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A RADICAL REDISCOVERY OF WHAT JESUS REALLY TAUGHT ABOUT SALVATION, ETERNITY, AND GETTING TO THE GOOD PLACE

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INTRODUCTION: ARE WE THERE YET?
3. Ibid., 96.

CHAPTER 1: BREAKING NEWS

4. Fleming Rutledge arranges her magisterial work *The Crucifixion* around these two dynamics: sin is guilt for which atonement must be made, and sin is an alien power that must be overcome. See Fleming Rutledge, *The Crucifixion: Understanding the Death of Jesus Christ* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2015), 189.


8. See, for example, Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:14-15. Jesus announces the Kingdom, teaches about life in the Kingdom, and heals because the Kingdom (the range of God’s effective will) is what prophets called *shalom*. See also Luke 8:1; Luke 9:1-2. The disciples were on the same mission with the same message as Jesus. In Matthew 6:10, Jesus says we are to pray for the Kingdom to come, for God’s “will [to] be done on earth as it is in heaven.” In Matthew 6:33, Jesus says to “seek first his kingdom.” In Matthew 13:44, Jesus describes the Kingdom as treasure in a field, worthy of selling all we have to possess. And in Acts 28:31, at the very end of the book, Paul is proclaiming the Kingdom.


CHAPTER 2: THE MINIMUM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS


2. Ibid., 19–20.

3. Ibid., 20–21.

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CHAPTER 3: FOLLOW ME


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INTERLUDE: THE GREAT JOURNEY
3. Martin Luther, quoted in James Arne Nestingen, Martin Luther: His Life and Teachings (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2004), 38.
5. Union has been used in different ways by different writers. For instance, the Puritans would often distinguish between “union” and “communion.” They used the word union to describe the unchanging love God has for us when we enter into his family. It is objective and stable, like my being the son of my parents, and we treasure it because it never varies. Communion was used to describe our often-changing experience of this relationship with God—much closer to the way we’ll be using the word union in this book.

CHAPTER 4: AWAKENING: SEEING GOD EVERYWHERE
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5. Leonard, “Dull Habit or Acute Fever?”
8. Ibid., 5.

CHAPTER 5: PURGATION: LEAVING BAGGAGE BEHIND
2. Ibid., 126.
3. Ibid., 109 (emphasis added).
4. Ibid., 115.
14. Dallas Willard, quoted in Gary Moon’s unpublished manuscript.
15. George MacDonald, *Knowing the Heart of God: Where Obedience Is the One Path to Drawing Intuitively Close to Our Father* (Minneapolis: Bethany House, 1990), 52.
17. Plantinga, *Not the Way It’s Supposed to Be*, 34.
18. Interestingly, the Septuagint—the ancient Greek translation of the Old Testament—often uses cognates of hygiano to translate shalom, a word that we usually translate as “peace” but that has a much richer meaning, closer to wholeness.

**CHAPTER 6: ILLUMINATION: A NEW MENTAL MAP**

2. Ibid., 23–24.

**CHAPTER 7: UNION: NEVER ALONE**

16. Ibid., 175–77.