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The Top 10 Books On
PREACHING
That Will Take Your
SERMON
DELIVERY
To The Next Level



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Preaching is hard.

Many godly men have mastered the art of exegeting the scriptures and the church is better for it. These men are filled with the gifts of wisdom and knowledge and work hard at rightly dividing the word of truth every Sunday.

Yet, all that preparation doesn't always translate into engaging sermon that stir God's people to action. To be honest, many of our congregations are bored.

We're here to help.

We have assembled the Top 10 Best Books on sermon delivery and preparation. This list is based on interviews and recommendations from godly seasoned pastors from different denominations across the globe, and across several generations (Boomers, Gen X'ers, Millennials). It also includes books that have dramatically impacted and radically improved my personal preaching and sermon preparation.

We pray that this list serves you well, blesses your church, and expands the global reach of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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One

The Power of Preaching: Crafting a
Creative Expository Sermon

(By Tony Evans)

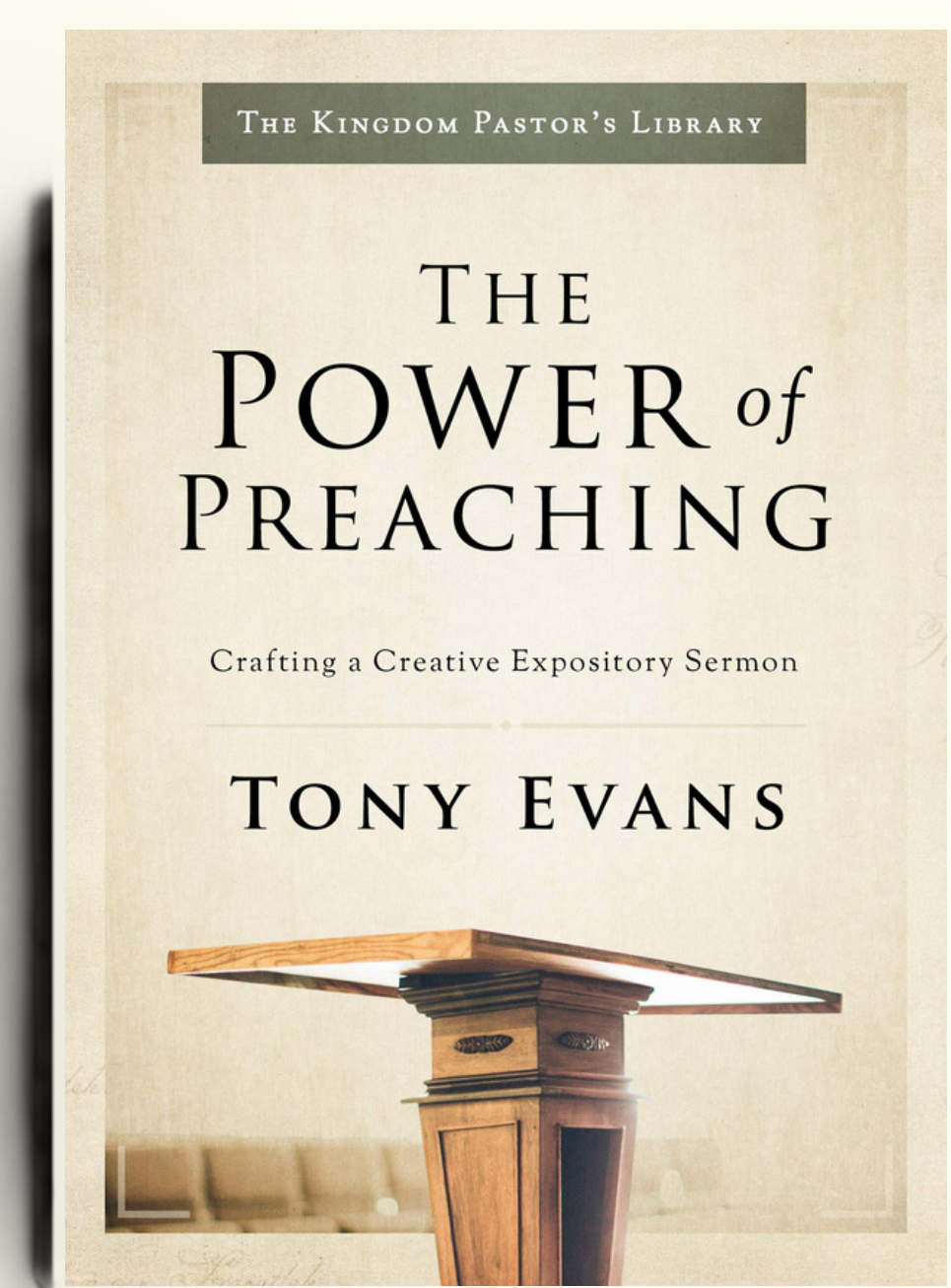
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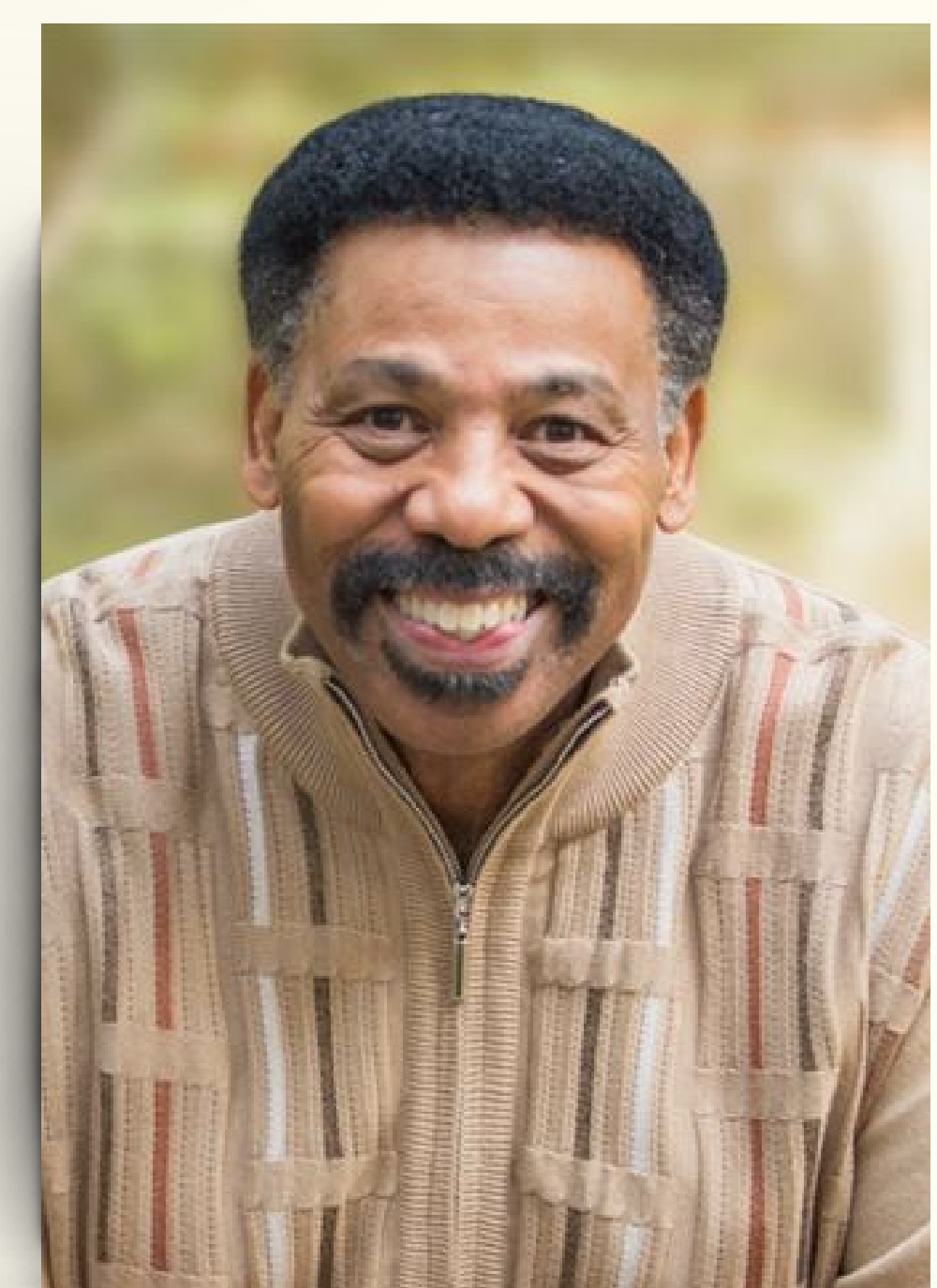
A Little Bit About the Author

Dr. Tony Evans is the founder and senior pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, founder and president of The Urban Alternative, former chaplain of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys, and present chaplain of the NBA's Dallas Mavericks. His radio broadcast, The Alternative with Dr. Tony Evans, can be heard on over 1,200 US radio outlets daily and in more than 130 countries.



Why Will This Book Take Your Preaching/Sermons to the Next Level?

This is the No-Nonsense Preaching Manual Every Pastor Needs. The Power of Preaching will help you be faithful to the Word of God and preach with power and conviction. From the practice of preparation to learning to choose subjects wisely, this book offers you a preaching education from one of the most trusted and effective voices in ministry. It also includes important lessons on, Bible study methods & expository preaching, the development and use of illustration, and the cadence of delivery. Learn the essentials of preaching a powerful message from the gifted, veteran pastor, Tony Evans.



[PURCHASE ON AMAZON.COM](https://www.amazon.com/dp/0768478000)



What People/Ministries Have Said About the Book:

“Pastor Evans has done it again. A great insightful book. I’ve been a pastor for many years and have been digging in his wisdom and knowledge for long time. A serious book for those who want to get involved with God and His word seriously.”

“Thank you Dr. Evans for another excellent “biblically based” resource to help young men of God like myself move forward in the ministry...to become kingdom disciples promoting the kingdom of God through kingdom preaching..”

(Amazon.com Five Star Reviews)



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Two

Preaching: Communicating Faith In
An Age Of Skepticism

(By Tim Keller)

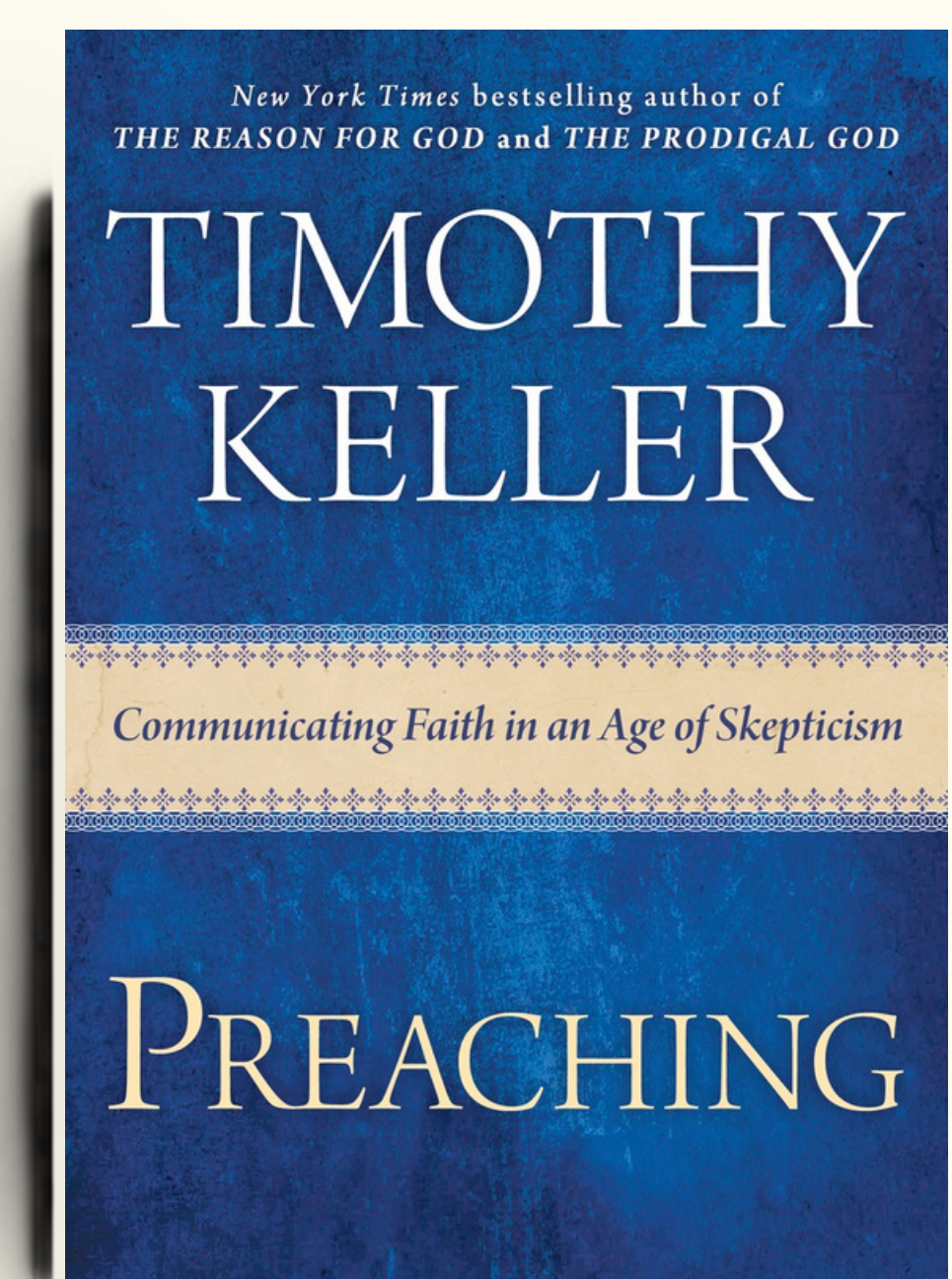
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PREACHING: COMMUNICATING FAITH IN AN AGE OF SKEPTICISM

(TIM KELLER)

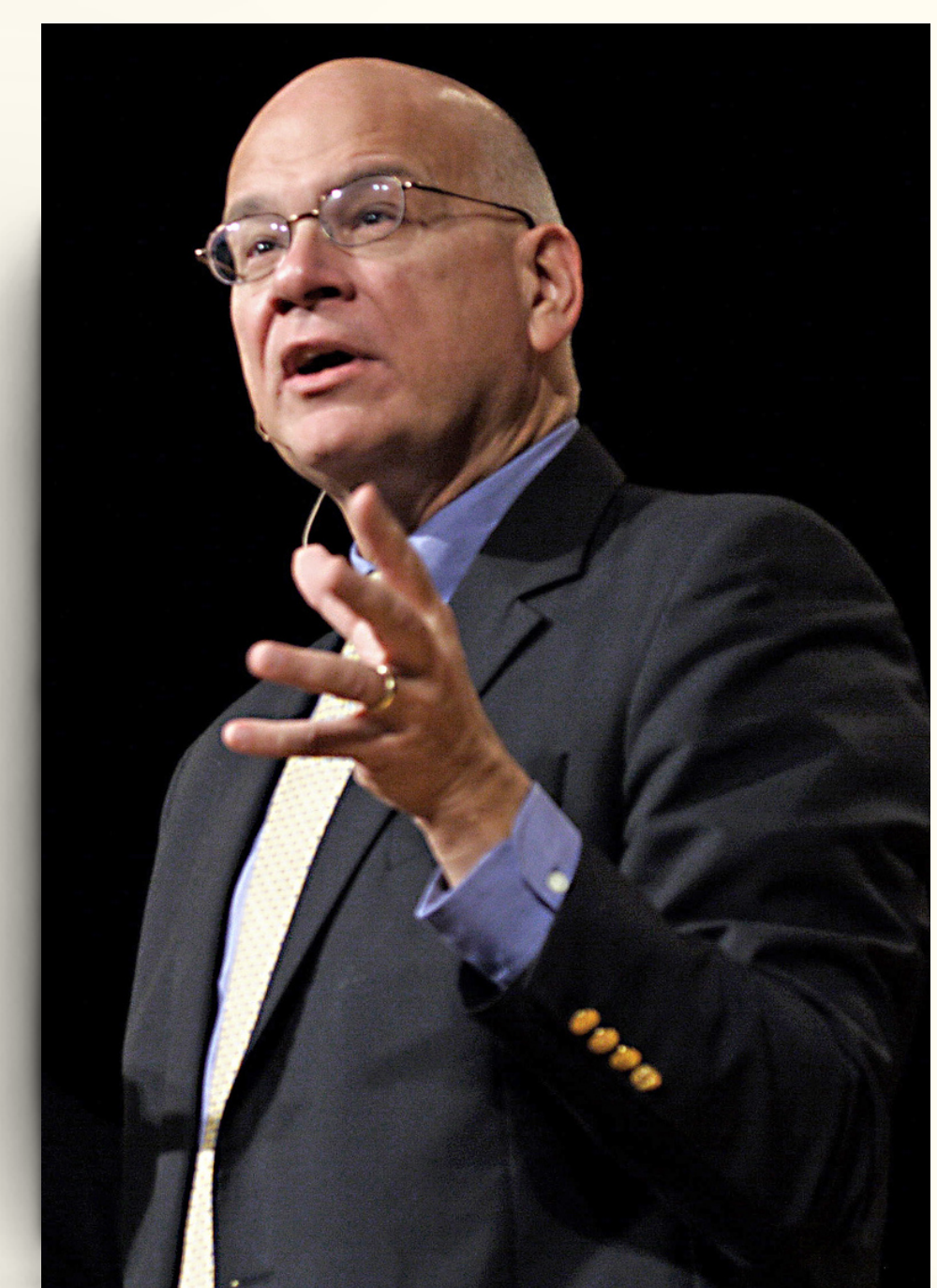
A Little Bit About the Author

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What People/Ministries Have Said About the Book:

“If you want to see ‘between the lines’ and just ‘below the surface’ of our cultural moment and societal ethos . . . Which is to say, if you are any kind of Christian leader, teacher, writer, blogger, public thinker, politician, artist, media person, campus minister, youth leader, parent, Christian educator, spiritual director, or anyone with influence . . . then this is going to be exceptionally helpful for you.”

(Byron Borger)



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Three

The Power Of Multi-Sensory
Preaching And Teaching

(By Rick Blackwood)

BOOK THREE

THE POWER OF MULTI-SENSORY PREACHING AND TEACHING

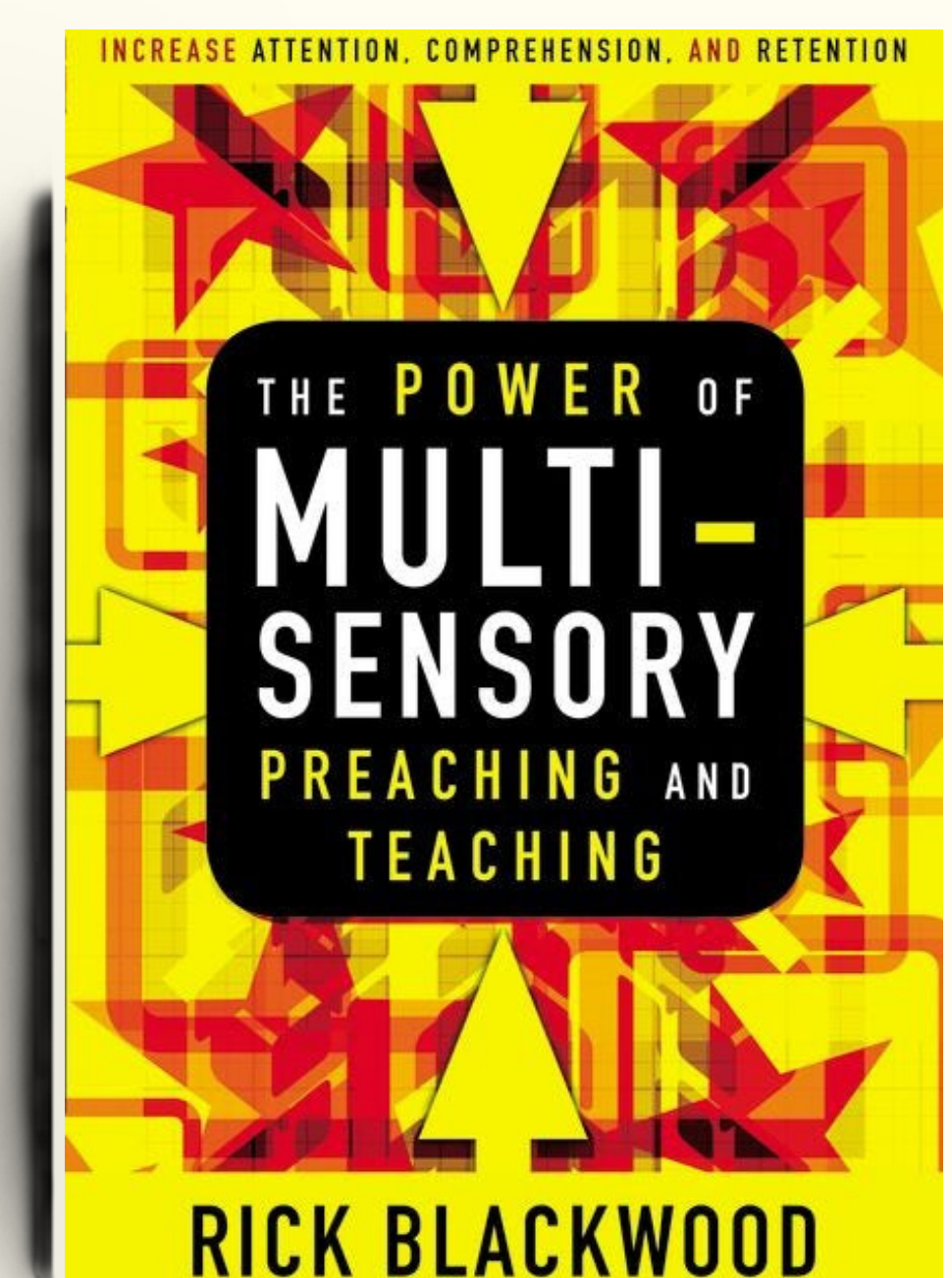
(RICK BLACKWOOD)

A Little Bit About the Author

Rick Blackwood (DMin.) serves as the senior pastor of Christ Fellowship in Miami, Florida, a large and growing multicultural congregation comprised of more than seventy nationalities (and listed in the 100 Fastest Growing Churches in America).

Why Will This Book Take Your Preaching/Sermons to the Next Level?

Most preaching and teaching in the church engages only one of the senses—hearing. In this book, Rick Blackwood shows how recognizing and engaging the multiple senses of the congregation can lead to greater impact. He presents both biblical evidence and scientific research showing that the more senses we stimulate in teaching and preaching, the greater the levels of learner attention, comprehension, and retention. Regardless of one's current skill level, this practical book can help anyone add multi-sensory elements to messages in order to take communication to the next level—more compelling, clear, and memorable.



[PURCHASE ON AMAZON.COM](https://www.amazon.com)



What People/Ministries Have Said About the Book:

"Right from the first page of the first chapter, Rick Blackwood catches the attention of pastors and teachers, preying on a common desire, the desire to be a better communicator. Rick suggest that anyone can go from good teacher to phenomenal."

"Book was hard to put down. The info is so vital to a student of the Word and his burden for the lost."

(Amazon.com Five Star Reviews)



book
Four

The Big Idea Companion For
Preaching And Teaching: A Guide
From Genesis To Revelation

By Matthew D. Kim (Editor),
Scott M. Gibson (Editor)

BOOK FOUR

THE BIG IDEA COMPANION FOR PREACHING AND TEACHING: A GUIDE FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION

**MATTHEW D. KIM (EDITOR),
SCOTT M. GIBSON (EDITOR)**

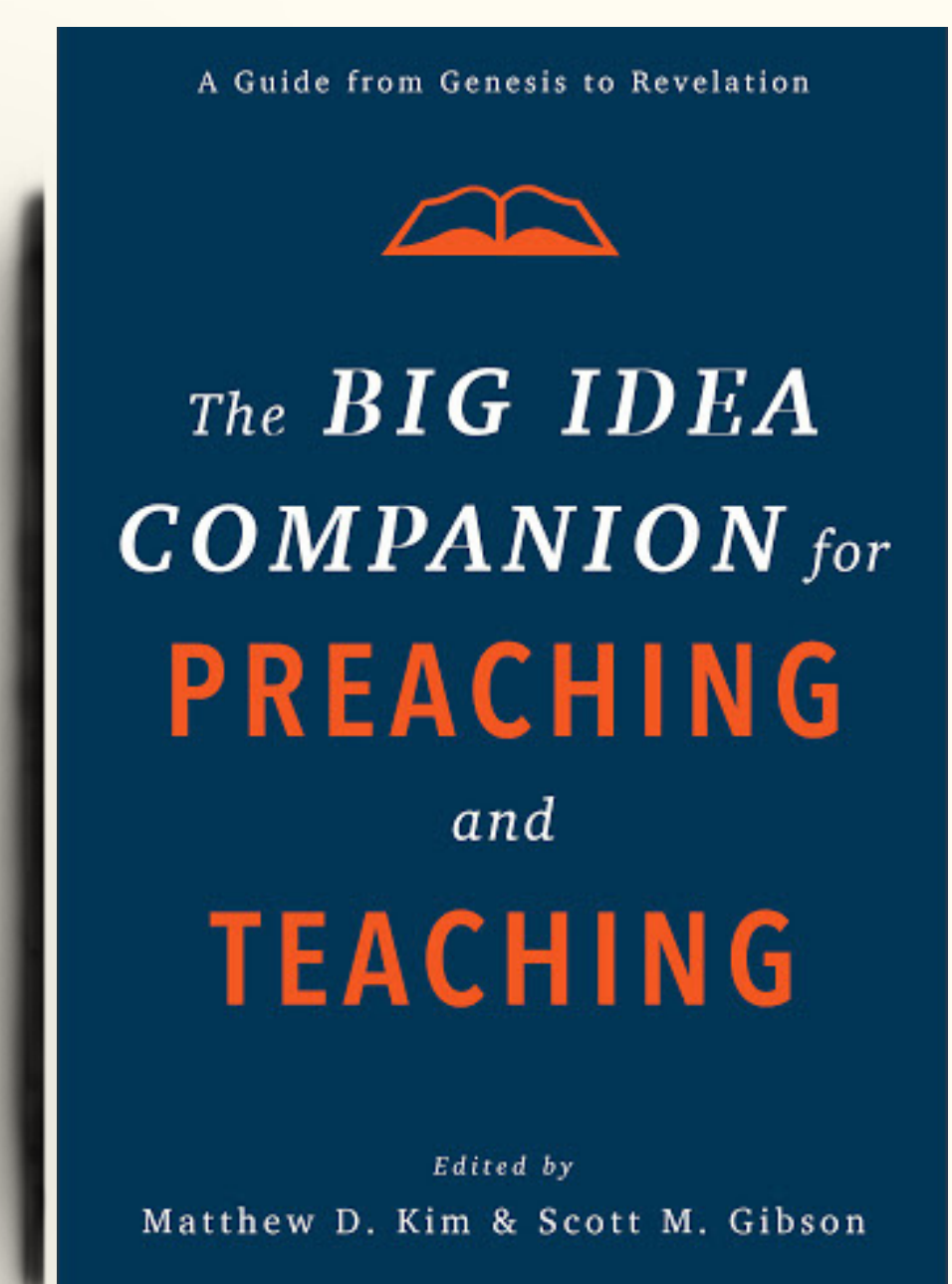
A Little Bit About the Authors

Matthew D. Kim (PhD) is the George F. Bennett Professor of Preaching and Practical Theology, director of the Haddon W. Robinson Center for Preaching, and director of Mentored Ministry at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Massachusetts. He is a past president of the Evangelical Homiletics Society.

Scott M. Gibson (DPhil, University of Oxford) is the David E. Garland Chair of Preaching and director of the PhD program in preaching at George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, in Waco, Texas. He previously served as the Haddon W. Robinson Professor of Preaching and Ministry and director of the Center for Preaching at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

Why Will This Book Take Your Preaching/Sermons to the Next Level?

This accessible resource offers an insider's view on figuring out the big idea of each book of the Bible, helping [CONT...]



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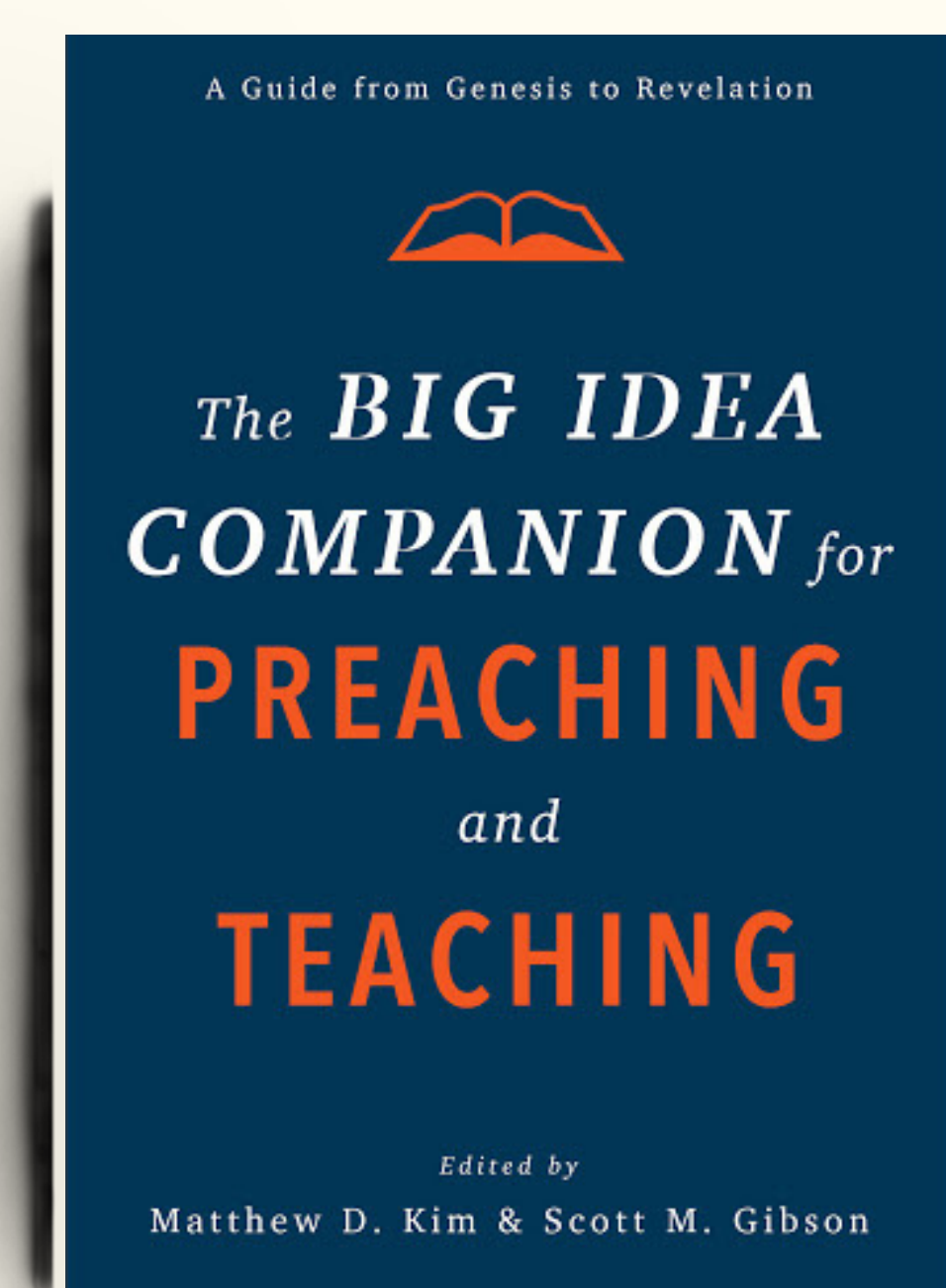
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[...CONT] preachers and teachers check their interpretation of particular biblical books and passages. The contributors offer tips on how to divide each book of the Bible into preaching and teaching passages, guidance on difficult passages and verses, cultural perspectives for faithful application, and suggested resources for interpreting, preaching, and teaching. Pastors, teachers, Bible study leaders, small groups, and college and seminary students and professors will find a wealth of valuable information in this resource.

[PURCHASE ON AMAZON.COM](https://www.amazon.com)





What People/Ministries Have Said About the Book:

“Expository preachers begin at the very beginning (a very good place to start). They ask, ‘What is God saying and doing in the text?’ This reference work helps us answer questions like this with the methodology formulated more than forty years ago by Haddon Robinson. And it goes beyond Robinson’s classic *Biblical Preaching* with an emphasis on cultural application. Timeless yet up to date, *The Big Idea Companion for Preaching and Teaching* will benefit anyone who desires to herald the Word.”

**(Jeffrey Arthurs)
Gordon-Conwell Theological
Seminary**



book

Five

Talk Like Ted: The 9 Public Speaking
Secrets Of The World's Top Minds

(By Carmine Gallo)

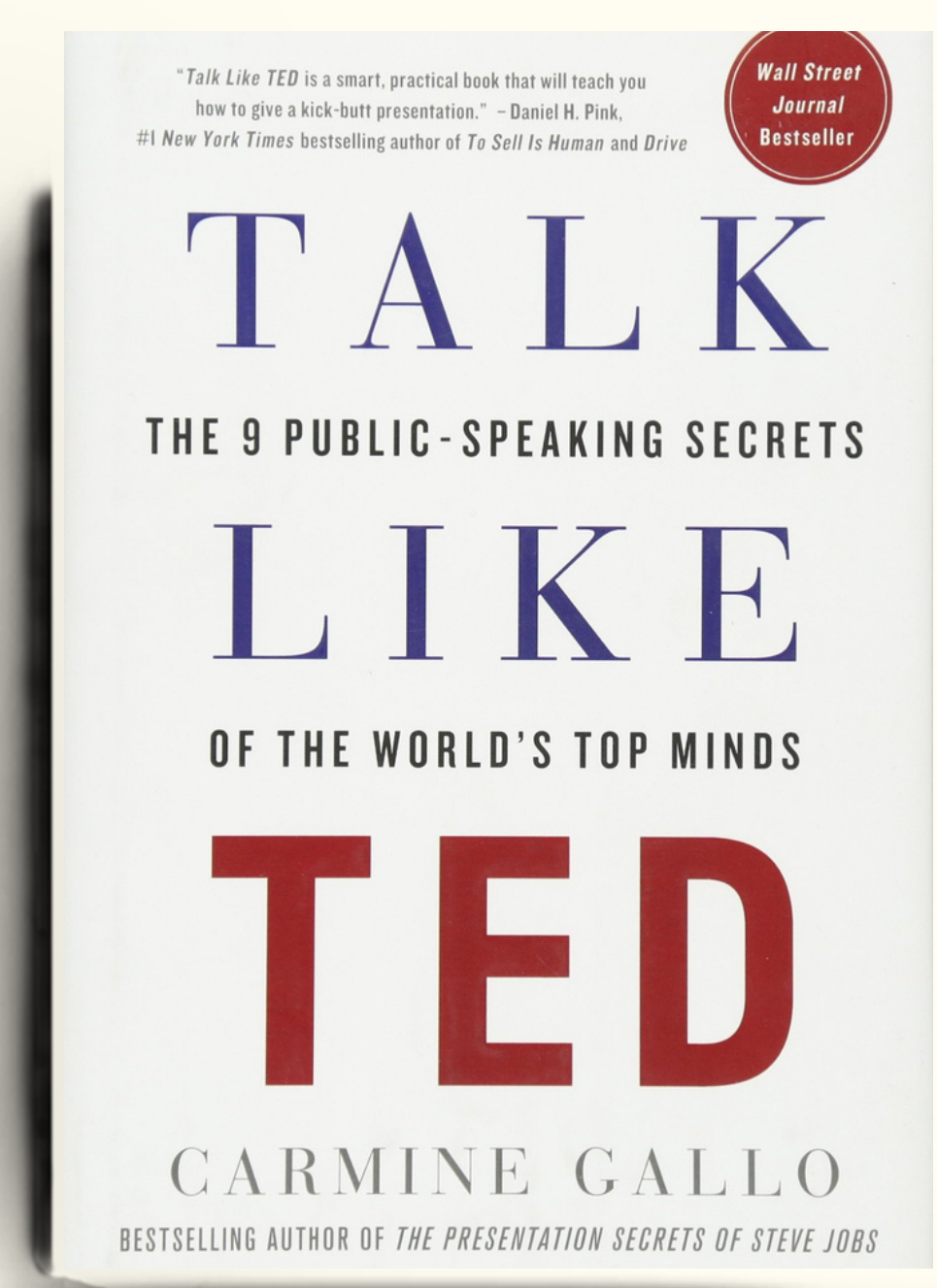
BOOK FIVE

TALK LIKE TED: THE 9 PUBLIC SPEAKING SECRETS OF THE WORLD'S TOP MINDS

(CARMINE GALLO)

TRIGGER ALERT!!!

Okay, calm down! Before you shoot me or hold a public online lynching of this digital handout because it's not, "Christian", understand that I am not suggesting we replace Biblical preaching with Ted Talks. I am simply recommending a resource that will help you grow your COMMUNICATION skill. You STILL need to do the hard work of Biblical exegesis and the expositing of Biblical sermons each week. Clear?



A Little Bit About the Author

Carmine Gallo is a three-time Wall Street Journal bestselling author, internationally popular keynote speaker, Harvard instructor, and leadership advisor for the world's most admired brands. He delivers highly customized, engaging, inspiring, and actionable multimedia keynotes based on his international bestsellers.



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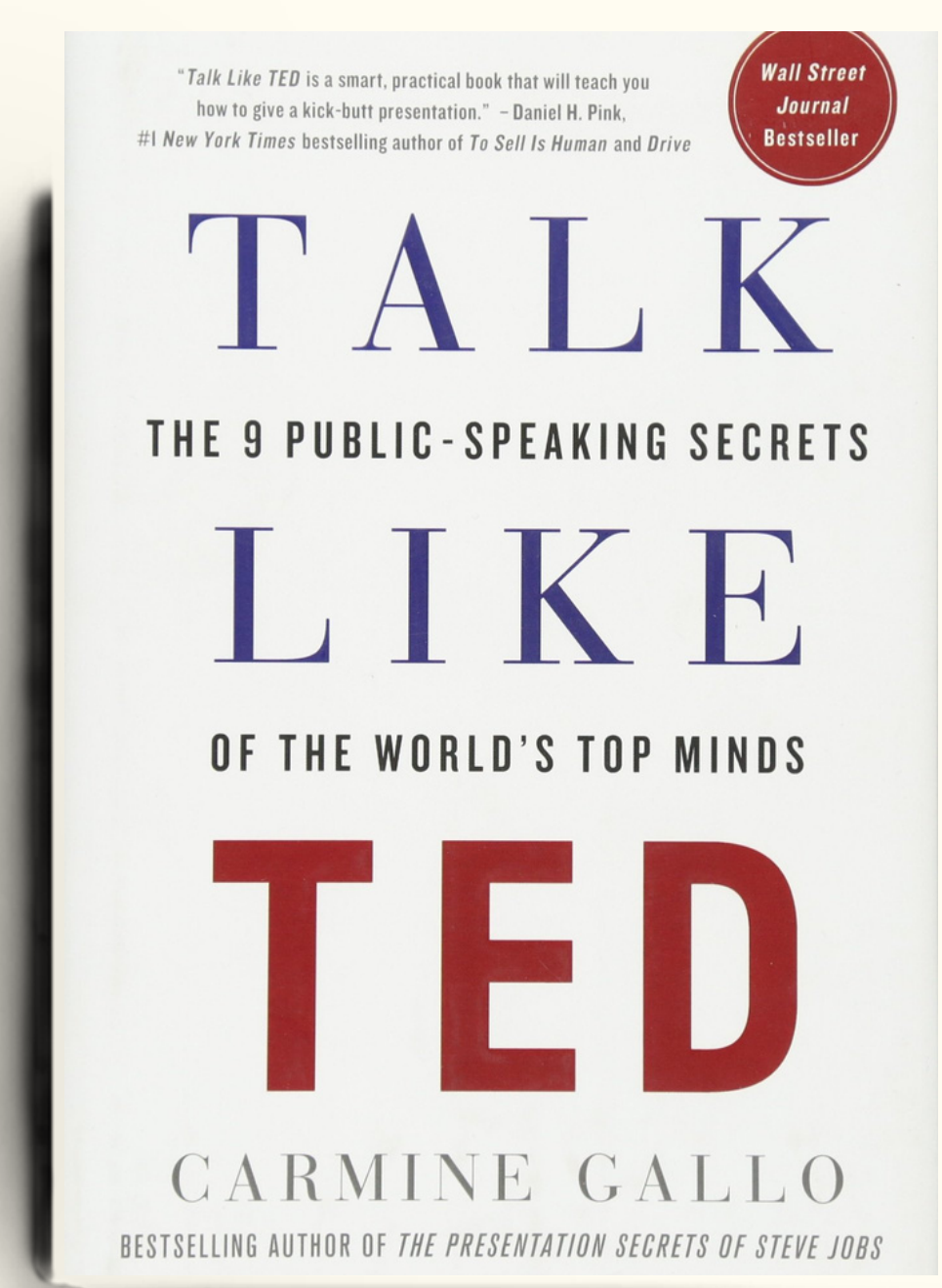
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Why Will This Book Take Your Preaching/Sermons to the Next Level?

The message of the Gospel is timeless, and we must hold fast to its unchanging truths, yet, our methods of communicating it must adapt to the culture we find ourselves in (it's why we no longer ride on horsebacks to deliver sermons from town to town). We could learn a thing or two about communication from those we do it well.

This book explores what makes a great presentation by examining the widely acclaimed TED Talks, which have redefined the elements of a successful presentation and become the gold standard for public speaking. TED - which stands for technology, entertainment, and design - brings together the world's leading thinkers. These are the presentations that set the world on fire, and the techniques that top TED speakers use will make any presentation more dynamic, fire up any team, and give anyone the confidence to overcome their fear of public speaking.



[PURCHASE ON AMAZON.COM](https://www.amazon.com/Talk-Like-TED-9-Public-Speaking-Secrets/dp/0143126263)



What People/Ministries Have Said About the Book:

“I used this as a supplement for our homeschooled daughter. She's in 10th grade and needed a speech credit. I feel like she learned more from this book than she did the actual curriculum we used. She loved it so much she ended up buying it for her boyfriend as a gift.”

(Five Star Amazon Review)

“Talk Like Ted not only makes you a better public speaker, its wisdom will make you a better communicator.”

**(Lt. Col. Jannell Macaulet
Combat Flight Commander, U.S Air Force)**



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Six

Preaching with Passion

(By Alex Montoya)

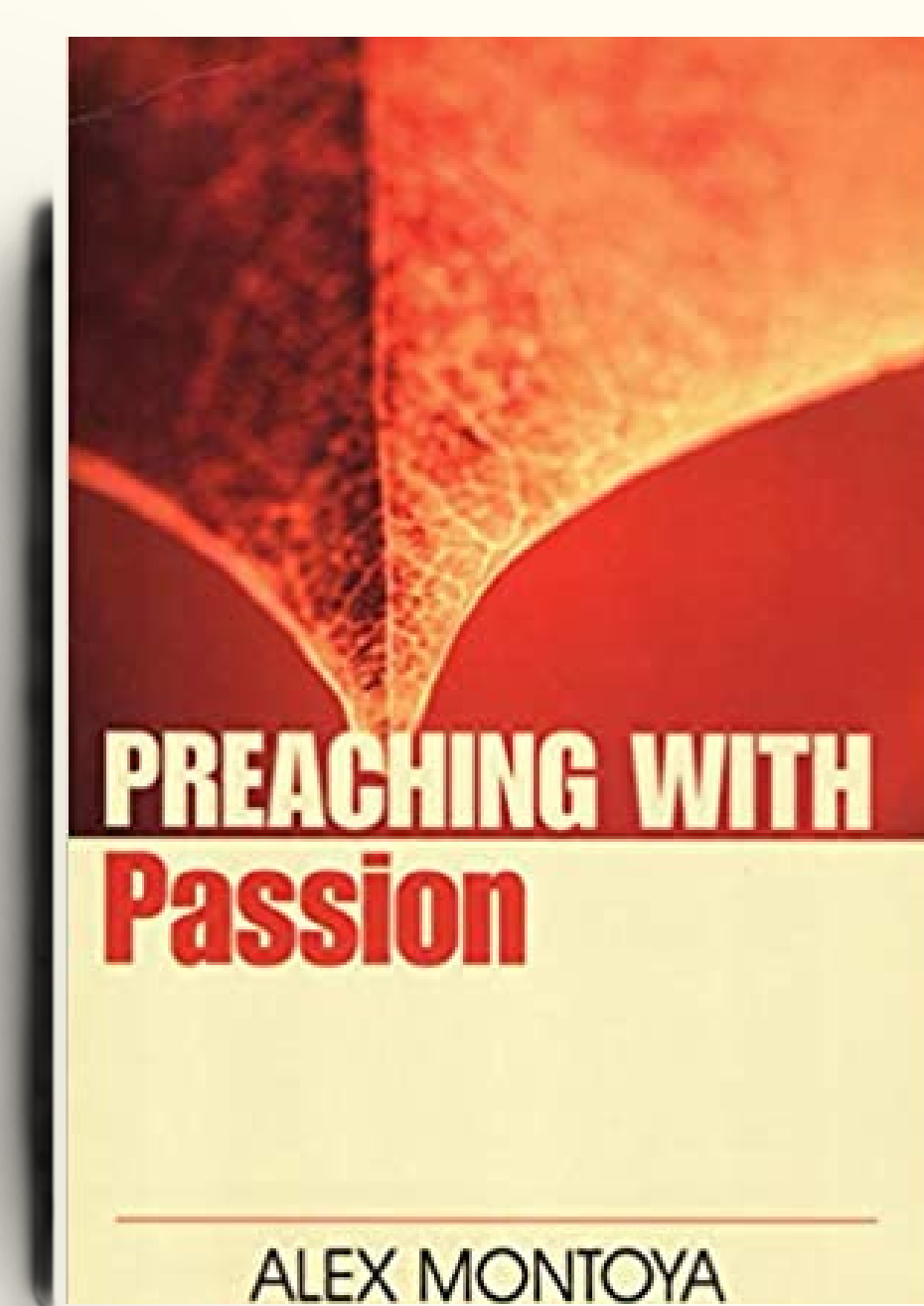
BOOK SIX

PREACHING WITH PASSION

(ALEX MONTOYA)

A Little Bit About the Author

With over thirty years of pastoral experience, as well as a background as a Homiletics professor at the Master's Seminary (California), pastor and seminary professor, Alex Montoya is well equipped to address this concern. He has been the senior pastor at First Fundamental Bible Church in Whittier, California, since 1972. As a result of his passion for evangelism and discipleship, his church planted more than a dozen churches in southern California over the past several decades.



Why Will This Book Take Your Preaching/Sermons to the Next Level?

The problem [with preaching today],” says Montoya, “is not what we say; it is how we say it.” A “dull preacher” should be a contradiction in terms because the essence of preaching should be energetic thinking, spiritual power, and passionate delivery. Pastor and seminary professor Alex Montoya takes you on a Journey through eight characteristics of passionate preaching, Showing how preaching should contain (1) spiritual power, (2) conviction, (3) compassion, (4) authority, (5) urgency, (6) brokenness, (7) your whole being, and (8) imagination.



[PURCHASE ON AMAZON.COM](https://www.amazon.com)



**What People/Ministries Have
Said About the Book:**

“This book. . . 'pulls no punches' when it comes to preaching.”

(Greg Nettle)

A book so saturated with passion that it
spills out from every page.

(Bruce Mawhinney; Author of Preaching with Freshness)



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Preaching Without Notes

(By Joseph M. Webb)

BOOK SEVEN

PREACHING WITHOUT NOTES

(JOSEPH M. WEBB)

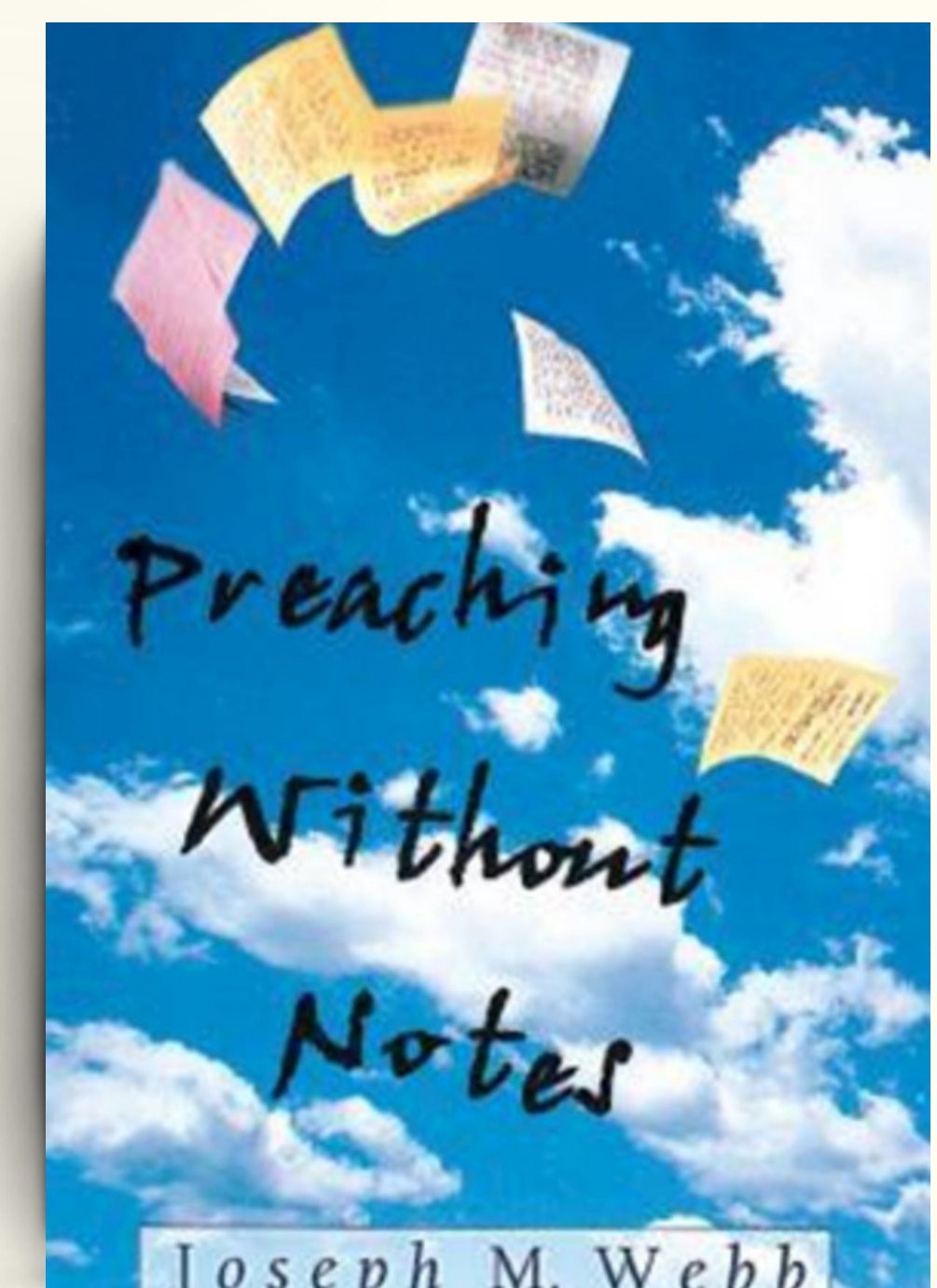
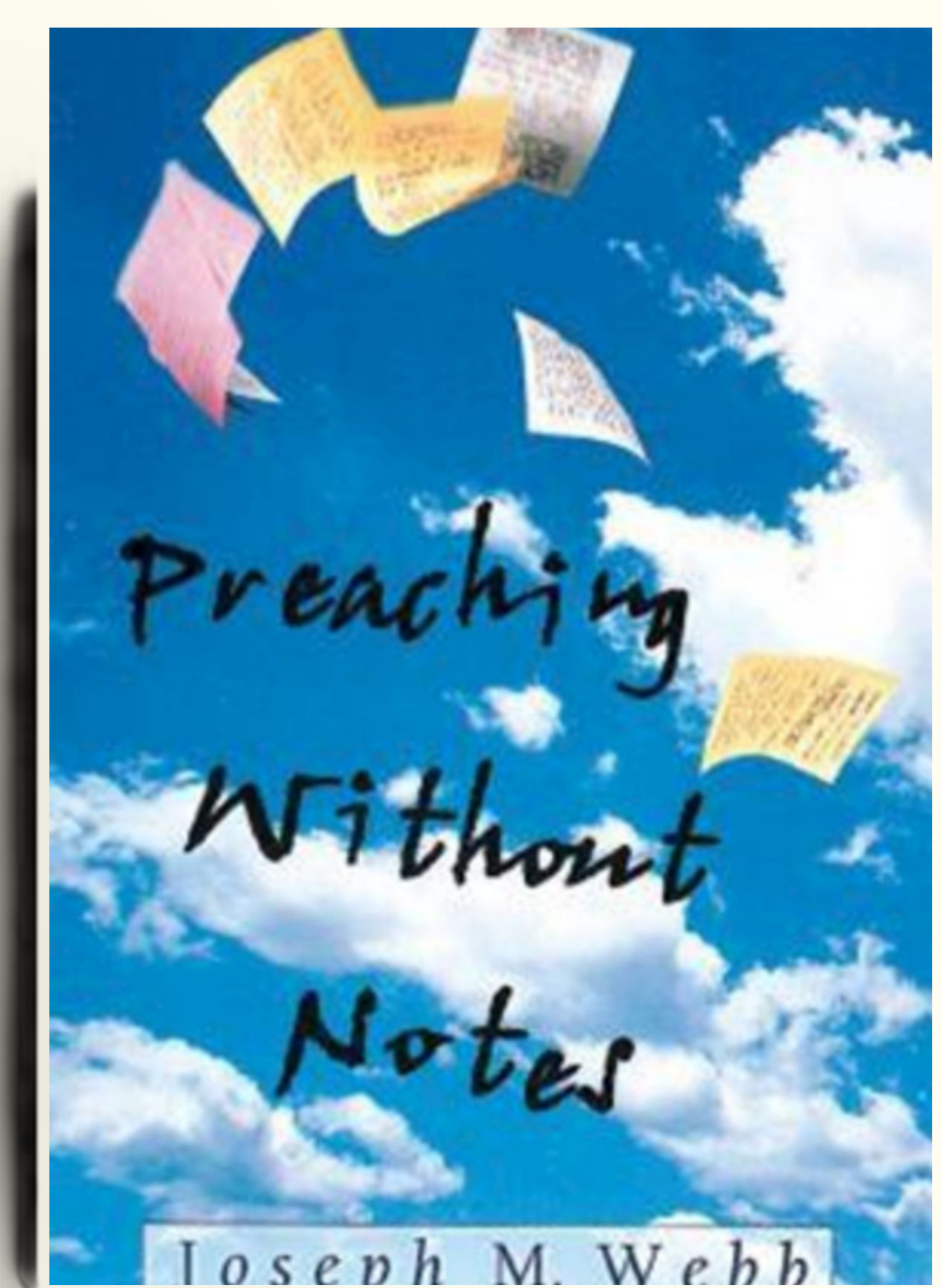
A Little Bit About the Author

Joseph M. Webb is the author of several books on preaching and has been a professor of both speech communication and homiletics at Pepperdine University and Claremont School of Theology.

Why Will This Book Take Your Preaching/Sermons to the Next Level?

Webb makes two central claims. First, that effective preaching without a manuscript is not a matter of talent as much as it is a matter of preparation. Preachers can learn the practices and disciplines that make it possible to deliver articulate, thoughtfully crafted sermons, not from a written page, but as a natural, spontaneous act of oral communication. Throughout the book, the author offers specific examples including a transcript of a sermon preached without manuscript or notes. Second, that the payoff of learning to preach without a manuscript is nothing less than sermons that more effectively and engagingly give witness to the good news.

[PURCHASE ON AMAZON.COM](https://www.amazon.com/Preaching-Without-Notes-Joseph-M-Webb/dp/0805442111)





What People/Ministries Have Said About the Book:

“I wish every student minister and every pastor would read this challenging, encouraging, practical book – it could make the difference between ordinary ministry and highly effective ministry! Step-by-step, the author shows how preachers can find new joy and success in the preparation and delivery of sermons. Preaching without notes is not so difficult to learn as some might imagine, and the immediate and long-term rewards are worth the effort. Joseph Webb shows clearly how to do what those who listen to our sermons prefer.”

**(James W. Cox – Senior Professor of Preaching;
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary)**



book

Eight

Rediscovering Expository Preaching

(By John MacArthur And Master's
Seminary Faculty)

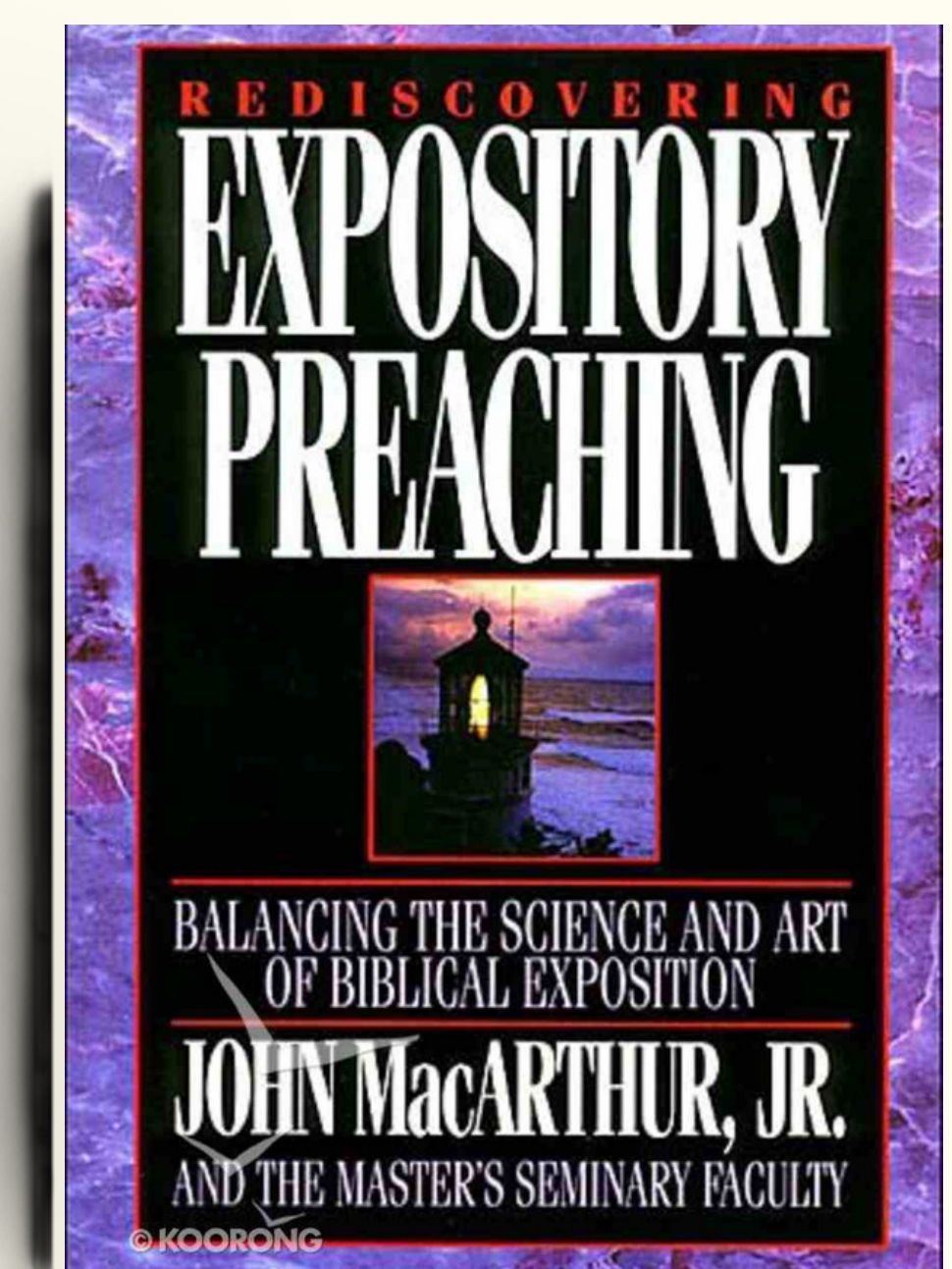
BOOK EIGHT

REDISCOVERING EXPOSITORY PREACHING

(JOHN MACARTHUR AND MASTER'S SEMINARY FACULTY)

A Little Bit About the Author

Widely known for his thorough, candid approach to teaching God's Word, John MacArthur is a popular author and conference speaker and has served as pastor-teacher of Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, California since 1969. John's preaching ministry has been extended around the globe, and he has written several best sellers, along with an entire commentary set on the New Testament.



Why Will This Book Take Your Preaching/Sermons to the Next Level?

John MacArthur and other distinguished teachers of preachers respond to the apostle's mandate in this comprehensive treatment of expository preaching. Dr. MacArthur's well-known passion for the Scriptures is combined with the vision and expertise of other faculty members at The Master's Seminary to produce a definitive statement on how to unfold the meaning of God's Word effectively to today's congregation. It's basically the equivalent of getting a seminary level course in your own living room.



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**What People/Ministries Have
Said About the Book:**

“You will receive a year’s worth of seminary level training on how to preach the Bible in your own living room!”

(Segun Aiyegbusi)



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The Preacher As Storyteller: The
Power Of Narrative In The Pulpit

(By Austin B. Tucker)

BOOK NINE

THE PREACHER AS STORYTELLER: THE POWER OF NARRATIVE IN THE PULPIT

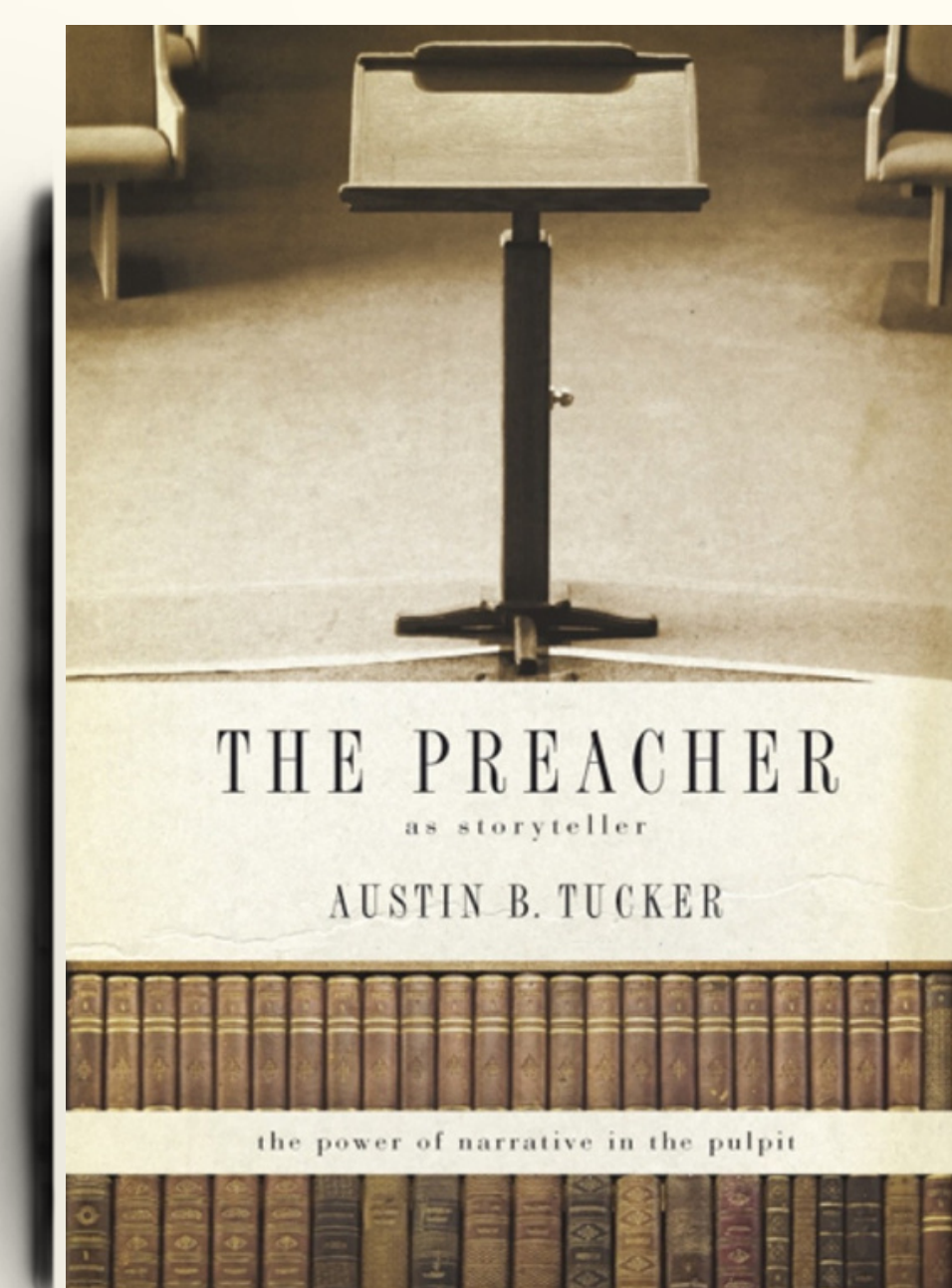
(AUSTIN B. TUCKER)

A Little Bit About the Author

Austin B. Tucker served as a pastor to Southern Baptist churches for thirty years and is now an active guest teacher and preacher in and around his home state of Louisiana. He holds degrees from East Texas Baptist College (B.A.) and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (B.D., Th.D.).

Why Will This Book Take Your Preaching/Sermons to the Next Level?

The Preacher as Storyteller takes a skills-development approach to its timely homiletics topic. In short, author Austin B. Tucker reasons that “You can greatly improve your preaching by sharpening storytelling skills . . . A story can touch the latch spring of the heart to let the life-changing gospel come in.” To that end, he focuses upon the art of narrative and how it is used in the Bible (particularly by Jesus) and profiles great preachers throughout history and into today who have displayed a great gift for effective storytelling in their ministry.



[PURCHASE ON AMAZON.COM](https://www.amazon.com)



**What People/Ministries Have
Said About the Book:**

“I fully enjoyed the small biographies that were contained in the book. These biographies became narrative illustrations to show the importance of understanding the use of narrative in preaching.”

(Amazon.com Five Star Review)



book

Ten

From Social Media To Social
Ministry: A Guide To Digital
Discipleship

(By Nona Jones)

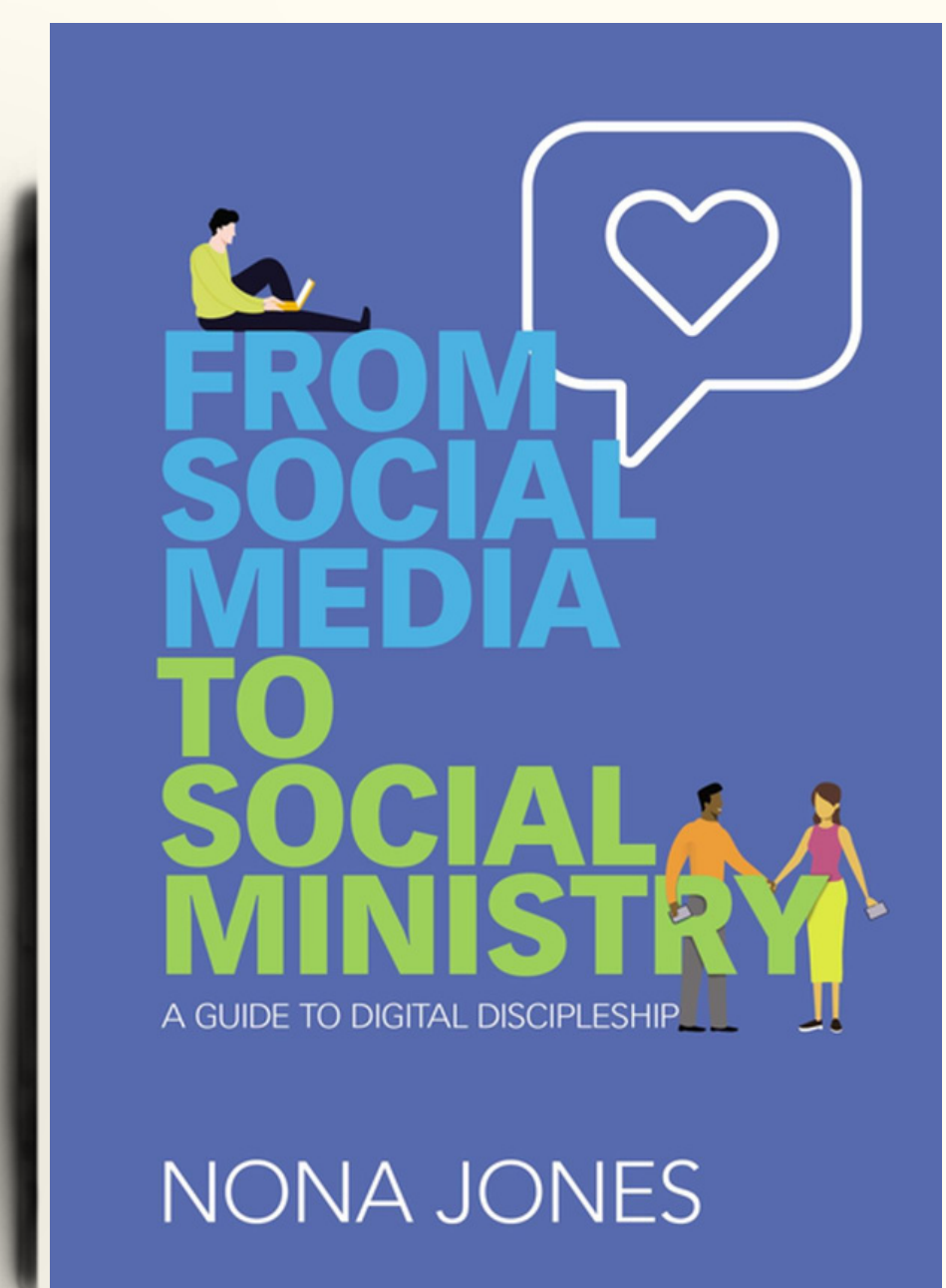
BOOK TEN

FROM SOCIAL MEDIA TO SOCIAL MINISTRY: A GUIDE TO DIGITAL DISCIPLESHIP

(NONA JONES)

TRIGGER ALERT!!!

This book is NOT about preaching, it is, however, an important tool for pastors and preachers to have in a post-quarantine world where billions of souls have become accustomed to consuming educational content ONLINE. The internet is the new missions field and preachers MUST learn how to communicate our timeless truths in new digital methods! Nona Jones' book is here to help.



A Little Bit About the Author

Nona Jones is a follower of Christ and is considered a global thought-leader at the intersection of faith and technology. She is also FACEBOOK's head of faith-based partnerships on overcoming trauma and has been leading a movement and sounding the alarm for several years to make digital discipleship a central part of every church's ministry approach. She has served as a voice of hope and healing to victims of trauma due to her own history as a survivor of physical and sexual abuse. Her highly anticipated books are equipping church leaders and individuals to harness their potential toward realizing their purpose.



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BOOK TEN

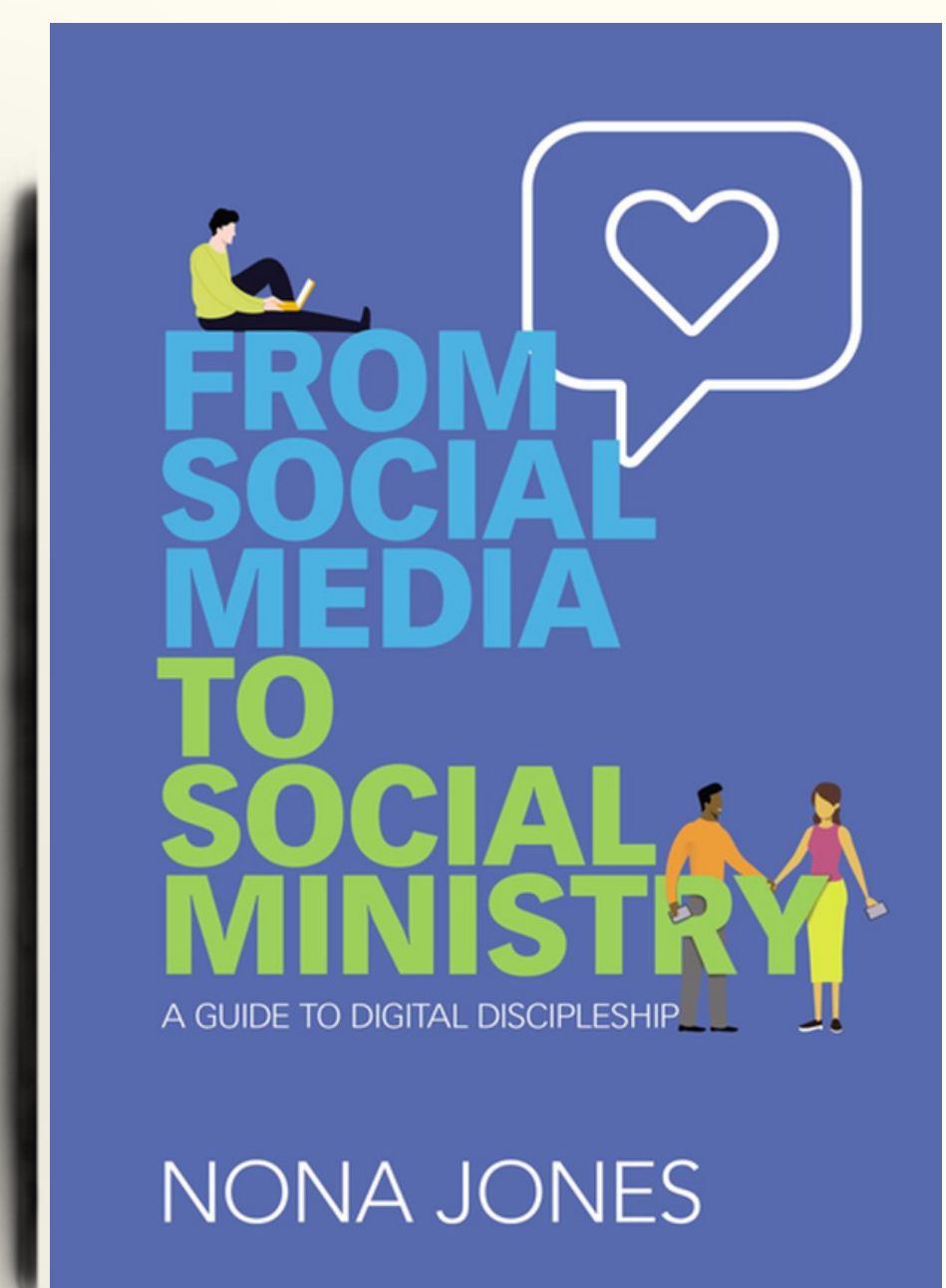
FROM SOCIAL MEDIA TO SOCIAL MINISTRY: A GUIDE TO DIGITAL DISCIPLESHIP

(NONA JONES)

Why Will This Book Take Your Preaching/Sermons to the Next Level?

In “From Social Media to Social Ministry”, Jones outlines her digital discipleship principles and provides practical instruction for how to do it no matter how big or small a local church may be. There are plenty of books to help churches build a social media strategy, but this is the first book of its kind that goes beyond digital marketing to digital ministry. Readers will leave this book with clarity on what discipleship truly is, uncover the data that underscores the urgency for digital discipleship, understand resources required to do it well, follow a step-by-step guide on how to implement digital discipleship into ministry plans, and gain knowledge of the differences among and purposes of the most popular social platforms, as well as the tools best positioned for digital ministry.

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What People/Ministries Have Said About the Book:

“The barrier to entry for online ministry is lower than it’s ever been. In *From Social Media to Social Ministry*, Nona Jones equips readers to use social technology for so much more than we have in the past. With her singular perspective as a global thought-leader in this space, she shows us that online ministry is more than an opportunity. It’s a responsibility.”

(Bobby Gruenewald; Founder, YouVersion)



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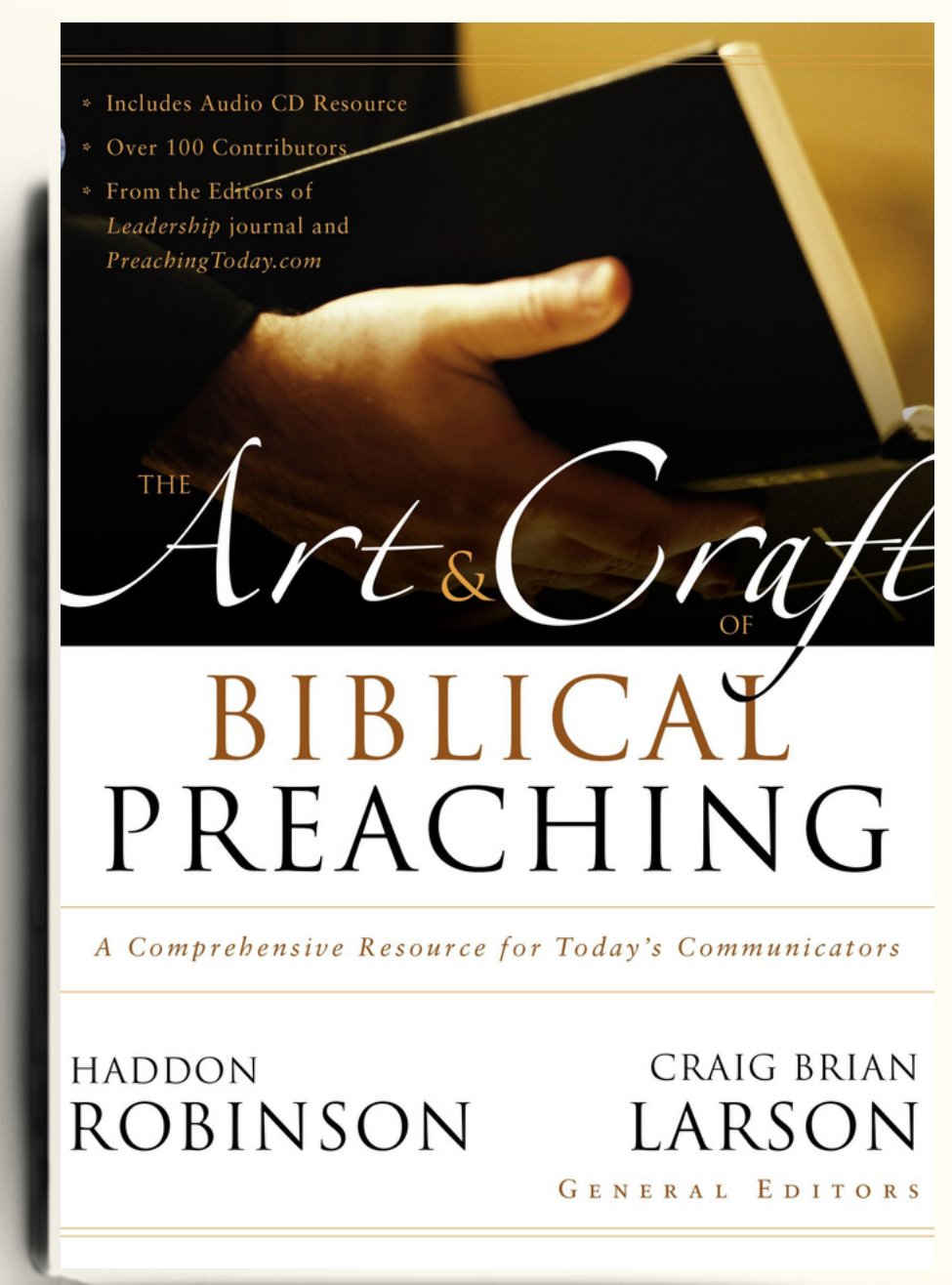
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THE ART AND CRAFT OF BIBLICAL PREACHING: A COMPREHENSIVE RESOURCE FOR TODAY'S COMMUNICATORS (BY HADDON ROBINSON AND CRAIG BRIAN LARSON)

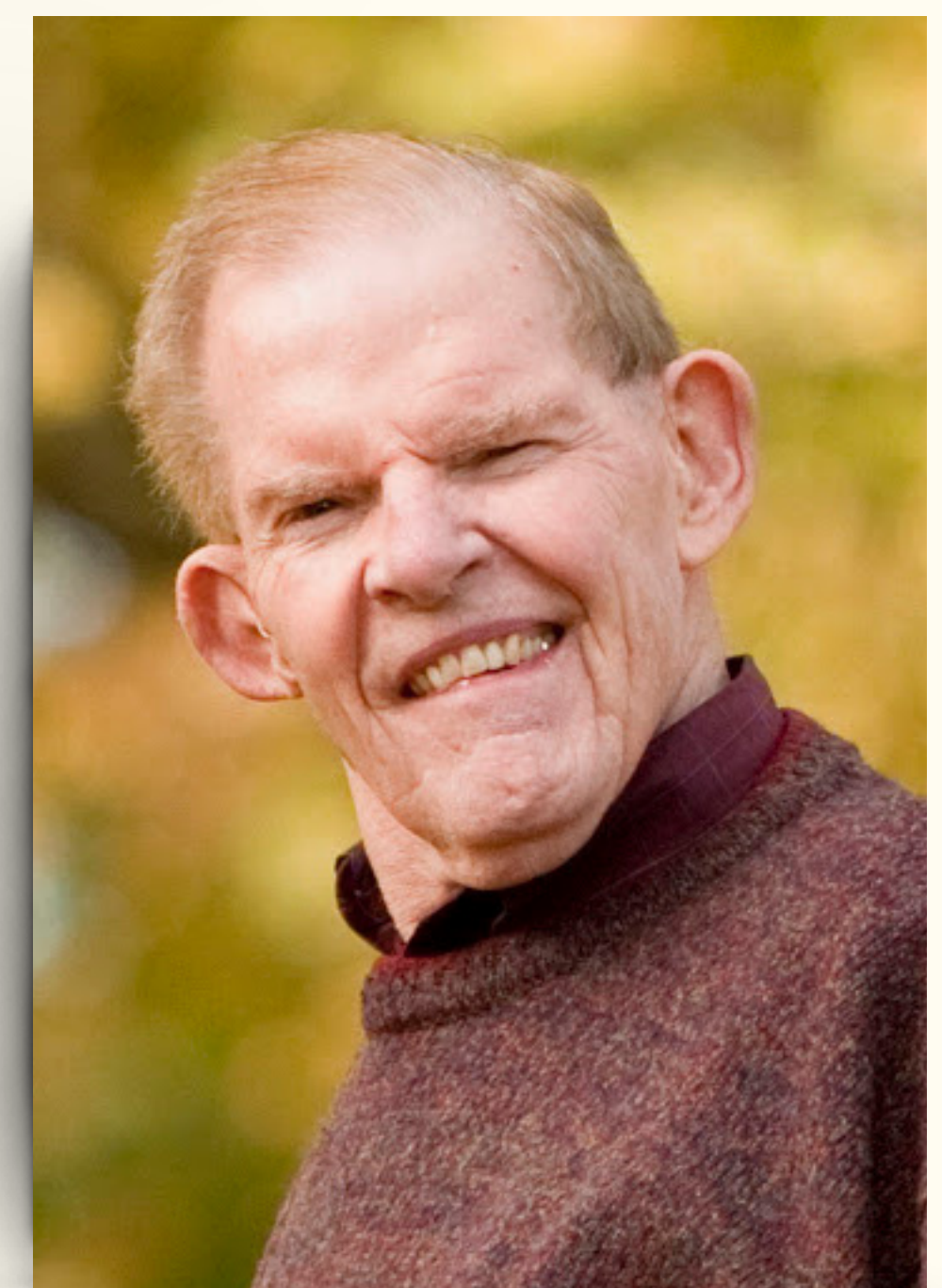
why?

NOTE: Just about every “seasoned” pastor over 50 I spoke with recommended this book. Many of them even sat under the direct teachings of Haddon Robinson and spoke in glowing terms about how his teachings impacted their lives and ministry. If the godly grey/white-haired men in your life recommend something, do it!



who?

Haddon Robinson (ThM, Dallas Theological Seminary, MA, Southern Methodist University, PhD, University of Illinois) is the Harold John Ockenga Distinguished Professor of Preaching at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and he is widely regarded as an expert in the area of preaching. Craig Brian Larson is chief editor for Christianity Today's PreachingToday.com, an online journal and illustration service. He also pastors a church in Chicago, Illinois.



what's it about?

The 11 major sections contain almost 200 articles, which cover every possible preaching topic, including changing lives, sermon structure, 'the big idea,' introductions, outlining, transitions, conclusions, passionate delivery, application, leveraging illustrations, telling stories, preaching narrative texts, topical preaching, expository preaching, evangelistic preaching, preaching to postmoderns, using humor, speaking with authority, and many others.

Segun Aiyegbusi



Pastor. Founder,
The Gathering Faith Leadership Network
Jos, Nigeria

Segun Aiyegbusi earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from William Paterson University, New Jersey, and holds a Master of Divinity (M.Div) from Nyack Alliance Theological Seminary, New York.

He served in a pastoral teaching role at Grace Church on the Mount, New Jersey for 21 years and is an avid writer on the blog (www.shegzstuff.com). He is presently serving as a missionary and pastoral trainer in Jos, Nigeria and is the founder and pastoral director of The Gathering Faith Leadership Network, an organization dedicated to equipping, encouraging, and strengthening pastors and ministry leaders.

The Gathering Faith Leadership Network



OUR MISSION

TO EQUIP, ENCOURAGE, AND STRENGTHEN
PASTORS AND MINISTRY LEADERS

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83, Major General Dyaji Close, opposite. St Finbar's Catholic Church, Rayfield, Jos plateau State.
(iExplore Arena) The last house on the right with black gate

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OUR PRIORITIES

01 PRIORITY

WE WILL EMPOWER
PASTORS AND MINISTRY
LEADERS

03 PRIORITY

WE WILL ENGAGE, PUSH
AND PRAY

05 PRIORITY

WE WILL PROVIDE AND SUSTAINABLY CATER
TO THE NEEDS OF THE VULNERABLE AND
MARGINALIZED SEGMENTS OF SOCIETY

07 PRIORITY

WE WILL MENTOR
EMERGING LEADERS
AMONG THE YOUTH

02 PRIORITY

WE WILL SUPPORT &
SERVE CHURCH
COMMUNITIES

04 PRIORITY

WE WILL PRODUCE &
DISTRIBUTE BIBLICAL
CONTENT GLOBALLY

06 PRIORITY

WE WILL PROVIDE AND SUSTAINABLY
CATER TO THE NEEDS OF THE VULNERABLE
AND MARGINALIZED SEGMENTS OF
SOCIETY

08 PRIORITY

WE WILL SHARE, PROVIDE AND OPTIMIZE
CROSS-CULTURAL LEADERSHIP
EXPERIENCES.