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"I have only one desire for this book, really, and that is that it will lead you into encounters with God that will strengthen the soul of your leadership in the places where you need it most. Truly, the best thing any of us have to bring to leadership is our own transforming selves."

—Ruth Haley Barton

Ruth Haley Barton is a spiritual director, teacher and retreat leader trained through the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation (Bethesda, Maryland) and the Pathways Center for Spiritual Leadership (Nashville, Tennessee). She is cofounder and president of The Transforming Center, a ministry to pastors and Christian leaders.

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Sacred Rhythms: Arranging Our Lives for Spiritual Transformation (InterVarsity Press, 2006)

Invitation to Solitude and Silence: Experiencing God's Transforming Presence (InterVarsity Press, 2004)

An Ordinary Day with Jesus: Experiencing the Reality of God in Your Everyday Life, coauthored with John Ortberg (Zondervan, 2001)

Ruth: Relationships That Bring Life (Shaw, 2001)

Equal to the Task: Men and Women in Partnership (InterVarsity Press, 1998)

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