *We are THAT Family* (www.wearethatfamily.com), receives more than 90,000 unique visits every month with more than 200,000 page views, and she has an active following on social media. Kristen has a regular column in *ParentLife* magazine and is a frequent radio guest and speaker. Author of *Rhinestone Jesus* and *Raising Grateful Kids in an Entitled World*, Kristen is the founder of Mercy House Global, a nonprofit ministry that funds maternity homes in Kenya that rescue young pregnant girls, and facilitates Fair Trade Friday, a monthly subscription club that empowers impoverished women in 25 countries. Welch lives with her family in Texas.



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When we acknowledge the goodness of God through using our gifts to glorify him, we experience his good pleasure. It's like showers of heaven sprinkled over my life and my family's life. And I love drinking it in.

Life is filled with opportunities to glorify God with our choices. When I make a choice about what to do with relationships, time, work, or resources, this choice is a way to manage the goodness, that thing I'm called to do.

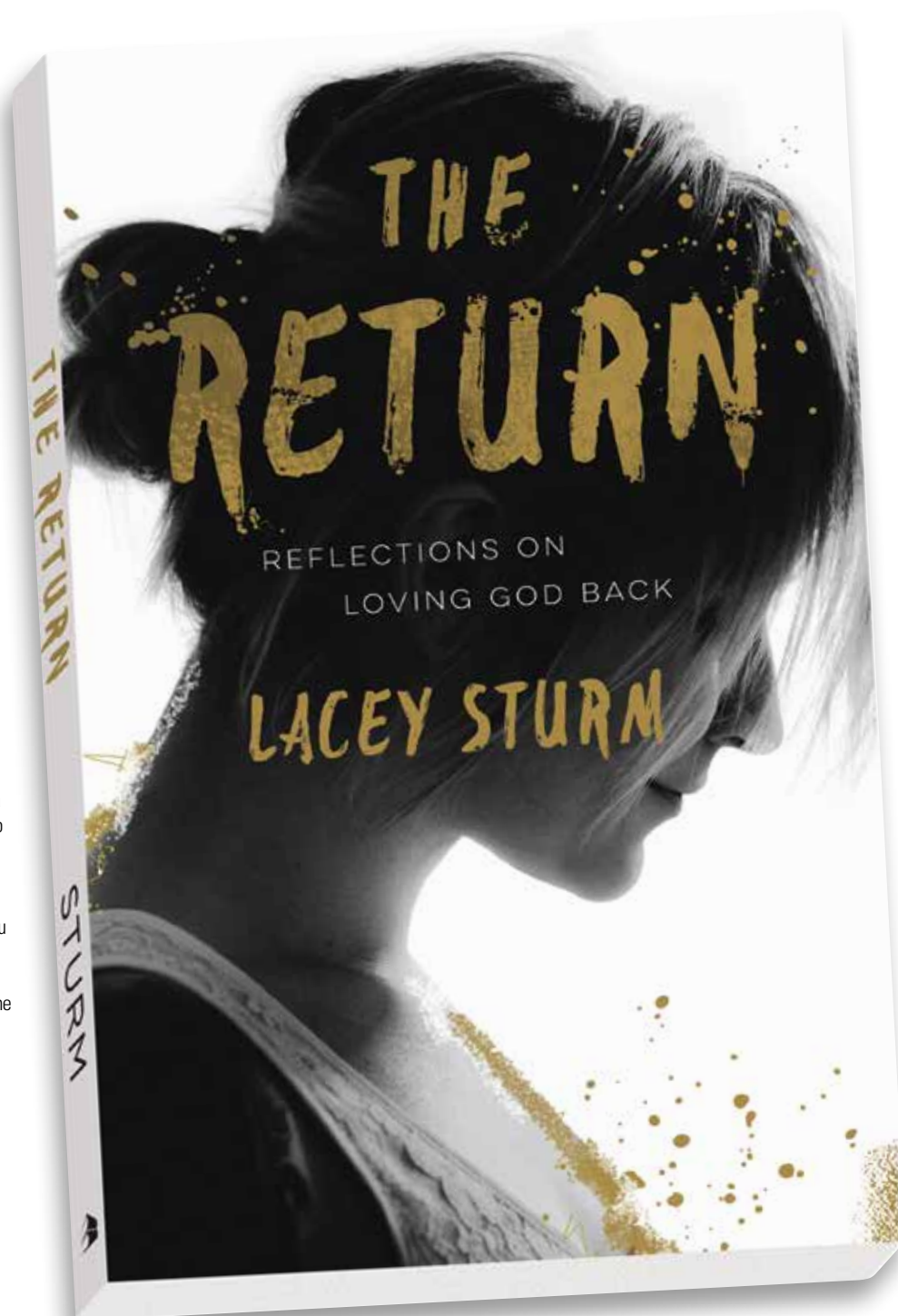
In my journals, I seek answers to questions like: *How do we sense what we're supposed to do? How do we know what we're called to? What does it look like to live a life of returning the love God has given us, and loving Him back?*

This will look different for each of us. You have a journey that's all yours. You're in a season of life that's uniquely shaping you right now. There are unique challenges for each of us in every season and unique victories for us to claim.

My journey looks like a winding road, with ups and downs, road work, and vistas. It began with me playing guitar at an art club meeting in high school, then meandered to many surprises, like becoming a rock star, then a wife, then a mom, a writer, a speaker, and now a solo artist with a sporadically touring family.

Each season holds its own special uniqueness and significance.

I hope what I reflect on here inspires you to bravely say Yes to God. These flashes of my journals will let you see how the key to living my greatest adventure is following the Spirit as I travel this winding road.



Give Glory to God by Pursuing Your Calling

- Author is active speaker and performer, including partnerships with Billy Graham Evangelistic Association events and Greg Laurie Harvest events
- Author's previous books have sold over 40,000 copies
- Inspires readers to see God's greater purpose for their lives

It's easy to go through days, weeks, even years on autopilot, moving from one activity to another, rarely taking the time to consider what it's all for anyway. Why did God make us? What does he want us to do with the time he has given us? And how can we find out?

In her bestselling story-driven style, Christian rocker Lacey Sturm shares with readers the beautiful struggle of learning what one's unique gifts are and pursuing them wholeheartedly. She helps them see each day as a gift from God, find balance in their busy lives, and discover the joy of giving God's gifts back to him by using them to bring him glory.

Young people especially will love this openhanded and openhearted take on what to do with their lives, as will those who feel like they've been coasting or heading down the wrong path.

The Return

Lacey Sturm



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lacey Sturm is a mother, wife, writer, speaker, and musician. Originally the voice behind the platinum-selling international rock band Flyleaf, she released her first solo project in 2016, which debuted at #1 on the Billboard Hard Rock Album chart. Lacey knows she is one of God's works of art, and she wants others to know and understand how special, how beautiful, how kaleidoscopically wonderful we are all made. Lacey speaks and performs in diverse venues, including mainstream rock festivals, conferences, and churches. She has been involved for many years with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, TheWhosoevers, and Pulse, and is the author of *The Reason* and *The Mystery*. She lives in Pennsylvania with her family. For more information, visit www.laceysturm.com.



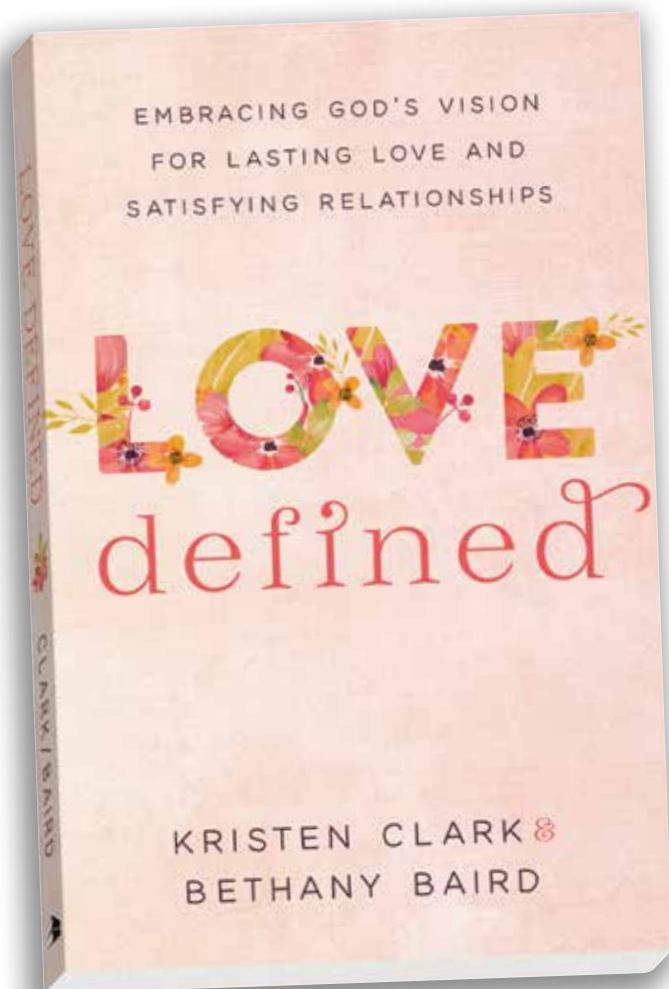
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The Mystery
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The Reason
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A Single Girl's Guide for Experiencing God's Best in Romantic Relationships



- Authors of *Girl Defined* have a popular blog, YouTube channel, and growing conference for young women
- Balanced and insightful wisdom from both a married woman's and a single woman's perspectives
- Includes a chapter-by-chapter study guide to be used individually or in a group setting

Our culture is obsessed with love and romance—so why are so few women experiencing satisfying, long-term love?

In this insightful and encouraging book, sisters Kristen Clark and Bethany Baird help single women of all ages discover a radically better approach to navigating their love lives. Covering topics such as true love, romance, purposeful relationships, purity, boundaries, singleness, and glorifying God in every stage of our relationships, *Love Defined* unpacks God's original design for romance, showing modern women how to experience God's best for them in their relationships. Full of biblical truths and step-by-step application of concepts discussed, the book also includes a chapter-by-chapter study guide to be used individually or in small groups, as well as four letters from godly women who have been married for 30, 40, and 50+ years, offering priceless, hard-won advice to single women.

Love Defined

Kristen Clark and Bethany Baird



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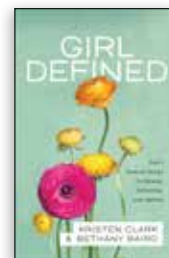
Kristen Clark is married to her high school sweetheart, Zack, and is the cofounder of GirlDefined Ministries. She is passionate about promoting the message of biblical womanhood through blogging, speaking, mentoring young women, and hosting Bible studies in her living room. She has received training through the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors.



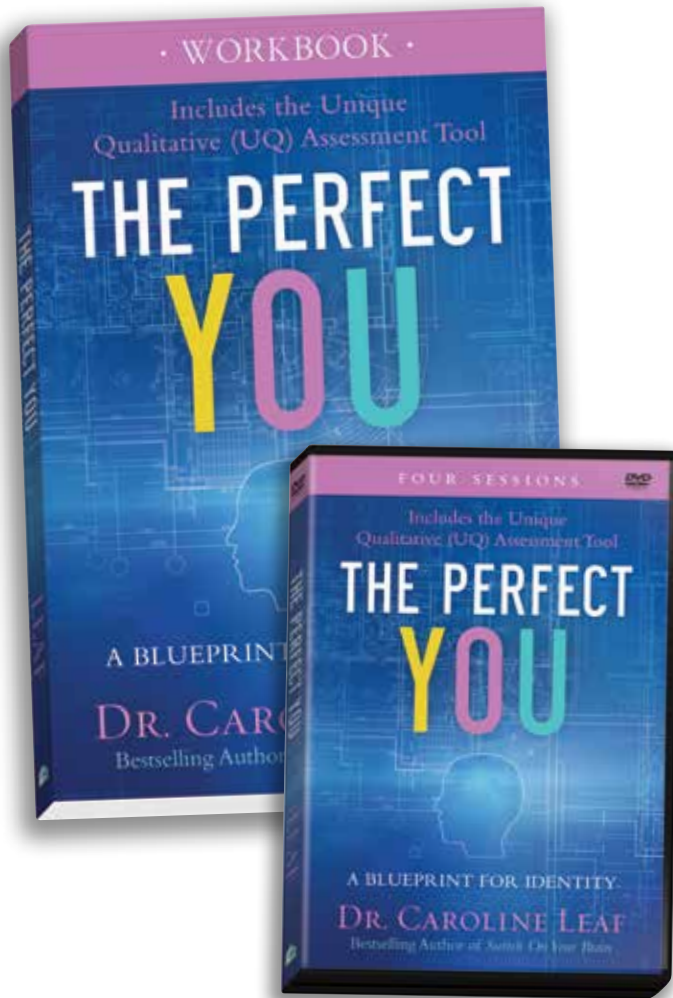
Bethany Baird is a Texas-born-and-raised girl and is the cofounder of GirlDefined Ministries. She has served as a pro-life counselor, led many Bible studies, and is currently directing an AWANA program and mentoring young women. She writes for the *Lies Young Women Believe* blog and has received training through the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors. Clark and Baird are the authors of *Girl Defined*.

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Girl Defined
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Unlock Your Unique Brilliant Design



- Author's books have sold more than 1.1 million copies
- Author is the host of *The Dr. Leaf Show* on TBN, the #2 show on TBN
- Combines credible science with biblical teaching

There are a lot of personality and intelligence tests out there designed to label you and put you in a particular box. But Dr. Caroline Leaf says there's much more to you than a personality profile can capture. In fact, you cannot be categorized!

Based on her powerful book, this study takes participants through seven steps to unlock their unique design—the brilliantly original way they think, feel, relate, and make choices—freeing them from comparison, envy, and jealousy, which destroy brain tissue. Participants learn to be aware of what's going on in their own minds and bodies, to lean in to their own experiences rather than trying to forcefully change them, and to redefine what success means to them. Released from the suffocating box of expectations, they'll embrace their true identity and develop a clear sense of divine purpose in their lives.

The Perfect You

Dr. Caroline Leaf



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr. Caroline Leaf is a communication pathologist and audiologist who has worked in the area of cognitive neuroscience since 1985. The author of *Switch On Your Brain*, *Think and Eat Yourself Smart*, and *The Perfect You*, Leaf has been featured on *Enjoying Everyday Life* with Joyce Meyer, *LIFE Today* with James and Betty Robison, *Today with Marilyn and Sarah*, *It's Supernatural* with Sid Roth, and *Doctor to Doctor*. Dr. Leaf also hosts *The Dr. Leaf Show* on TBN. She lives in Dallas, Texas.



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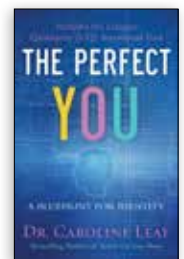
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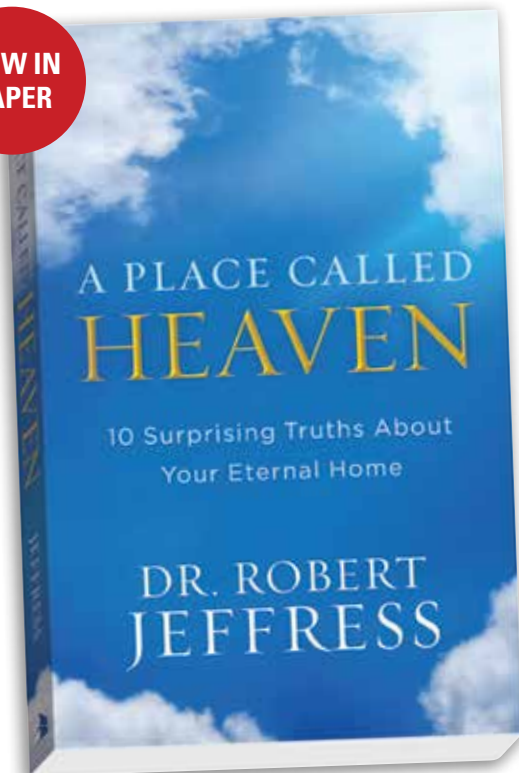
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10 Surprising Truths about Heaven— Now in Paper

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As Christians, we know some day we will leave our familiar country and be united with God in heaven. And yet many of us know very little about this place called heaven. In this enlightening book, bestselling author Dr. Robert Jeffress opens the Scriptures to unpack ten surprising truths about heaven and explain who we will see there and how we can prepare to go there someday. Perfect for believers or skeptics who are curious about heaven. Now in paper.

A Place Called Heaven

Dr. Robert Jeffress



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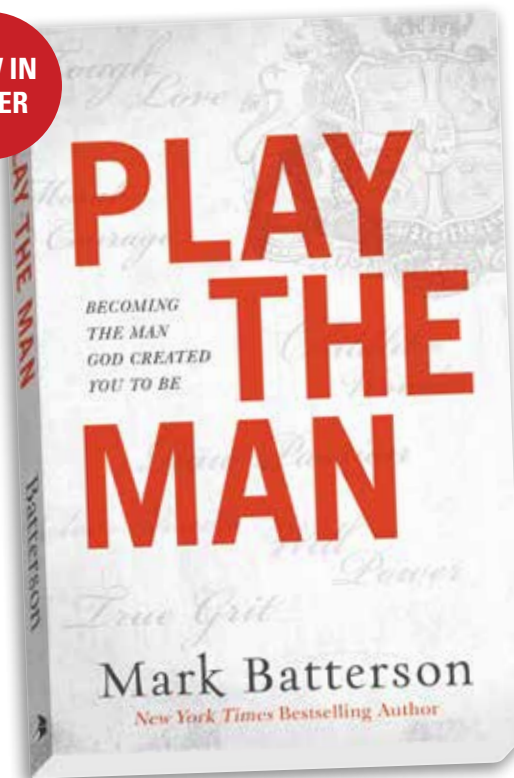
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Work Hard. Play Hard. Pray Hard.— Now in Paper

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Somewhere along the way, our culture lost its definition of manhood, leaving generations of men confused about their roles, responsibilities, relationships, and the reason God made them men. In this inspiring call to something greater, *New York Times* bestselling author Mark Batterson helps men understand what it means to be a man of God by unveiling seven virtues of manhood and sharing stories and practical ideas about how to disciple the next generation of men who will put God first, family second, and career third. Now in paper.

Play the Man

Mark Batterson



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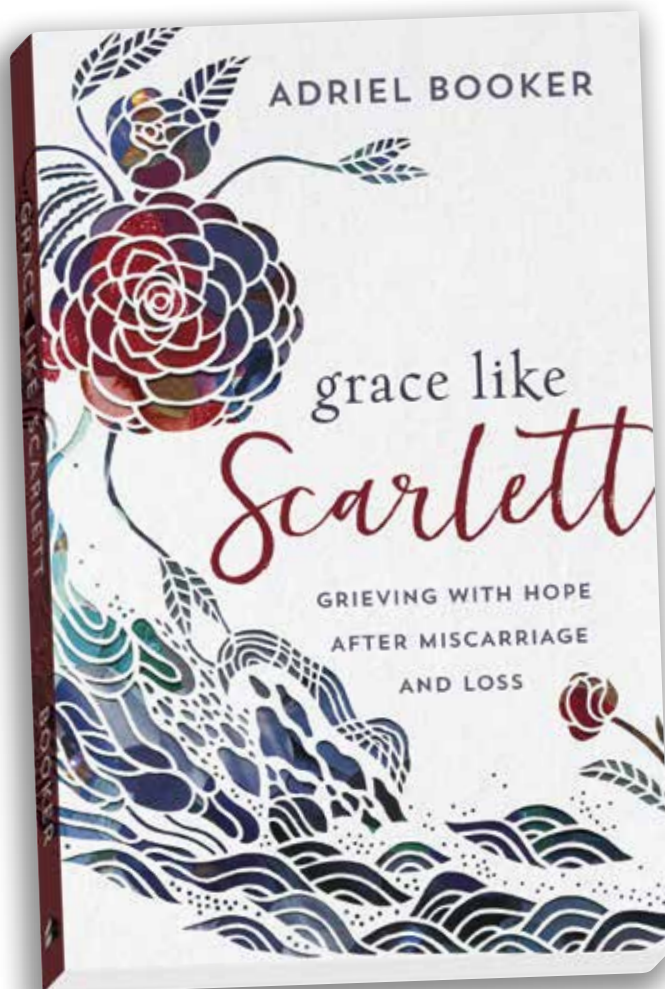
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A Mother's Discovery of God's Healing Grace after a Miscarriage



- Written for those who have suffered miscarriage from one who understands the heartache
- Author has 20,000 email subscribers and her blog reaches 1.4 million page views annually
- Provides specific resources to support the bereaved, including a letter for fathers, ways to help children and friends grieve, suggestions for honoring your baby, advice on pregnancy after loss, and more

Though one in four pregnancies ends in loss, miscarriage is shrouded in such secrecy and stigma that the woman who experiences it often feels deeply isolated, unsure how to process her grief. Her body seems to have betrayed her. Her confidence in the goodness of God is rattled. Her loved ones don't know what to say. Her heart is broken. She may feel guilty, ashamed, angry, depressed, confused, or alone.

With vulnerability and tenderness, Adriel Booker shares her own experience of three consecutive miscarriages, as well as the stories of others. She tackles complex questions about faith and suffering with sensitivity and clarity, inviting women to a place of grace, honesty, and hope in the redemptive purposes of God without offering religious clichés and pat answers. She also shares specific, practical resources, such as ways to help guide children through grief, suggestions for memorializing your baby, and advice on pregnancy after loss, as well as a special section for loved ones.

Grace Like Scarlett

Adriel Booker



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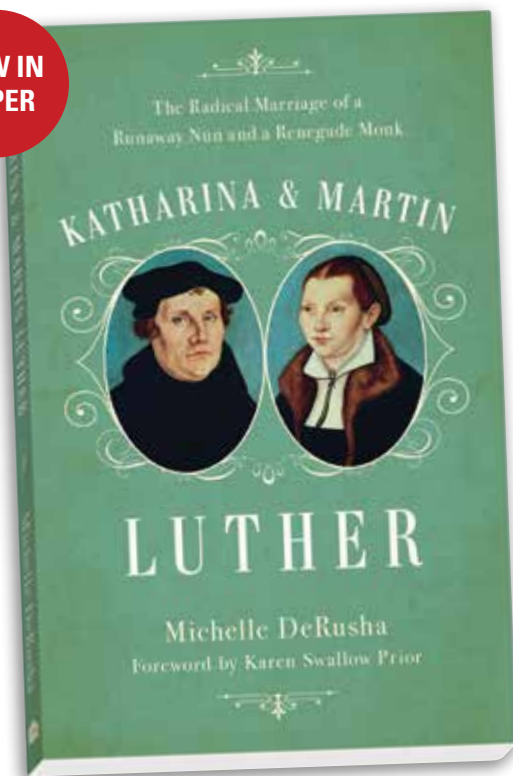
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Adriel Booker has spent the last seventeen years serving in global missions as an international speaker, writer, photographer, leadership coach, and mentor. Through her popular blog, www.adrielbooker.com, she has built a loyal readership of active followers while exploring topics related to family and parenting, practical spirituality, missions, and maternal health and women's issues. Adriel leads The Love A Mama Collective, a movement working to mobilize everyday mothers toward empowering women in the developing world through safe birth initiatives, and coleads an inner city YWAM community in the heart of Sydney, Australia, with her Aussie husband, Ryan, and their three young "AusMerican" boys.



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Katharina and Martin Luther

Michelle DeRusha



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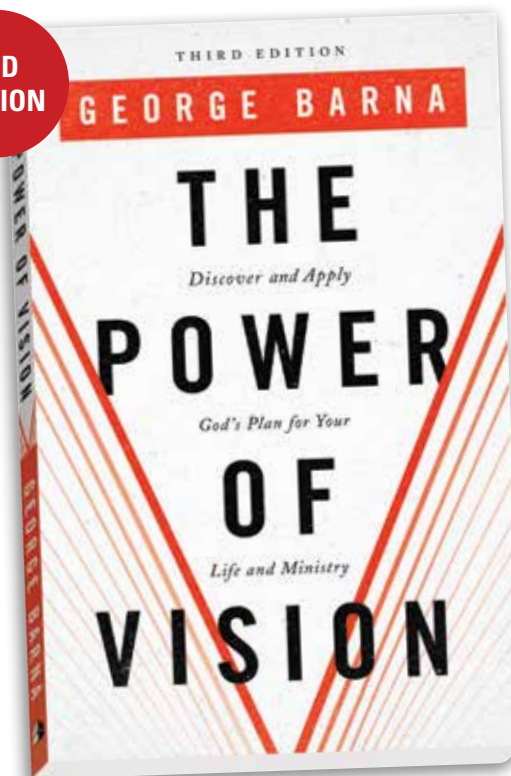
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How to Minister Authentically and Authoritatively

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According to George Barna, uncovering God's vision for your ministry is not an option. It's essential for the most productive ministry that will accomplish God's goals for building his kingdom. Ministry leaders with a clear picture from God of where they are headed are much more likely to experience a successful journey. In this book, Barna uncovers how God has shared his vision throughout history, how vision is different from mission, common practices and beliefs that inhibit true vision, practical steps toward experiencing and carrying out God's unique vision for them, and ways to share and promote congregational ownership of the vision.

The Power of Vision, 3rd ed.

George Barna



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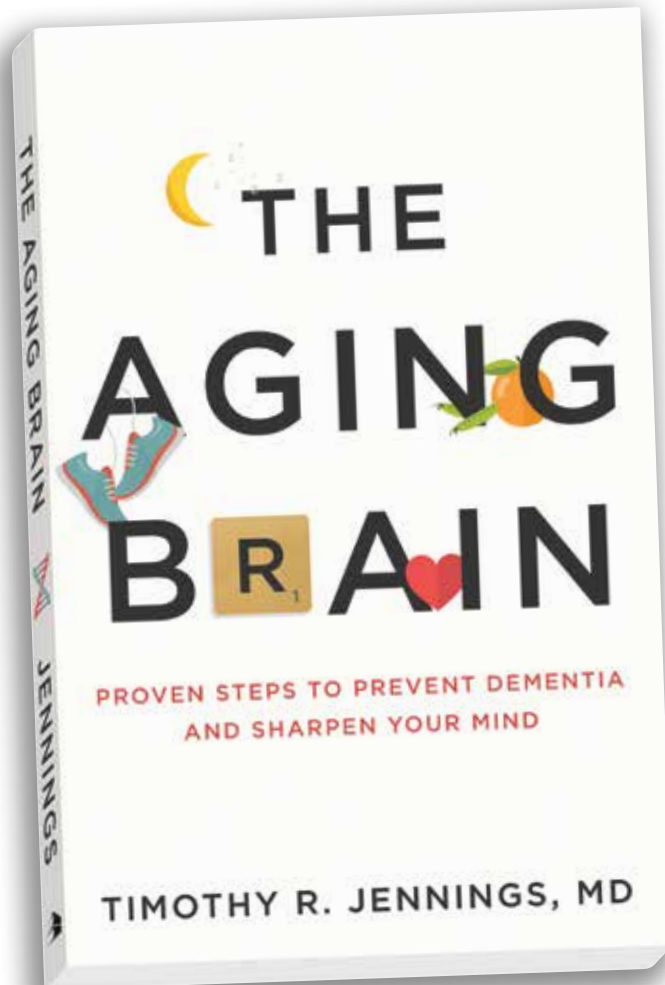
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George Barna currently serves as the executive director of the American Culture and Faith Institute, conducting research on governance, elections, worldview, and cultural transformation. He is the *New York Times* bestselling and award-winning author of more than 50 books, and his work is frequently cited as an authoritative source by the media. A frequent speaker at ministry conferences around the world, he has been on the faculty at several universities and seminaries.

The Secrets to a Healthy Brain and Body



- Regular featured AACC speaker
- In 2010 there were 40 million people in America over the age of 65, and according to the CDC by 2030 that number will be 71 million
- Presents highly referenced and scientifically validated information that is easy to understand and apply

While growing older is inevitable, many of the troubles we associate with aging—including dementia, disability, and an increased dependence on others—are not. The choices we make now can help us to maintain our vitality, a sharp mind, and our independence as we age.

Filled with simple, everyday actions we can take to avoid disease, promote vitality, and prevent dementia and late onset Alzheimer's, *The Aging Brain* is an easy-to-use guide to maintaining brain and body health throughout our lives. Based on solid, up-to-date scientific research, the interventions explained in this book not only prevent progression toward dementia even in those who have already shown mild cognitive impairment, they also reduce disability and depression and keep people living independently longer than those who do not practice these methods.

For anyone hoping to slow the aging process, as well as anyone who acts as a caregiver to someone at risk of or already beginning to suffer from dementia and other age-related diseases, this book offers a hopeful, healthy way forward.

The Aging Brain

Timothy R. Jennings, MD



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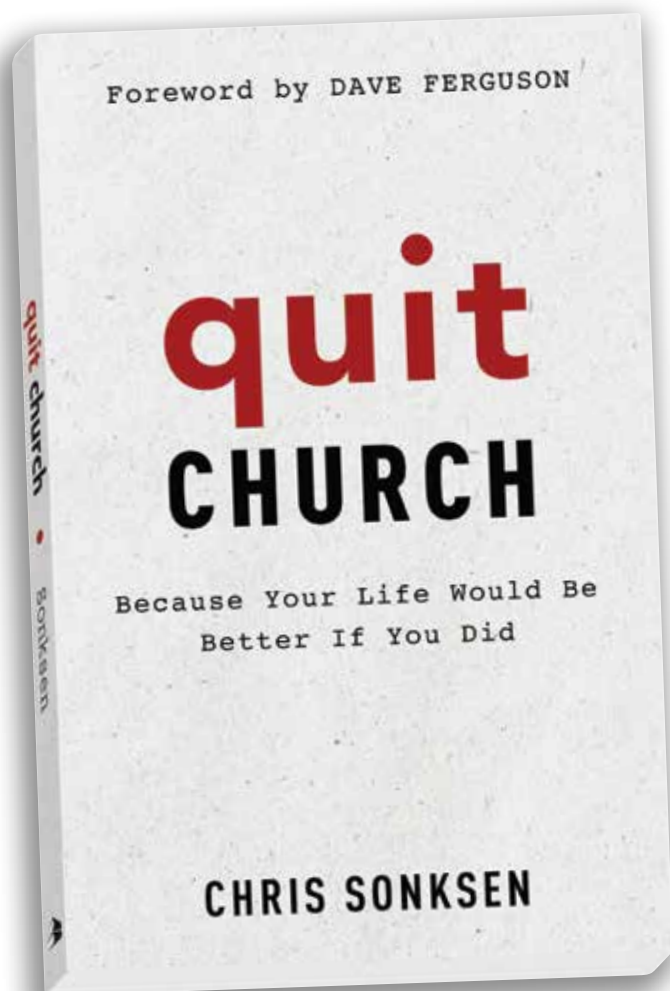
Timothy R. Jennings, MD has been in private practice as a Christian psychiatrist and certified master psychopharmacologist since 1997. Board certified in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, he is a specialist in transcranial magnetic stimulation, a drug-free treatment for depression. Dr. Jennings is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, Fellow of the Southern Psychiatric Association, and past president of both the Tennessee and Southern Psychiatric Associations. He has spent more than two decades researching the interface between biblical principles and modern brain science and is a highly sought after lecturer and international speaker and the author of *The God-Shaped Brain* and *The God-Shaped Heart*. He is in private practice in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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The God-Shaped Heart
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Discover Behaviors to Stop and Start for Spiritual Growth



- Author reveals habits we need to simply let go of, along with spiritual practices we need to relearn in order to thrive as individuals and produce growth in our churches
- Church BOOM founder has led more than 300 churches toward growth
- Includes small group questions, sermon notes, and other tools for pastors to implement as a series in their church
- Foreword by Dave Ferguson

Let's face it. Church isn't working. We hear sermons about the abundant life Jesus promised, but how many of us are actually living it? How many of our churches are thriving? How many people in our congregations are experiencing God's blessings? Maybe it's time to call it quits.

Quit church? Well, not exactly.

Drawing from his experience coaching hundreds of churches toward true growth, Chris Sonksen calls on us to quit our casual, cultural commitment to church as we know it. No more half-hearted attempts to win the favor of God and other people by doing the right thing. No more doing things out of a sense of duty. Instead, Sonksen reveals the spiritual habits that release the blessings of God, both on each individual and on the church. He explains why we struggle to put these practices into action and gives practical solutions to move us forward into health, growth, and maturity.

Quit Church

Chris Sonksen



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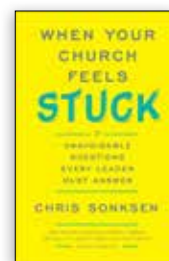
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Chris Sonksen is the author of *When Your Church Feels Stuck*. His personal experience comes from his own success in pioneering South Hills Church, a multicampus church that has been widely recognized for its unprecedented growth and strategic approaches to doing ministry. In addition, Chris's church growth expertise has led him to found Church BOOM, an organization that has provided personal coaching to more than 300 churches and impacted thousands of leaders. Chris and his wife, Laura, have two children and live in Southern California.

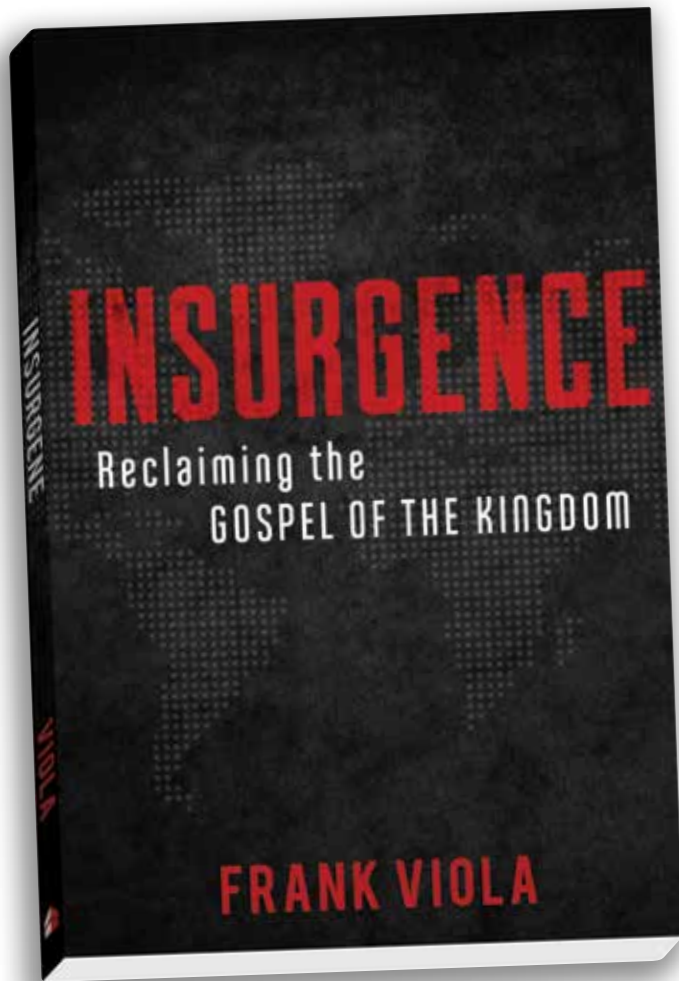


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When Your Church Feels Stuck
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Learn to Live Out the Gospel in a New Way



- Calls Christians away from guilt, religious duty, and other legalistic motivations to a new life under the glorious gospel of the kingdom
- Author has a significant platform, including an email list over 25,000 and a popular blog
- This book will be the core ministry resource of Deeper Christian Life Network
- Bestselling author has a strong track record of book sales success

Why does the allegiance that radical terrorists give to their false cause exceed the allegiance that most Christians today give to Jesus Christ?

In *Insurgence*, bestselling author Frank Viola presents a radical proposal for Christians. Namely, that we have lost the explosive, earthshaking gospel of the kingdom that Jesus, Paul, and the other apostles preached. Viola argues that we've lost this dynamic, titanic, living gospel and exchanged it for a gospel of religious duty or permissiveness and "easy believism."

In today's politically charged era, Christians on the progressive left as well as the conservative right both equate their particular viewpoints with the kingdom of God. Viola challenges and dismantles these perspectives, offering a fresh and revolutionary look at the gospel of the kingdom.

Viola writes with gripping power, challenging Christians to embrace an unparalleled allegiance to Jesus Christ and his kingdom. This high-octane message is being reclaimed today, launching a spiritual insurgence.

Insurgence

Frank Viola



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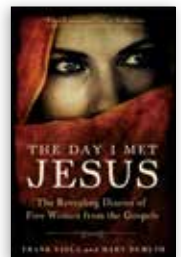
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Frank Viola has helped thousands of people around the world to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and enter into a more vibrant and authentic experience of church. He has written many books on these themes, including *God's Favorite Place on Earth* and *From Eternity to Here*. He ministers to people all over the world from Florida.

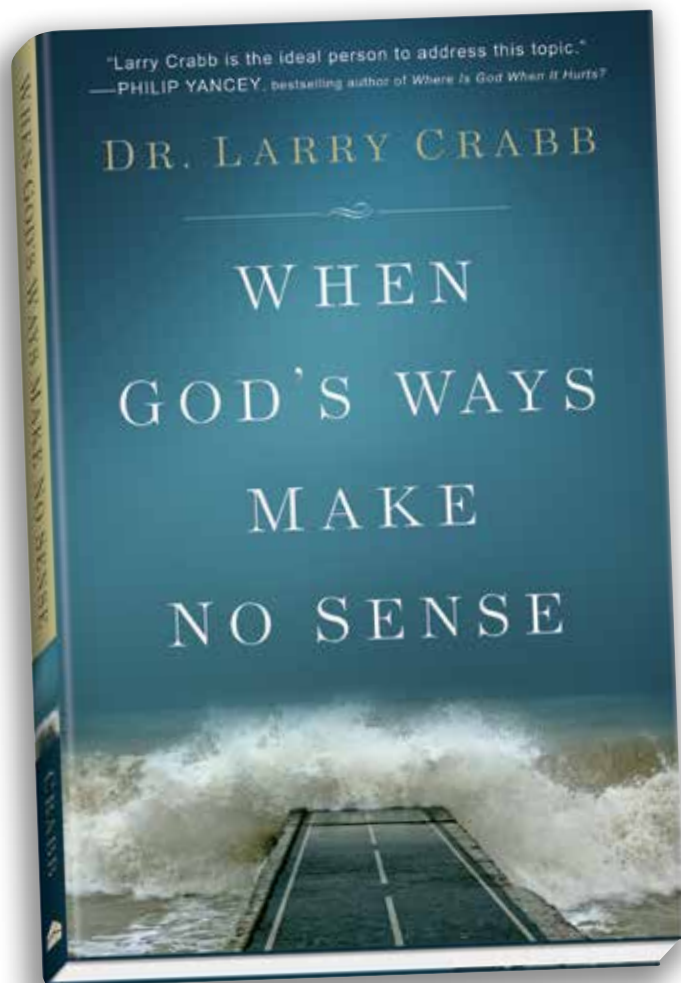


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The Day I Met Jesus
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Honest Exploration of the Struggle to Trust When God's Ways Seem Mysterious



- Bestselling author Larry Crabb is a respected Bible teacher and Christian psychologist whose books have sold more than 3.5 million copies
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It doesn't take too much living before we realize that life never goes quite the way we want it to. But when things get hard and we don't understand what God is doing, what is our first impulse? Is it to resist him and run away like Jonah? Or is it to trust him even while trembling in fear of suffering like Habbakuk?

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When God's Ways Make No Sense

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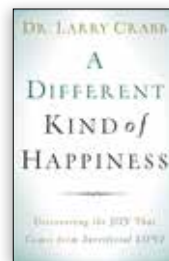
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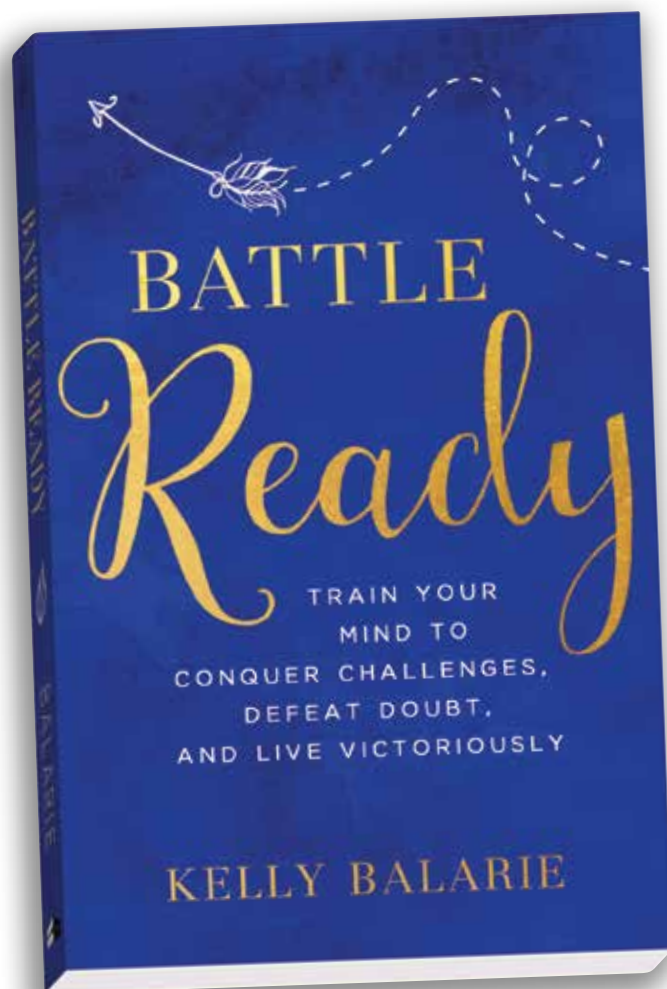


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We don't know what's coming tomorrow, and usually we live unprepared, just going through the motions of life and practicing a reactive rather than proactive faith. This means that when trouble inevitably comes, we find ourselves mired in disbelief, uncertainty, and doubt rather than ready to endure and triumph over trials. Who wants to live that way? In discouragement, fear, and defeat?

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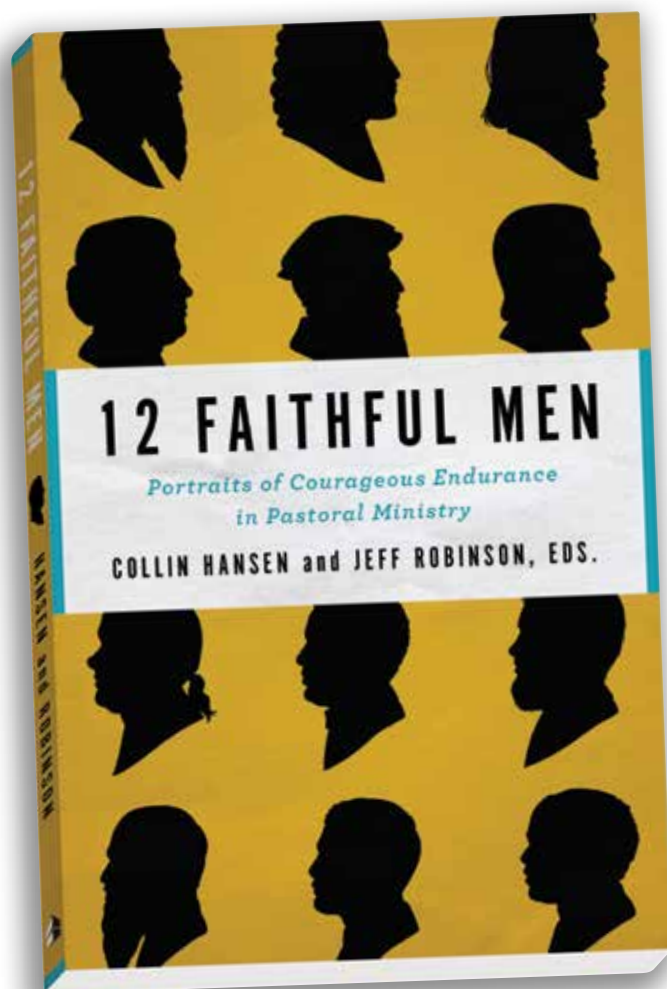


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Twelve Powerful Stories of Pastors Who Persevered



- This book will be a featured resource for The Gospel Coalition, receiving the full support of their marketing efforts
- Points the way for pastors struggling through difficult personal or church issues to look toward examples from the past to move forward
- Hansen and Robinson are editorial director and senior editor for The Gospel Coalition
- Foreword by Ray Ortlund

Most pastors know when they enter the ministry that they will spend time helping others through times of suffering. What they usually do not realize, though, is that they too will suffer. Caught off guard, many of them end up deeply hurt and quit the ministry, deciding that perhaps they misunderstood God's call on their lives or that they simply do not have what it takes. But church history is filled with compelling stories of men who were profoundly afflicted while they carried out their ministry and yet persevered faithfully until death.

Now the editors of The Gospel Coalition have collected inspiring stories of twelve faithful men who endured great suffering for the cause of Christ. The stories of the apostle Paul, John Calvin, Charles Spurgeon, John Bunyan, Wang Mindao, and others show that suffering in the context of ministry is expected—and it's never wasted. Pastors and ministry leaders, as well as those who support them, will find in this collection encouragement to run the race with endurance.

12 Faithful Men

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Practical Advice to Help Your Team Be Healthy *and* High-Performing



- Lance Witt is a recognized pastor to pastors with a weekly article on Sermon Central
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No matter how big an organization, we all do ministry with a team, whether paid or volunteer. Anyone who has been part of a great team knows it's something special. When there is good chemistry, everyone is operating from their sweet spot, the objectives are clear, and kingdom progress is being made, it is incredibly fulfilling and fun.

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Lance Witt, founder of Replenish ministries and a former executive and teaching pastor at Saddleback Church, knows what it takes to keep teams functioning at the highest level of impact. He shows leaders how to build next-level teams that are spiritually, emotionally, and relationally healthy *and* productive and high-performing. Short, to-the-point chapters make the book easy to digest and the perfect resource for your team to read through together.

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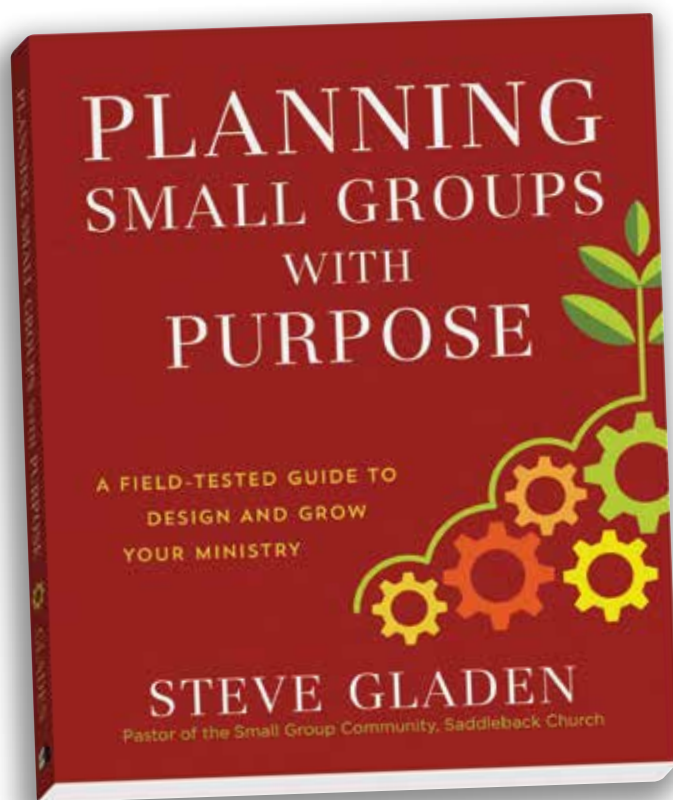
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- Unpacks 22 questions that must be answered to move a church's small group ministry from vision to implementation
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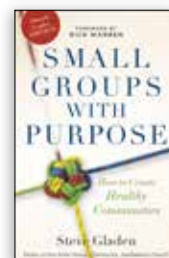
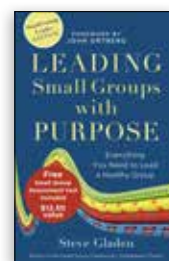
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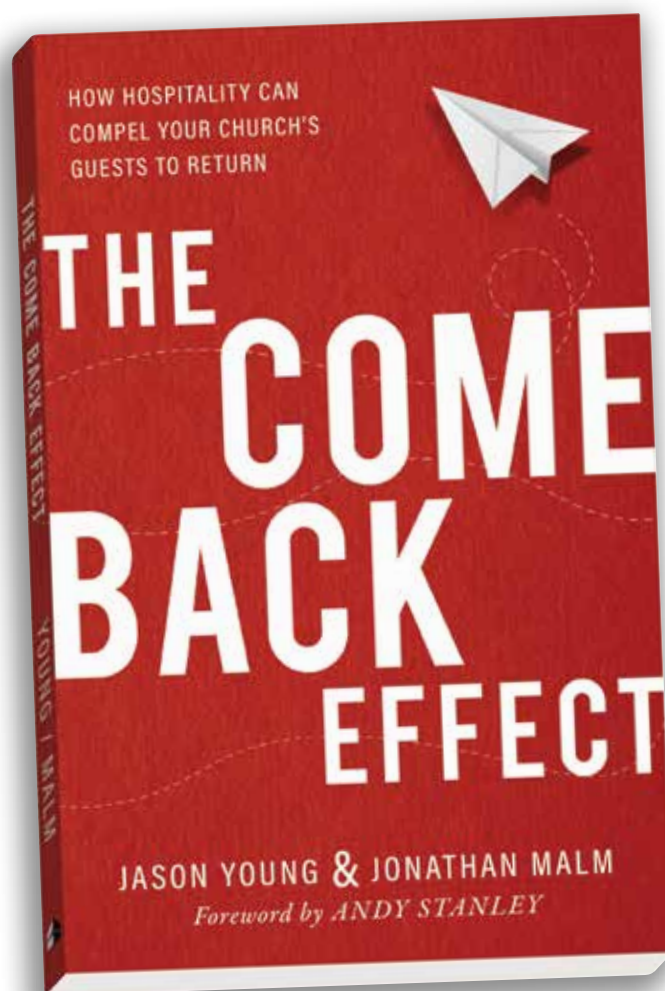
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Proven Principles for Making Guests Feel Welcome (and Getting Them to Come Back!)



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- Story-driven approach with tons of examples to help churches quickly implement ideas
- Young is the director of guest services at Buckhead Church and North Point Ministries; Malm is a business and church consultant
- Foreword by Andy Stanley

The key to growth as a church, youth ministry, or a business is getting first-time guests to come back. And as any good manager of a hotel, a store, a restaurant, or an attraction knows, the key to getting guests to come back is not actually the rooms or the product or the food itself; it's how guests feel when they're there. It's about hospitality. No matter how much effort and time we spend on excellence—stirring worship time, inspiring sermons, a good coffee blend in the foyer—what our guests really want when they come to our churches is to feel welcome, comfortable, and understood.

Written by a church consultant and a hospitality expert, *The Come Back Effect* shows church, ministry, and even business leaders the secret to helping a first-time guest return again and again. Through an engaging, story-driven approach, they explain how service and hospitality are two different things, show how Jesus practiced hospitality, and invite leaders to develop and implement changes that lead to repeat visits and, eventually, to sustained growth.

The Come Back Effect

Jason Young and Jonathan Malm



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You and I are ordinary people. There's nothing special about us.

We don't have Hollywood good looks, or the wealth of Bill Gates, or the IQ of Einstein, or the wisdom of Solomon. We're just . . . ordinary.

And that's good news!

Why? Because God loves ordinary people. Most of the heroes of the Bible were ordinary people who God used in extraordinary ways.

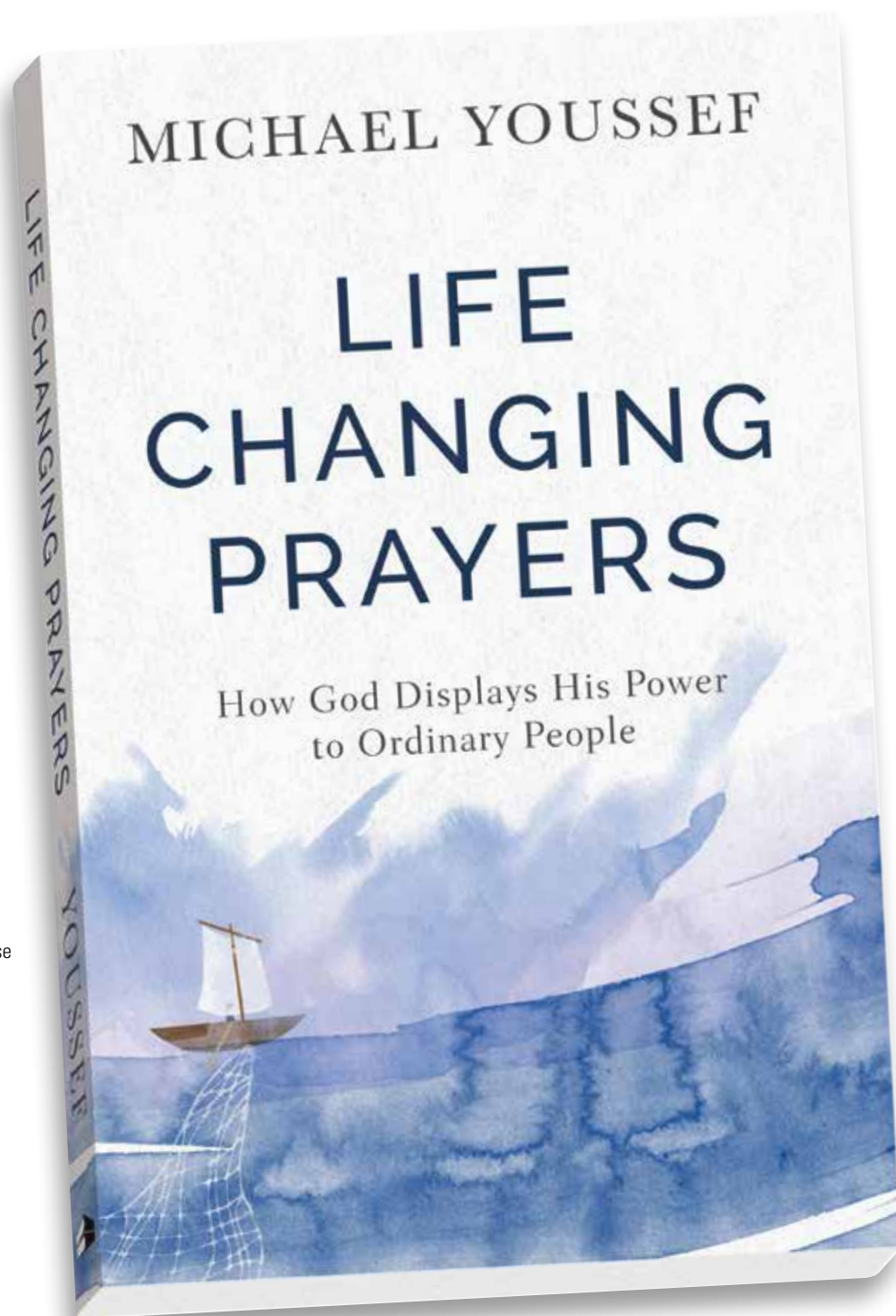
But while God delights in using common, everyday people like you and me, there's one factor that made God's "ordinary heroes" stand out from the crowd: They were people of prayer.

Prayer changes lives, moves mountains, and alters the course of history. The people God uses, the people God chooses, are ordinary people who pray.

Genesis 24 contains the first recorded prayer in the Bible. It was offered by a man so ordinary that his name doesn't even appear in the chapter. We only know his name because he was briefly mentioned in Genesis 15: Eliezer of Damascus. He was the senior servant in Abraham's household. We will hear this ordinary man pray for guidance from God — and his prayer will affect the course of thousands of years of history yet to come. . . .

Abraham Lincoln once said, "God must like common people, or he would not have made so many of them." Yes, God loves ordinary people like you and me — and once we learn to pray as these heroes of the Bible prayed, our lives and our world will never be the same.

So turn the page with me, and let's listen in on these simple, powerful, life-changing prayers.



Experience the Power of Prayer in Your Life

- Uses stories of prayer warriors from Scripture to teach readers to let go of fear and doubt and pray with boldness
- Author's weekly television programs and daily radio programs are broadcast in 25 languages and seen worldwide, airing more than 12,000 times per week
- Youssef is the founding pastor of The Church of The Apostles in Atlanta

They were just ordinary people—a loyal servant, a woman who desperately wanted a child, an old man who still had hope, and a young teenager who couldn't quite believe God's great love. Ordinary people who prayed extraordinary prayers to an extraordinary God. They weren't always eloquent. They weren't always the type of person you might think God would listen to. But they trusted God and his plans for their lives, and that made all the difference.

Life-Changing Prayers tells their stories and shares their desperate, hopeful, and gratitude-filled prayers, inspiring and emboldening readers to ask God for the desires of their own hearts. Anyone who desires to pray life-changing prayers, as well as anyone whose prayer life has grown stagnant or nonexistent, will find here the encouragement to pray confidently and expectantly to the God who always hears—and always answers.

Life-Changing Prayers

Michael Youssef



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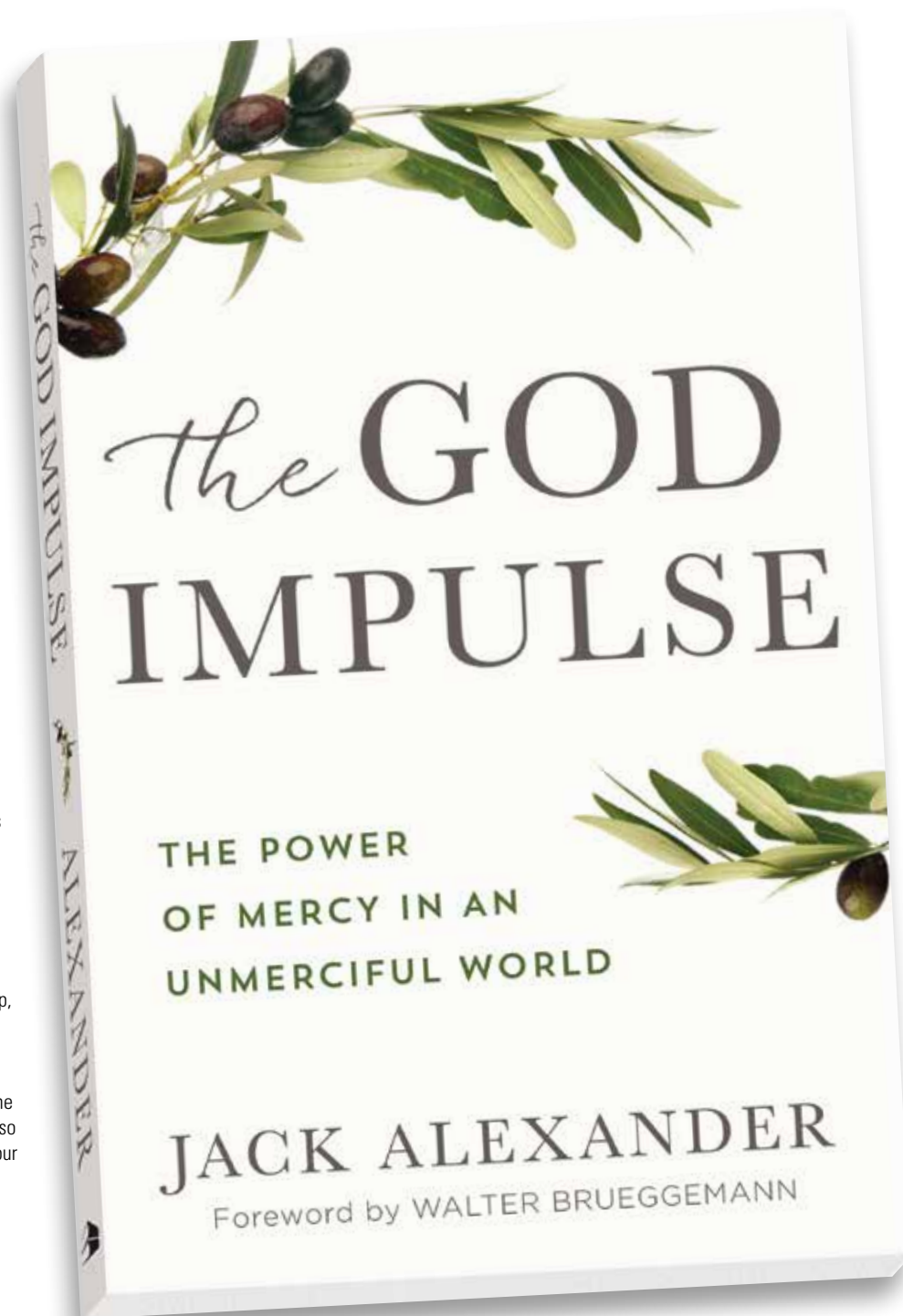
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As children, we all have memories of lying in our beds hearing the thunderstorms rumbling and watching the flashes of lightning lighting up our rooms. Only later in life did I learn that lightning actually precedes thunder.

Lightning is extremely hot and can reach temperatures of 54,000 degrees Fahrenheit. It is so hot that when it hits the air, the heat causes the air to essentially explode because it expands so quickly. This expansion causes the loud cracking noise of thunder.

I think mercy and grace are meant to work in tandem, just like lightning and thunder. We repeatedly see in Scripture that mercy is God's first impulse toward us; and in the parable of the Good Samaritan, it should be our first impulse toward one another. When we show mercy to the poor, broken, and distressed, and extend forgiveness from the heart to fellow sinners and our enemies, these expressions of mercy create positive "heat." When we reckon the value of a soul as greater than our schedules, resources, priorities, and pride, we are acting in God's impulse of mercy. In doing so, this heat of mercy provides a vacuum for the Spirit of grace to fill, like a roll of thunder. Just as God's "indescribable gift" in Christ was God's thunder following His mercy, we need to rethink the "lightning" of mercy in our lives.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, among others, pointed out that grace, being free, often leads us to vertical gratitude and worship, but not to the "expensive" love for our neighbor. The kind of love that costs us. Grace *is* amazing, but mercy is not mere pity; it is magnificent! It is the heart of the Father. Grace will not only abound but also result in rolls of thunder as we unleash our lightning bolts of mercy!



Uncover the Key to Lasting Joy

- A life-changing examination of Jesus's pattern of love where truth and mercy meet
- Teaches that God's first impulse toward us is—and therefore our first impulse toward others should be—mercy
- Author is chairman of Reimagine, a regular speaker, an experienced coach, and board member of several ministries and businesses
- Foreword by Walter Brueggemann

For Jesus, truth and mercy went hand in hand. Where he preached he also healed. He didn't outsource one or the other to biblical scholars or nonprofit ministries. He presented the truth of the gospel through his words and his actions, and he did it all in a hands-on, relational way. And the reaction was the same wherever he went—people were amazed.

Today we seem to have lost this powerful pattern of self-giving love, focusing on truth at the expense of mercy or on mercy at the expense of truth, and often failing to build genuine, lasting relationships with the people around us.

In *The God Impulse*, Jack Alexander helps us recover Jesus's model, showing through biblical and modern real-life stories that God's first impulse toward us is mercy. He then sets forth a pattern for us to follow—to see, go, do, and endure—that not only spreads truth and love to those around us who are suffering but also causes them to gasp in amazement and consider the claims of the gospel for themselves.

The God Impulse

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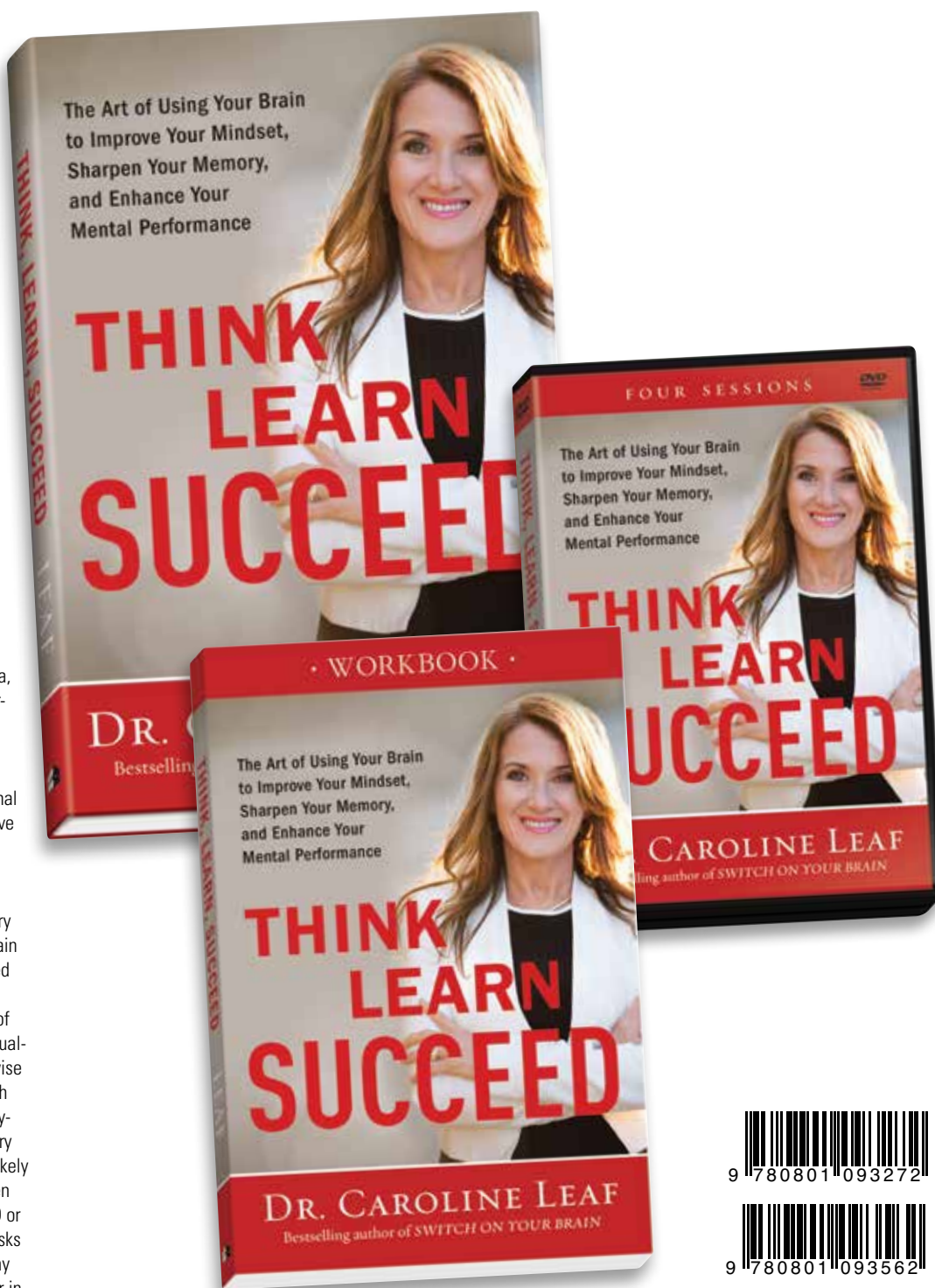
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The point of thinking, learning, education, and technology should be to build a better world, with connectedness and humanness at its core. As journalist Rutger Bregman so eloquently says, “I believe in a future where the point of education is not to prepare you for another useless job, but for a life well lived.”

We need to get out of the laboratory and realize we live in dynamic, complex, evolving societies—societies that need us and our unique way of processing information. It is time to introduce the notion of lifestyle into the world of education, including the nature of concentration, thinking, and learning within specific contexts and cultures, between both communities and individuals.

In recent years, in an attempt to address the thinking crisis, several commercial, computer-based working memory training programs have been developed. They claim to benefit students suffering from ADHD, dyslexia, language disorders, poor academic performance, dementia, mental ill-health, and many other issues. Some claim to even boost IQ scores. These programs are used around the world in educational institutions and clinics, and most involve tasks in which participants are given memory tests that are designed to be challenging. However, research shows that the short-term memory and sensory skills developed in these so-called “brain games” are not necessarily transformed into deep thinking, cognitive skills. These games do not improve the kind of intelligence that helps people intellectualize, reason, solve problems, or make wise choices. In fact, according to a research analysis published by the American Psychological Association, working memory training from these brain games is unlikely to be an effective treatment for children suffering from disorders such as ADHD or dyslexia. Likewise, memory training tasks appear to have limited effect on healthy adults and children looking to do better in school or improve their cognitive skills.

The solution to these issues lies in the mind.



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Our thought lives have incredible power over our mental, emotional, and even physical well-being. In fact, our thoughts can either limit us to what we believe we can do or release us to experience abilities well beyond our expectations. When we choose a mindset that extends our abilities rather than placing limits on ourselves, we will experience greater intellectual satisfaction, emotional control, and physical health. The only question is . . . how?

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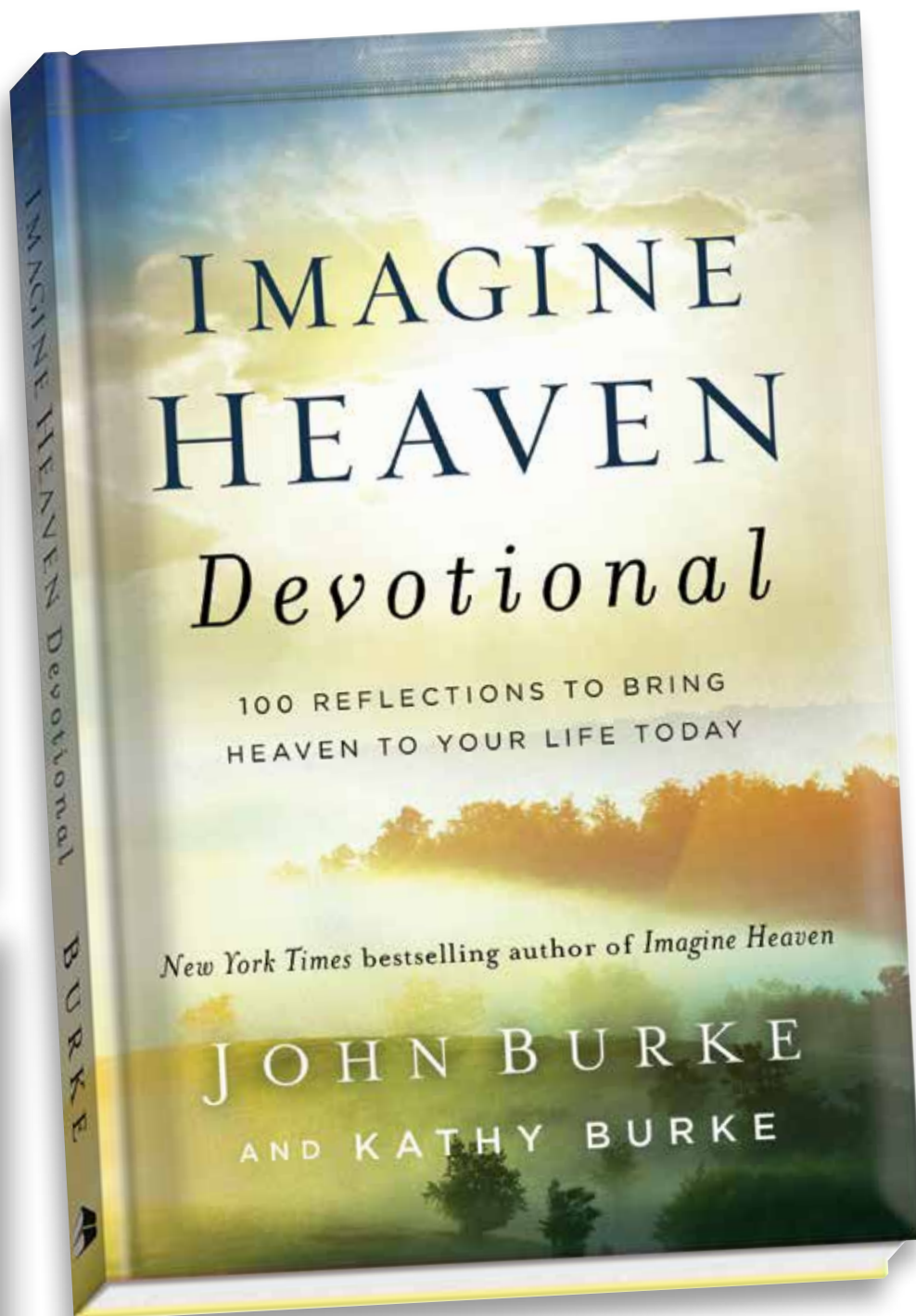
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I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love... This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. (John 15:9-12)

IT WAS 1943 IN CAMP BARLEY, TEXAS, and George Ritchie had enlisted to fight the Nazis. In the middle of boot camp, he woke up at midnight, heart pounding, with a 106-degree fever. During Navy, he passed out. The attending doctor declared him dead.

"Where was I?" Ritchie pondered.

I stared in amazement as the brightness increased, coming from nowhere, seeming to shine everywhere at once... It was impossibly bright; it was like a million soldiers' lamps all blazing at once. And right in the middle of my amazement came a poetic thought, probably born of some biology lecture back at the university: "I'm glad I don't have physical eyes at this moment." I thought, "This light would destroy the retina in a tenth of a second."

No, I corrected myself, not the light.

He.

He would be too bright to look at. For now I saw that it was not light but a Man who had entered the room, or rather, a Man made out of light...

The instant I perceived Him, a command formed itself in my mind, "Stand up!"... I got to my feet, and as I did came the stupendous certainty: You are in the presence of the Son of God.

He was suddenly overcome with the realization that this person was Power itself fused together with an unconditional love that overwhelmed him.

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An astounding love. A love beyond my wildest imagining. This love knew every unlovable thing about me—the quavers with my stepmother, my explosive temper, ... every mean, selfish thought and action since the day I was born—and accepted and loved me just the same.

He was not blaming or reproaching. He was simply loving me. Filling the world with Himself and yet somehow attending to me personally...

What have you done with your life to show Me?

... He was not asking about accomplishments and awards. The question, like everything else proceeding from Him, had to do with love. How much love you lived with your life? Have you loved others as I am loving you? Truly? Unconditionally?

Whatever I saw was only—from the doorway, so to speak. But it was enough to convince me totally... that how we spend our time on earth, the kind of relationships we build, is vastly, infinitely more important than we can know."

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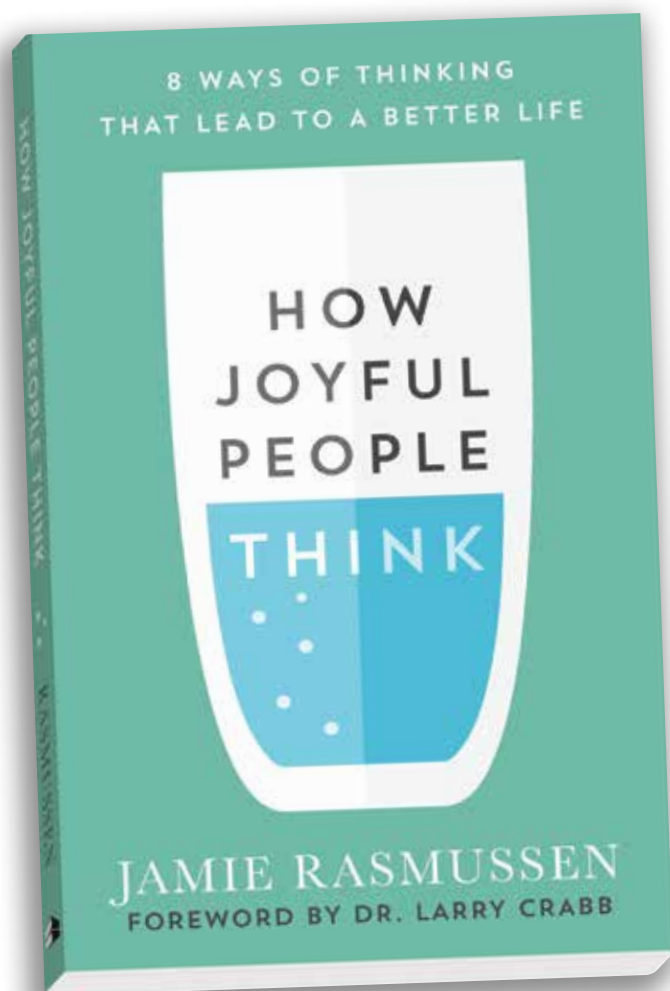
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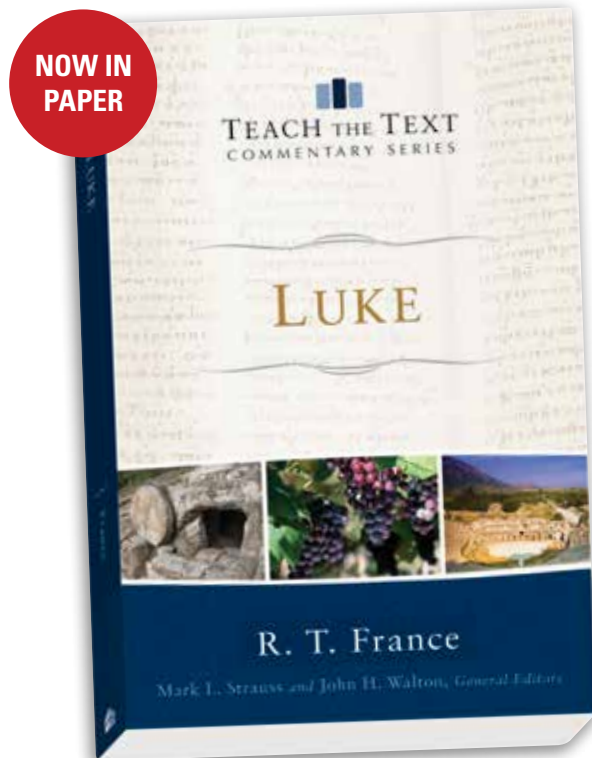
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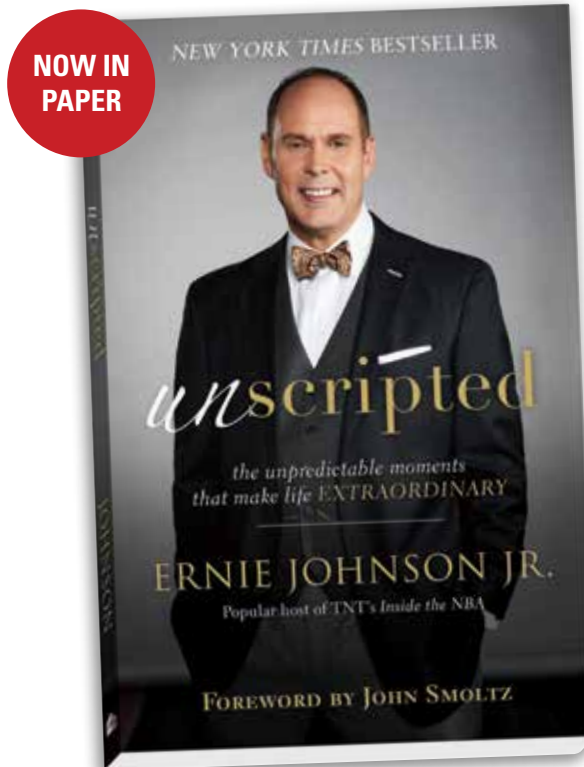
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