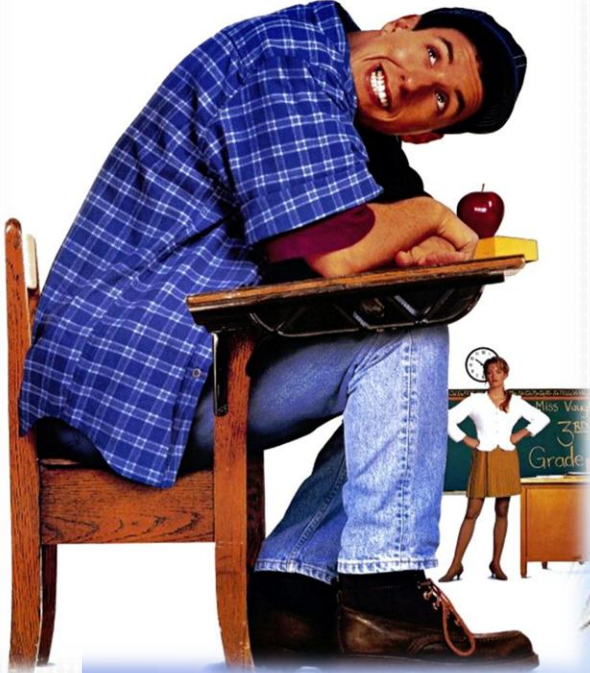


# FAILURE TO LAUNCH: EPHESIANS 4:1-13



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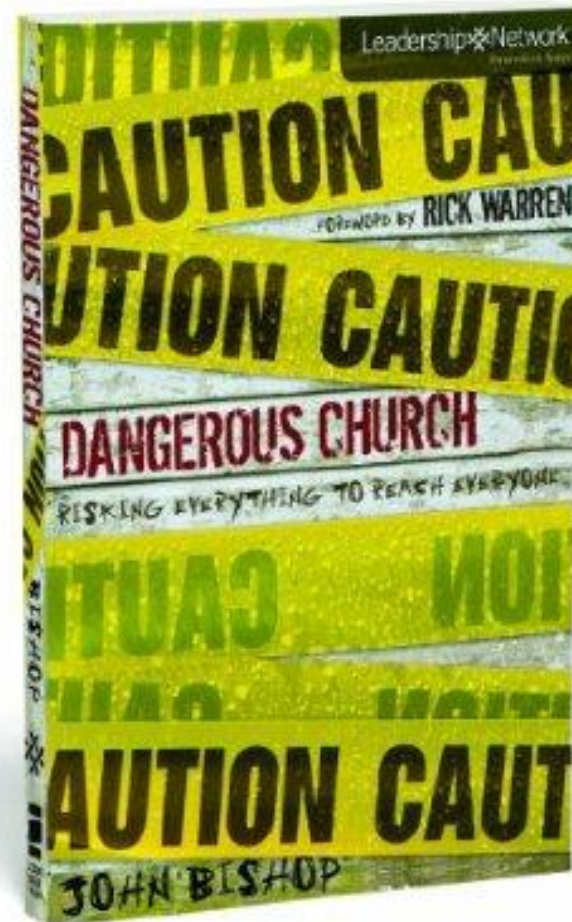
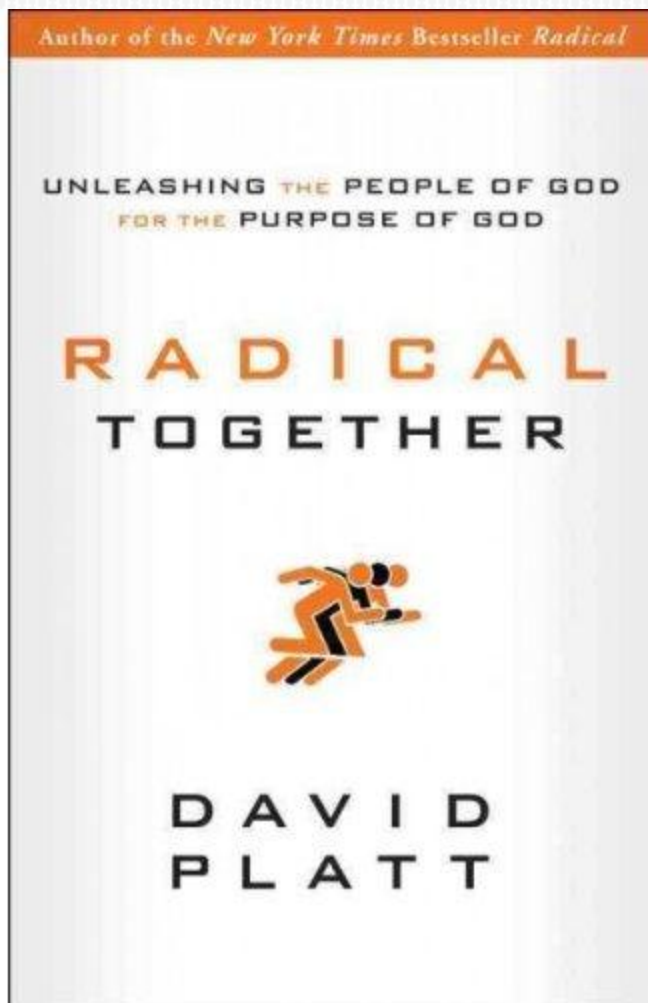


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- ✘ Chapters 1-3: a summary of who we were without Christ and who we are now in Christ
- ✘ Chapters 4-6: a summary of how we are to be Christ in this world

# EPHESIANS 4:1

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<sup>1</sup>I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

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- × Therefore: belief comes before behavior
- × Implore: empowering someone to face difficulty with confidence and grit
- × Who are you doing this for?
- × Walk: purpose, goal, steady progress; perseverance and finishing
- × Are you walking?
- × Where?
- × With whom?
- × Worthy: balancing the scales
- × On one side: the work of Christ to call you
- × On the other: your walk

# EPHESIANS 2-6

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<sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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- ✘ We have a responsibility to maintain the unity of the body from God
- ✘ Are you?
- ✘ Are you undermining it?
- ✘ At The Sanctuary Fellowship?
- ✘ Within the wider Body?



# EPHESIANS 4:7-10

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<sup>7</sup>But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it says,

"When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

<sup>9</sup>(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)

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- ✘ What has Christ given us?
- ✘ The gifts of the Spirit purchased with His blood

# EPHESIANS 4:11-13

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<sup>11</sup>And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

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- ✘ Starts with proclamation gifts; people who skillfully handle God's Word
- ✘ Equipping= make something completely sufficient for its job
- ✘ Work= toil; a job
- ✘ We are doing WORK here - are you?
- ✘ This is all of our job - to equip you for service, work and ministry

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- ✘ Service = humble, unseen, unheralded, undignified tasks
- ✘ Build up = not an increase in quantity but in quality
- ✘ Evangelism happens when we all grow up and live it and tell it
- ✘ Body of Christ = this is not all for you (our narcissistic spirituality)
- ✘ Mature = something that perfectly carries out its designed purpose

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- ✘ As you contemplate an action, remember to walk worthy
- ✘ Our Growth Goals exist for this
- ✘ God isn't satisfied when we go to church or are decent children living in the basement

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- ✘ So what's the church about and who's it for?
- ✘ What if God intended the church to be full of ministers?
- ✘ What's going undone?
- ✘ Who's going unministered to?
- ✘ It means the purpose of everything is to mature you to live and look like Christ
- ✘ So we can live radically together as a whole church!

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- × Are you:
- × Walking?
- × Giving your gifts away?
- × Working?
- × Growing up/maturing?
- × Hampering the body?
- × A skillful handler of God's word?





**WHERE ARE WE GOING?**

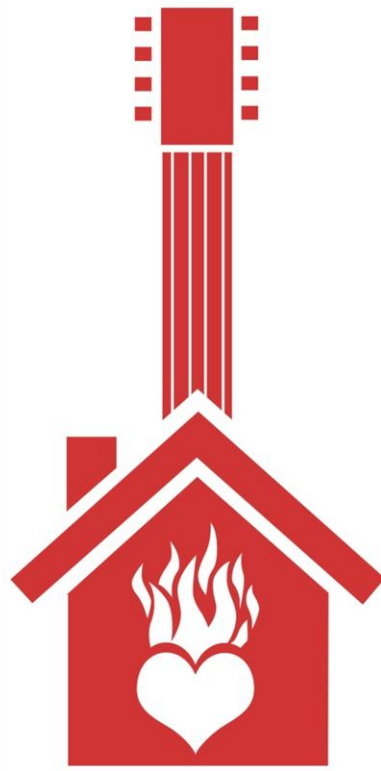
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# HOUSE FIRES

Thurs 9/8 @ the home of Tim Dearmin

7—8:15PM

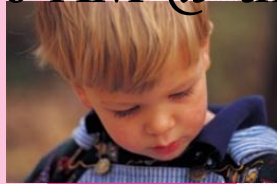
# MOTHER'S OF PRESCHOOLERS



When & Where:

Thursday, Sept. 8th

9:30 AM @ the Greatwood Chick-fil-



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For: Bible study, fellowship, and encouragement. Bring your children! Childcare will be provided.



- ✿ Ladies Bible Study BEGINS Sept. 12th
- ✿ Every other Monday at the Greatwood Rec. Center.
- ✿ Me, Myself, & Lies by Jennifer Rothschild
- ✿ Sign-up today at the Women's Ministry table