

Counter Culture Radically Following Jesus With Conviction Courage And Compassion David Platt

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Welcome to the front lines. Everywhere we turn, battle lines are being drawn—traditional marriage vs. gay marriage, pro-life vs. pro-choice, personal freedom vs. governmental protection. Seemingly overnight, culture has shifted to the point where right and wrong are no longer measured by universal truth but by popular opinion. And as difficult conversations about homosexuality, abortion, and religious liberty continue to inject themselves into our workplaces, our churches, our schools, and our homes, Christians everywhere are asking the same question: How are we supposed to respond? Let David Platt, in the Counter Culture Scripture and Prayer Guide, take you on a thirty-one-day tour of the pressing issues of our day and how Christ would have us respond to them. This guide includes instructions on how to lead a month-long group discussion about these issues, as well as thirty individual daily Bible readings. Don't let the winds of this culture push you and your family around. Throughout the next thirty-one days, take time to build your life on the truth of God's Word.

Student book that accompanies the six-session Bible study.

Are you ready to take a stand against racism and counter culture? In this companion piece to his bestselling book Counter Culture, David Platt offers sound Biblical support and practical action steps to help Christians take a courageous and compassionate stand against racism. Drawing heavily on personal stories and Scripture, Platt encourages Christians to get involved and highlights a wide variety of ministries and organizations currently countering racism that need your help. The stage is set for the God of the universe to do the unthinkable, the unimaginable, the shocking, and the scandalous. And He wants you to be a part of it. It's time to take a stand for Christ, join the fight against racism, and counter culture!

Change can happen in our culture. It can happen in our home and in our children. But it starts with us. Amoral, dishonesty, discontent—you want your children to reject today's norms in favor of values like integrity, wisdom, and forgiveness. But how can you train them to do this when you sometimes fall short yourself? Author, speaker, and Moms in Prayer podcast host Lee Nienhuis offers guidance to every parent seeking to raise Jesus-following kids. In Counter-Cultural Parenting, she provides tools that will help you... model godly characteristics and biblical values in your own life and home energize your family to recognize the world's lies and devote yourselves to truth entrust your children's future to God through consistent, powerful prayer It's easy to look at the world and feel overwhelmed, but you don't need to lose hope. Embrace the calling God has set before you and know that He will empower you to nurture your children's faith.

We live in a multicultural society, but many Christians hesitate to engage those of other faiths about Christianity. Exploring evangelism from the perspective of four major worldviews, Jay Moon and Bud Simon unpack the intercultural dynamics at hand when sharing the gospel across cultures, offering contextual evangelism approaches that are relevant, biblical, and practical. What is Jesus worth to you? It's easy for American Christians to forget how Jesus said his followers would actually live, what their new lifestyle would actually look like. They would, Jesus said, leave behind security, money, convenience, even family for him. They would abandon everything for the gospel. They would take up their crosses daily... But who do you know who lives like that? Do you?

Are you ready to take a stand for unreached people groups and counter culture? In this companion piece to his bestselling book Counter Culture, David Platt offers sound Biblical support and practical action steps to help Christians take a courageous and compassionate stand for unreached people groups. Drawing heavily on personal stories and Scripture, Platt encourages Christians to get involved and highlights a wide variety of ministries and organizations currently involved with spreading the Good News to unreached people groups that need your help. The stage is set for the God of the universe to do the unthinkable, the unimaginable, the shocking, and the scandalous. And He wants you to be a part of it. It's time to take a stand for Christ, join the fight for immigration, and counter culture!

You may think you are a Christian—but are you sure? Jesus' call to follow him is more than an invitation to pray a prayer. It is a summons to lose your life and find new life and ultimate joy in him. In David Platt's book Follow Me: A Call to Die. A Call to Live he asks the question, "What did Jesus really mean when he said, 'Follow me'?" What if we really listened to Jesus' words and heard what he is saying? When people truly engage with Jesus' personal invitation to follow him, everything changes, for he is worthy of all our trust and affections. What Did Jesus Really Mean When He Said Follow Me? builds on the message of Follow Me to motivate readers to experience our grand purpose: to exalt the glory of God by spreading Christ's gospel—to make disciples who are making disciples. This booklet is a great resource to share with others to discuss crucial faith questions in a personal and grace-filled manner and engage others to be disciple-makers in obedience to Jesus. Ideal for small groups or personal and mass evangelism.

Jesus gave his followers a command: "Follow me." And a promise: "And I will equip you to find others to follow me." We were made to make disciples. Designed for use in discipleship relationships and other focused settings, Multiply will equip you to carry out Jesus's ministry. Each of the twenty-four sessions in the book corresponds with an online video at www.multiplymovement.com, where New York Times bestselling author David Platt joins Francis in guiding you through each part of Multiply. One plus one plus one. Every copy of Multiply is designed to do what Jesus did: make disciples who make disciples.... Until the world knows the truth of Jesus Christ.

When Jesus says, "Follow Me," it's not an invitation to say a prayer, it's a summons to lose our lives. Pastor David Platt challenges the traditions of cultural Christianity and reintroduces us to Jesus and His most simple request: Follow Me.

Challenge the Status Quo The Radical Question offers a compelling introduction to Radical's challenge to the contemporary church. In this concise message, Platt asks, "What is Jesus worth to you?" Then he explores what a commitment to Jesus would actually look like in action. The Radical Idea extracts key passages in Radical Together, the follow up to Radical, to show readers that church is not built on places, performances, programs, or professionals, but on people. Platt argues that those of us in the pews are meant to be active and intentional in spreading the good news of the gospel because when ordinary believers mobilize in everyday ministry, communities and church families change dramatically. "The goal of the church is never for one person to be equipped and empowered to lead as many people as possible to Christ. The goal is always for all of God's people to be equipped and empowered to lead as many people as possible to Christ." --David Platt

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In the last book by the leading evangelical churchman of the 20th century, John Stott opens up what it means at root to be a follower of Jesus. He explores eight aspects of Christian discipleship which are too often neglected and yet deserve to be taken seriously: non-conformity, Christ-likeness, maturity, creation-care, simplicity, balance, dependence and death. The message is simple, classic and personal: Jesus is Lord. He calls. We follow.

When Jesus left the most exclusive gated community in the universe to come live with the people he loved and gave his life for, he turned everything we know and believe about life on its head. Jesus said that he came to bring good news to the poor, but most Western Christians remain disconnected and isolated from the poor and their contexts of injustice. Even our churches echo society's pressure to isolate ourselves from the margins (e.g. by moving to a better suburb) and instead teach us how to be "nice people" who worship a "nice Jesus" and don't disrupt the status quo. Convinced that Jesus places love for the poor and the pursuit of justice central, Craig Greenfield has sought to follow in Christ's footsteps by living among people at the edges of society for the last fourteen years. His quest to follow this Subversive Jesus has taken Craig and his young family from the slums of Asia to inner city Canada and back again. This is the story of how Jesus led them to the margins: initiating the Pirates of Justice flash mobs, sharing their home with detoxing crackheads, welcoming homeless panhandlers and prostitutes to the dinner table, and ultimately sparking a movement to reach the world's most vulnerable children. This book is a strong and potentially controversial critique of the status quo too often found in our churches, but it offers an inspirational and hopeful vision of another way. While readers may not relocate to a slum, they will certainly come to view their lives and ministry through a fresh lens—reconsidering how they are uniquely called by Jesus to subversively love the poor and break down systems of injustice in their sphere of influence.

Are you ready to take a stand against same-sex marriage and counter culture? In this companion piece to his bestselling book Counter Culture, David Platt offers sound Biblical support and practical action steps to help Christians take a courageous and compassionate stand against same-sex marriage. Drawing heavily on personal stories and Scripture, Platt encourages Christians to get involved and highlights a wide variety of ministries and organizations currently countering same-sex marriage that need your help. The stage is set for the God of the universe to do the unthinkable, the unimaginable, the shocking, and the scandalous. And He wants you to be a part of it. It's time to take a stand for Christ, join the fight against same-sex marriage, and counter culture! Explores the Gospel According to Matthew, especially the Sermon on the Mount, considered the blueprint of the Christian lifestyle, emerging with a clearer understanding of the Nazorean rabbi who preached it and the Gospel writers, especially Matthew, who passed it on to us. Original.

Examines the ways in which the gospel is contradicted by the American dream and challenges Christians to join in a one-year experiment in authentic discipleship that promises spiritual transformation through the word of God.

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New York Times best-selling author David Platt takes readers on a heart-wrenching, soul-searching journey through impoverished villages in the Himalayan mountains. With riveting passion and surprising vulnerability, Platt dares readers to make a difference in a world of urgent need, starting right where they live. While leading a team on a week-long trek of the Himalayas, bestselling author and pastor David Platt was stunned by the human needs he encountered, an experience so dramatic that it "changed the trajectory of my life." Meeting a man who'd lost his eye from a simple infection and seeing the faces of girls stolen from their families and trafficked in the cities, along with other unforgettable encounters, opened his eyes to the people behind the statistics and compelled him to wrestle with his assumptions about faith. In Something Needs to Change, Platt invites readers to come along on both the adventure of the trek, as well as the adventure of seeking answers to tough questions like, "Where is God in the middle of suffering?" "What makes my religion any better than someone else's religion?" and "What do I believe about eternal suffering?" Platt has crafted an irresistible message about what it means to give your life for the gospel—to finally stop talking about faith and truly start living it. Advance praise for Something Needs to Change "Rugged. Authentic. Gritty. Real. Worshipful. There are no other books like this one. I always pick up David's books with a sense of excitement and, quite honestly, apprehension--because I know that areas of compromise and complacency in my life are going to be exposed. But this book exceeded even my high expectations, for which I am grateful. And so will you be. As David writes, it's time to run, not walk. Let's go."--J. D. Greear, president of the Southern Baptist Convention "Extraordinary and challenging. I've just never read a book like this before. I am so moved. Bring your full heart to this story and watch how God opens your eyes, changes your mind, and broadens the dreams you have for your life."--Annie F. Downs, best-selling author of 100 Days to Brave and Remember God "If you dare to read this book, you might just have an unexpected encounter with Jesus that leaves you weeping on the floor, as David's experience did. Something changes within us when the seemingly overwhelming needs of the world present themselves simply in the life of a single person. Ultimately, I pray your compassion will be transformed to action."--Santiago "Jimmy" Mellado, president and CEO of Compassion International

Are you ready to take a stand for orphans and widows and counter culture? In this companion piece to his bestselling book Counter Culture, David Platt offers sound Biblical support and practical action steps to help Christians take a courageous and compassionate stand for orphans and widows. Drawing heavily on personal stories and Scripture, Platt encourages Christians to get involved and highlights a wide variety of ministries and organizations currently helping orphans and widows that need your help. The stage is set for the God of the universe to do the unthinkable, the unimaginable, the shocking, and the scandalous. And He wants you to be a part of it. It's time to take a stand for Christ, join the fight for orphans and widows, and counter culture!

Poverty, Same-Sex Marriage, Racism, Sex Slavery, Immigration, Persecution, Abortion, Orphans, Pornography—how are we supposed to respond to all of this? In this companion piece to Counter Culture, David Platt provides Biblical support and practical action steps to help Christians take a courageous and compassionate stand on some of the most controversial issues of our time, and highlights dozens of ways individuals and churches can get involved at both the local and international level. The stage is set for the God of the universe to do the unthinkable, the unimaginable, the shocking, and the scandalous. And he wants you to be a part of it. It's time to take a stand for Christ, join the fight against injustice, and counter culture!

Are you ready to take a stand against abortion and counter culture? In this companion piece to his bestselling book Counter Culture, David Platt offers sound Biblical support and practical action steps to help Christians take a courageous and compassionate stand against abortion.

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Drawing heavily on personal stories and Scripture, Platt encourages Christians to get involved and highlights a wide variety of ministries and organizations currently countering abortion that need your help. The stage is set for the God of the universe to do the unthinkable, the unimaginable, the shocking, and the scandalous. And He wants you to be a part of it. It's time to take a stand for Christ, join the fight against abortion, and counter culture!

Explores a new Christian identity in which churches reclaim their roles as communities of disciples to constitute a countercultural reality and challenge to secular society and existing power relations.

Are you ready to take a stand against poverty and counter culture? In this companion piece to his bestselling book *Counter Culture*, David Platt offers sound Biblical support and practical action steps to help Christians take a courageous and compassionate stand against poverty. Drawing heavily on personal stories and Scripture, Platt encourages Christians to get involved and highlights a wide variety of ministries and organizations currently countering poverty that need your help. The stage is set for the God of the universe to do the unthinkable, the unimaginable, the shocking, and the scandalous. And He wants you to be a part of it. It's time to take a stand for Christ, join the fight against poverty, and counter culture!

Are you ready to take a stand against persecution and counter culture? In this companion piece to his bestselling book *Counter Culture*, David Platt offers sound Biblical support and practical action steps to help Christians take a courageous and compassionate stand against persecution. Drawing heavily on personal stories and Scripture, Platt encourages Christians to get involved and highlights a wide variety of ministries and organizations currently countering persecution that need your help. The stage is set for the God of the universe to do the unthinkable, the unimaginable, the shocking, and the scandalous. And He wants you to be a part of it. It's time to take a stand for Christ, join the fight against persecution, and counter culture!

In the first devotional from David Platt, *Follow Him* equips and empowers you to bring people to know Jesus Christ through your life. To be a disciple of Jesus is to make disciples of Jesus. This has been true since the first century, when Jesus invited four men to follow him. More than searching for fish all over the Sea of Galilee, these men would spread the gospel all over the world. They would give their lives by not simply being disciples of Jesus, but by sacrificially making disciples of Jesus. And God's design for twenty-first-century disciples is the same. Becoming a Christian involves responding to the gracious invitation of God in Christ. As we follow Christ, he transforms our will, mind, desires, relationships, and our ultimate reason for living. Every disciple of Jesus exists to make disciples of Jesus, here and among every people group on the planet. Bestselling author and Bible teacher David Platt invites you to take a closer look over the next thirty-five days at what it means to be a true disciple; to become a fisher of men; and to give up your life, take up your cross, and Follow Him.

New York Times bestseller New York Times bestselling author David Platt challenges us to unite around a gospel-centered vision in *Radical Together*. In *Radical*, David Platt's plea for Christians to take back their faith from the American Dream resonated with readers everywhere. Now, he asks how a gospel-centered vision might reshape our priorities as the body of Christ? How might well-intentioned Christians actually prevent God's people from accomplishing God's purpose? And, how can we best unleash the people of God in the church to carry out the purpose of God in the world? Writing to everyone who desires to make an impact for God's glory—whether you are an involved member, a leader, or a pastor—Dr. Platt shares six foundational ideas that fuel radical obedience among Christians in the church. With compelling Bible teaching and inspiring stories from around the world, he will help you apply the revolutionary claims and commands of Christ to your community of faith in fresh, practical ways.

Silk presents a book of reformation intended to disrupt Christians' current model of authority, based on Matthew 20: 25-26. (Social Issues) This eight-session Bible study will take teens on a journey in search of answers to the question: What does it mean to follow Jesus in a world full of urgent physical and spiritual needs?

Beloved Bible teacher Margaret Feinberg invites you on a remarkable spiritual adventure to live more courageous and free. The Bible is full of clever plots and compelling stories, laced with historic insights and literary beauty. But despite its richness and depth, many of us struggle to close the gap between the ancient world and our own. What does it mean to know that Jesus is the Good Shepherd when the only place you've encountered sheep is at a petting zoo? How can you understand the promise of a land overflowing with honey when you buy yours in a bear-shaped bottle? Can you grasp the urgency of Jesus' invitation to abide in the vine when you shop for grapes at a local grocery store? Margaret invites you to accompany her on the adventure of a lifetime - across the nation to herd sheep in Oregon, harvest fields with a Nebraska farmer, prune vines in California, and explore hives with a veteran beekeeper in Colorado. Along the way, you'll explore how ancient livelihoods illuminate meaningful truths that apply to life today. "I asked one question to each person, 'How do you read the Scriptures in light of what you do every day?'" she writes. "Their answers changed the way I read the Bible forever." With her trademark humor and vulnerability, you'll learn the secret of how to live like you have a shepherd, unlock the sweetest promises of God, and discover the gift of divine timing. You'll move from simply reading Scripture to entering stories that can be touched and tasted, smelled and savored. Scouting the Divine will revolutionize the way you understand the Bible - and leave you wonderstruck by the magnificence of God.

WHAT IS JESUS WORTH TO YOU? It's easy for American Christians to forget how Jesus said his followers would actually live, what their new lifestyle would actually look like. They would, he said, leave behind security, money, convenience, even family for him. They would abandon everything for the gospel. They would take up their crosses daily... BUT WHO DO YOU KNOW WHO LIVES LIKE THAT? DO YOU? In *Radical*, David Platt challenges you to consider with an open heart how we have manipulated the gospel to fit our cultural preferences. He shows what Jesus actually said about being his disciple--then invites you to believe and obey what you have heard. And he tells the dramatic story of what is happening as a successful suburban church decides to get serious about the gospel according to Jesus. Finally, he urges you to join in *The Radical Experiment* -- a one-year journey in authentic discipleship that will transform how you live in a world that desperately needs the Good News Jesus came to bring. (From the 2010 edition)"

Be inspired to respond to spiritual and physical needs with urgency and Christlike compassion.

Are you ready to take a stand against sex slavery and counter culture? In this companion piece to his bestselling book *Counter Culture*, David Platt offers sound Biblical support and practical action steps to help Christians take a courageous and compassionate stand against sex slavery. Drawing heavily on personal stories and Scripture, Platt encourages Christians to get involved and highlights a wide variety of ministries and organizations currently countering sex slavery that need your help. The stage is set for the God of the universe to do the unthinkable, the unimaginable, the shocking, and the scandalous. And He wants you to be a part of it. It's time to take a stand for Christ, join the fight against sex slavery, and counter culture!

2014 "Christian Retailing's Best" award finalist! What did Jesus really mean when he said, "Follow Me"? In this new book, David Platt, author of the New York Times bestselling book, *Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream*, contends that multitudes of people around the world culturally think they are Christians yet biblically are not followers of Christ. Scores of men, women, and children have been told that becoming a follower of Jesus simply involves believing certain truths or saying certain words. As a result, churches today are filled with people who believe they are Christians . . . but aren't. We want to be disciples as long as doing so does not intrude on our lifestyles, our

preferences, our comforts, and even our religion. Revealing a biblical picture of what it means to truly be a Christian, *Follow Me* explores the gravity of what we must forsake in this world, as well as the indescribable joy and deep satisfaction to be found when we live for Christ. The call to follow Jesus is not simply an invitation to pray a prayer; it's a summons to lose your life—and to find new life in him. This book will show you what such life actually looks like. In this milestone work, leading social critic Os Guinness provides a wide-ranging analysis of one of the most pivotal decades in Western history, the 1960s. Examining secular humanism, the technological society, and the counterculture, Guinness argues that Westerners need a Third Way found only in the rediscovery and revival of the historic Christian faith.

Edited by David Platt, Daniel L. Akin, and Tony Merida, this new commentary series, projected to be 48 volumes, takes a Christcentered approach to expositing each book of the Bible. Rather than a verse-by-verse approach, the authors have crafted chapters that explain and apply key passages in their assigned Bible books. Readers will learn to see Christ in all aspects of Scripture, and they will be encouraged by the devotional nature of each exposition. *Exalting Jesus in Matthew* is the second volume in the series and is solely authored by Platt (best-selling author of *Radical*). Other projected contributors to the series include notable authors such as Russell D. Moore, Al Mohler, Matt Chandler, Francis Chan, Mark Dever, and others.

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