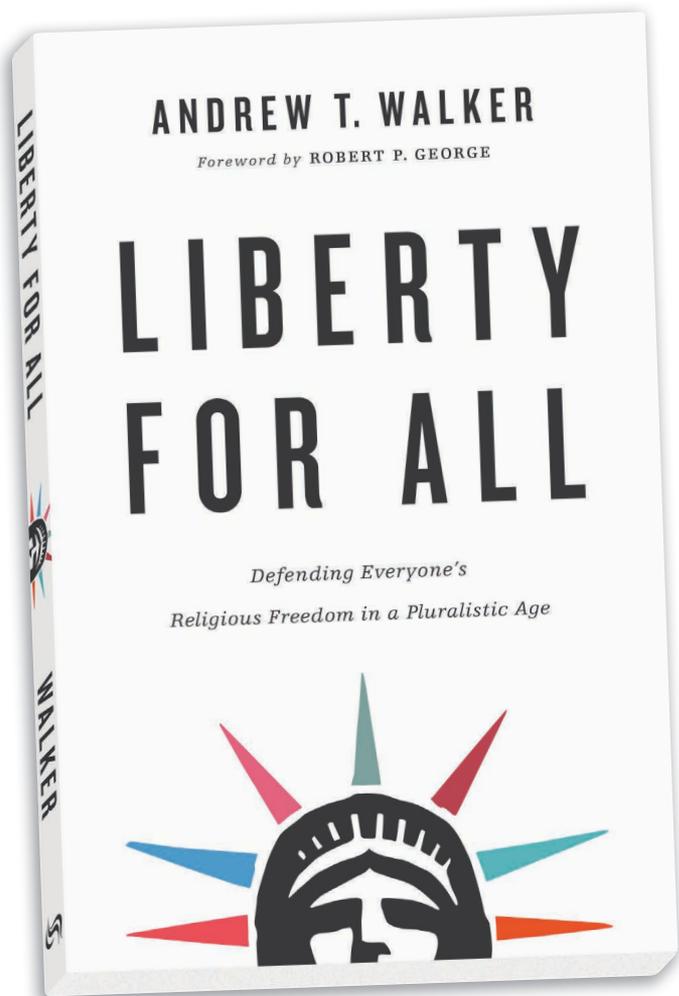




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# Why Christians Should Be the Strongest Defenders of Religious Freedom—for All



- Author has written for *National Review*, *Time*, *The Gospel Coalition*, *Public Discourse*, *First Things*, and *Christianity Today*
- Author is an emerging SBC leader, has a large social media following, and speaks regularly at conferences and forums
- Foreword by Robert P. George

Christians are often thought of as defending only their own religious interests in the public square. They are viewed as worrying exclusively about the erosion of their freedom to assemble and to follow their convictions, while not seeming as concerned about publicly defending the rights of Muslims, Hindus, Jews, and atheists to do the same.

Andrew T. Walker, an emerging Southern Baptist public theologian, argues for a robust Christian ethic of religious liberty that helps the church defend religious freedom for everyone in a pluralistic society. Whether explicitly religious or not, says Walker, every person is striving to make sense of his or her life. The Christian foundations of religious freedom provide a framework for how Christians can navigate deep religious difference in a secular age. As we practice religious liberty for our neighbors, we can find civility and commonality amid disagreement, further the church's engagement in the public square, and become the strongest defenders of religious liberty for all. Foreword by noted Princeton scholar Robert P. George.

## Liberty for All

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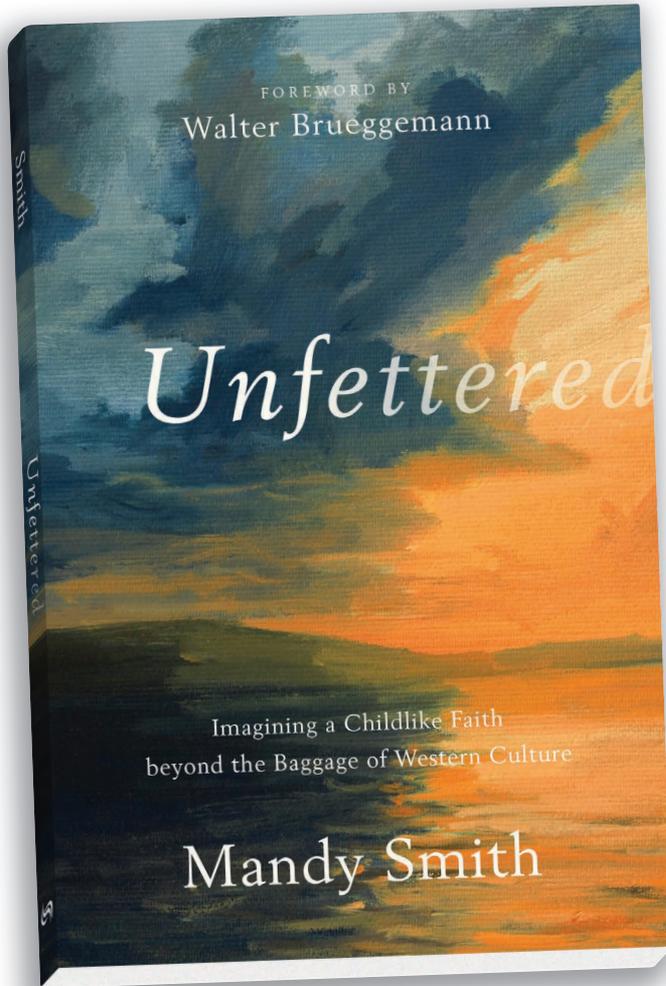
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# Detox Your Faith from the Habits and Mindsets of Western Culture



- Author's previous book was named a best book of the year by Missio Alliance, Leadership Journal, Englewood Review of Books, and Hearts and Minds Bookstore
- Author is a regular contributor to Missio Alliance and Christianity Today and has been the keynote speaker at many national gatherings
- Foreword by Walter Brueggemann

Western culture is in a tailspin and Christian faith is entangled in it: we do kingdom things in empire ways. Western approaches to faith leave us feeling depressed, doubting, anxious, and burned out. We know something is wrong with the way we do faith and church in the West, but we're so steeped in it that we don't know where to begin to break old habits.

Popular pastor and speaker Mandy Smith invites us to detox from the deeply ingrained habits of Western culture so we can do kingdom things in kingdom ways again. She explores how we can be transformed by new postures and habits that help us see God already at work in and around us. The way forward isn't more ideas, programs, and problem-solving but in Jesus's surprising invitation to the kingdom through childlikeness. Ultimately, rediscovering childlike habits is a way for us to remember how to be human.

*Unfettered* helps us reimagine how to follow God with our whole selves again and join with God's mission in the world. Foreword by Walter Brueggemann.

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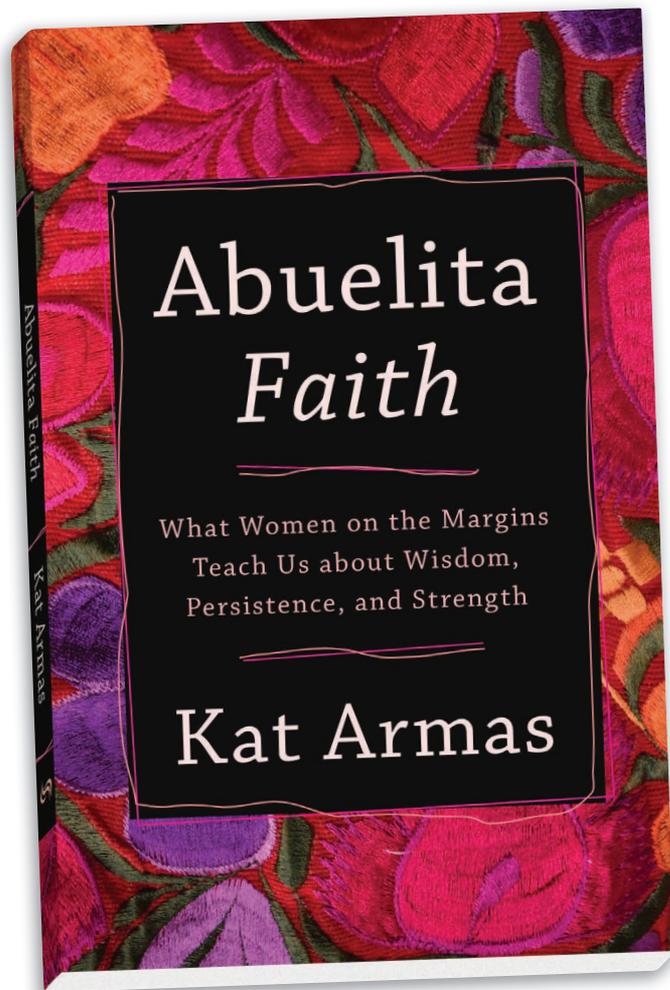
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# Discover the Theological Wisdom of Overlooked Women



- Author hosts *The Protagonistas* podcast and has written for *Christianity Today*, *Sojourners*, *Relevant*, *Christians for Biblical Equality*, *Fathom* magazine, and *Missio Alliance*
- Author shares her story growing up as a second-generation Cuban-American
- Armas has a growing social media platform, podcast listenership, and blog readership

What if some of our greatest theologians wouldn't be considered theologians at all?

Kat Armas, a second-generation Cuban-American, grew up on the outskirts of Little Havana, Miami's famed Cuban neighborhood. Her earliest theological formation came from her grandmother, her *abuelita*, who fled Fidel Castro's regime and raised three children alone after her husband passed away. Combining personal storytelling with biblical reflection, Armas shows us how voices on the margins—those often dismissed, isolated, and oppressed because of their gender, socioeconomic status, or lack of education—have more to tell us about Christian faith than we realize.

*Abuelita Faith* tells the story of unnamed and overlooked theologians in society and in the Bible—mothers, grandmothers, sisters, and daughters—whose survival, strength, resistance, and persistence teach us the true power of faith and love. The author's exploration of abuelita theology will help people of all cultural and ethnic backgrounds reflect on the abuelitas in their own lives and ministries and on ways they can live out abuelita faith in their day-to-day lives.

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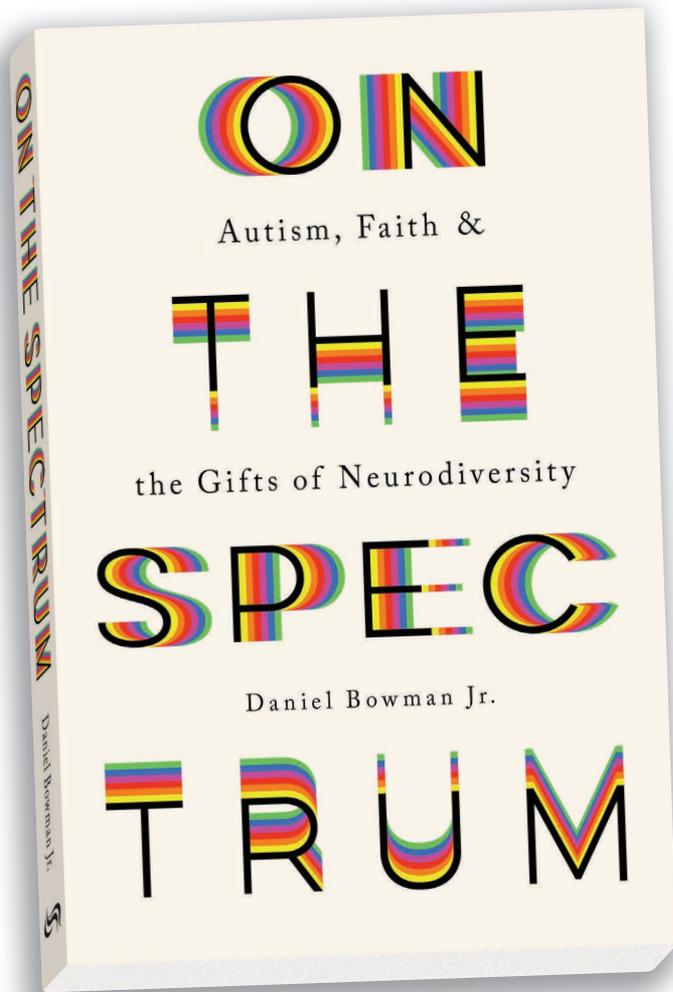
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# A Deep Dive into the Heart and Mind of an Autistic Christian



- **Author is an English professor, editor-in-chief of *Relief* journal, and writes and speaks regularly on neurodiversity**
- **1 in 59 children is diagnosed with autism (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)**
- **Suicide rates among autistic people are nearly 10 times higher than those of their non-autistic peers**

Nearly everyone knows someone on the autism spectrum, whether it's a niece or nephew, a student in their classroom, a coworker, or a sibling, spouse, or child. One in 59 children is diagnosed with autism, according to the CDC, and autism is reported across racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups. Yet most of what people think they know about autism is wrong.

*On the Spectrum* debunks myths with a realistic yet hope-filled deep dive into the heart, mind, and life of a Christian. Daniel Bowman, a novelist, poet, and professor, received an autism diagnosis at age 35 after experiencing a time of crisis in his personal and professional life. For him, the diagnosis shed light on his experience in a new, life-giving way. In this captivating book, Bowman reveals new insights into autism, relationships, faith, and the gift of neurodiversity.

Rather than viewing autism as a deficiency, Bowman teaches readers—through stories of his heartbreaks and triumphs—authentic ways to love their neighbors as themselves, including their autistic neighbors who are fearfully and wonderfully, if differently, made.

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Daniel Bowman Jr.



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