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*CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH*



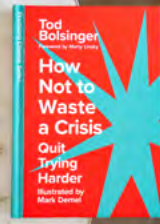
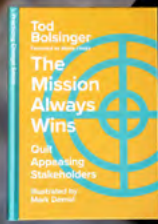
## OCTOBER IS CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

In recognition of the significant work as well as the challenges that pastors and church leaders encounter, the publicity team is featuring the following new IVP resources to help support and sustain clergy for the long haul of ministry.

Check out [THIS LINK](#) for a complete list of church leadership resources.

Also take a look at this [10 Best Books for Pastors](#) list.

# Practicing Change Series



## NEW from Tod Bolsinger, author of the bestselling [Canoeing the Mountains](#)

*“Here’s a scary truth: regardless of where you work or what you do for a living, a crisis is coming. In fact multiple crises lie ahead for you because our world is now changing at an unprecedented rate, and those changes will render you and your organization obsolete if you can’t find a way to continuously adapt to these coming crises. Leading through these changes will require leaders who aren’t afraid to slay some sacred cows, challenge conventional wisdom, and even live outside their own leadership comfort zones. Adaptation will be the single most critical survival skill of the twenty-first century. Tod Bolsinger’s four short books in the Practicing Change Series are the ‘emergency preparedness drill’ that you will be grateful to have read when the next ‘tsunami’ hits your organization. Read them now before the next wave hits your shore.”*

—RICHARD STEARNS, president emeritus of World Vision US and author of *Lead Like It Matters to God*

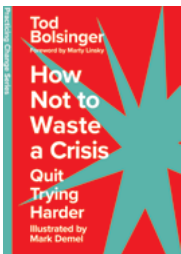
These four fully illustrated volumes in the [Practicing Change Series](#) address real-world concerns like leadership in times of crisis, mission-oriented leadership, charting a steady course through change, how to steward trust to bring about transformation, and more.

**These titles will also be available as audiobooks!**



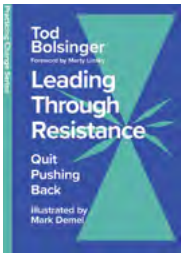
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**HOW NOT TO WASTE A CRISIS:  
QUIT TRYING HARDER**

Crisis is an opportunity to stop trying harder and begin embracing adaptability. In this first volume in the Practicing Change Series, Tod Bolsinger explores how the upheaval you find yourself in can reframe your leadership and revive your team. When your church or nonprofit needs fresh vision, take these steps to learn how to lead anew.



**LEADING THROUGH RESISTANCE:  
QUIT PUSHING BACK**

People don't resist change—they resist loss. Leading people who struggle to see the future feels impossible. As hesitancy overwhelms, we can't eliminate change, but we can chart a steady course through it. In this volume in the Practicing Change Series, Tod Bolsinger teaches courage and empathy for communities stuck in the loss of the past.



**THE MISSION ALWAYS WINS:  
QUIT APPEASING STAKEHOLDERS**

Change requires tough decisions. But when the focus is blurred, how can we stay on track? It's time to follow the mission—not the boss, not the team, not the stakeholders. In this volume in the Practicing Change Series, Tod Bolsinger guides you through naming competing values and realigning the driving purpose with missional clarity.



**INVEST IN TRANSFORMATION:  
QUIT RELYING ON TRUST**

We must invest trust to experience transformation. Groups that have become skeptical need leadership to refuel a sense of community and continuity if change is going to happen. But trust can be easily hoarded or squandered. In this volume in the Practicing Change Series, Tod Bolsinger outlines steps to envision trust for the sake of growth.



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**TOD BOLSINGER** is the founder and principal at AE Sloan Leadership Inc., the executive director of the DePree Center Church Leadership Institute, and associate professor of leadership formation at Fuller Seminary.

Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1993, Dr. Bolsinger served as senior pastor of San Clemente Presbyterian Church from 1997 to 2014. Prior to that he was associate pastor of discipleship and spiritual formation at First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood.

Holding both a PhD in Theology and Master of Divinity from Fuller, Bolsinger taught graduate-level classes in theology for fourteen years at Fuller's regional campus in Orange County prior to joining the seminary's regular faculty. He also has extensive experience in church and nonprofit consulting and executive coaching, and writes on church and leadership formation. His faculty role at Fuller Seminary includes teaching the Practices of Vocational Formation class and a cohort in Leading Change for DMin students.

Bolsinger has authored four books—the Christianity Today Award of Merit winner, *It Takes a Church to Raise a Christian: How the Community of God Transforms Lives* (Brazos, 2004); *Show Time: Living Down Hypocrisy by Living Out the Faith* (Baker, 2005); the Outreach Magazine Resource of the Year in Pastoral Leadership; *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory* (IVP Books, 2015); and *Tempered Resilience: How Leaders Are Formed in the Crucible of Change* (IVP Books, 2020).



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## **ATTENTIVE CHURCH LEADERSHIP:** *Listening and Leading in a World We've Never Known*

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**JIM SINGLETON** (ThD, Boston University School of Theology) is a coach and discipler at Leighton Ford Ministries. He has been both a longtime Presbyterian pastor (San Antonio, Austin, Spokane, and Colorado Springs) and professor of pastoral leadership and evangelism at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Jim is one of the founders of ECO: A Covenant Order of Presbyterians, which sponsors the Flourish Institute of Theology, where Jim also teaches.



**KEVIN G. FORD** (MDiv, Regent College) is the chief catalyst of Leighton Ford Ministries. He was the cofounder of TAG Consulting, which he and his partners sold in 2019. Kevin's areas of expertise include leadership, organizational culture, and strategy. He has facilitated the development of over five hundred strategic plans throughout North America. His clients included Fortune 500s, small businesses, and government agencies. But his passion has always been for the church. He has spoken publicly to thousands of people around the world and is in constant demand as a facilitator and speaker. His books include *Transforming Church*, *The Leadership Triangle*, and *The Secret Sauce*.

*"We live in a fast-changing world. The leadership principles I used when I was a church planter are no longer relevant in today's world. Technology has advanced rapidly, and the Covid-19 pandemic changed the scorecard of leadership. Churches and leaders must be attentive not only to the changing reality of the world but also to the ways they respond, adapt, and lead in the midst of those changes. In their new book, Attentive Church Leadership, Kevin Ford and Jim Singleton provide a great resource for church leaders of the twenty-first century, providing essential insights to help them navigate the rough waters of church leadership in this generation."*

**—Eddy Aleman,**

general secretary of the Reformed Church in America

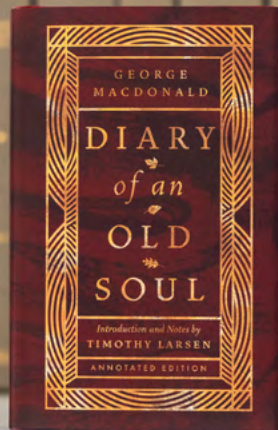
*"Kevin Ford and Jim Singleton serve as a prophetic voice to challenge us to the same awareness that Paul had in Athens, but within the context we find ourselves in today. Attentive Church Leadership will help us all understand that a commitment to the radical transformation of society does not mean that Christians must oppose everything about society, but we need to approach society as if it is God-unaware. Reading this book leaves me wanting to become more attentive to members of my community to make them more aware of Jesus Christ and his kingdom!"*

**—Alan Platt,** founder and leader of the  
Doxa Deo / City Changers Movement



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## GREAT GIFT FOR PASTORS



## **DIARY OF AN OLD SOUL:** *Annotated Edition*

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In 1880, the prolific author George MacDonald self-published a long poem in book form as a gift for his friends. He called it, in full, *A Book of Strife in the Form of the Diary of an Old Soul*. The Diary was originally printed with a blank page facing every page of poetry so that readers could supplement MacDonald's diary with their own. This feature in particular, along with the spiritual wisdom and literary artistry of the text itself, was beloved by C. S. Lewis, who gave a copy of the book to his future wife, Joy Davidman, as a Christmas gift in 1952. Now in this deluxe edition, MacDonald's classic devotional resource is again available with the blank pages he envisioned alongside the complete text.

*"This beautifully edited and annotated edition of George MacDonald's Diary of an Old Soul is not only a gift to MacDonald scholars and enthusiasts but also a gift to the world and to the church. Diary of an Old Soul can sit on your bedside reading table as an old friend and companion, something to dip in and out of, to look up the poem for the particular day you take up the book: you will always be challenged, inspired, and ultimately nourished. But Larsen shows that this book offers so much more. It is an inner journal of the hard road of sanctification, the journey all mystics take through purgation, to illumination, and finally to blissful union with the God who loves us and is always enabling our love in return. For those who don't yet know the Diary, this book is the perfect introduction and companion for your journey with MacDonald. For those who do, be prepared to look at an old friend with new eyes and new depths of appreciation."*

—Malcolm Guite, president of the George MacDonald Society



**TIMOTHY LARSEN** (PhD, University of Stirling; DD, University of Edinburgh) is McManis Professor of Christian Thought at Wheaton College. His many books include *George MacDonald in the Age of Miracles*, *Crisis of Doubt: Honest Faith in Nineteenth-Century England*, and *The Oxford Handbook of Christmas*.

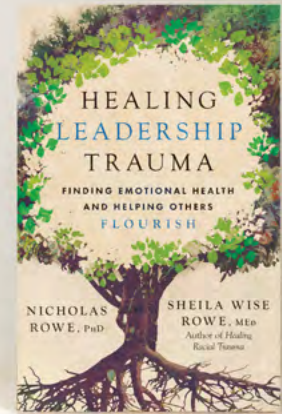


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# **HEALING LEADERSHIP TRAUMA:** *Finding Emotional Health and Helping Others Flourish*

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**NICHOLAS ROWE** (PhD, Boston College) is a historian and the Hansen Associate Professor of Leadership at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He has over thirty years' experience in senior leadership roles in higher education and nonprofit organizations and is a consultant in cross-ethnic reconciliation and conflict resolution in the United States and South Africa. Nicholas also provides spiritual direction for individuals and reconciling communities.



**SHEILA WISE ROWE** (MEd, Cambridge College) has over thirty years of experience offering counseling and spiritual direction to abuse and trauma survivors and to emerging and established leaders in the United States.

Sheila ministered to unhoused and abused women and children in Johannesburg, South Africa, where she taught Christian counseling and trauma-related courses and was also a lay pastor for a decade. Sheila is the author of the award-winning [Healing Racial Trauma](#) and [Young, Gifted, and Black](#).

*Leadership professor Nicholas Rowe and counselor Sheila Wise Rowe offer their expertise in helping leaders process painful and traumatic experiences. Trauma contributes to how we lead others in either empowering or dysfunctional ways. Understanding how these experiences formed us is the beginning of the path to healing. Woven throughout each chapter are five themes—invitation, attachment, remembrance, healing, and reconnection.*

*“There’s a dirty little secret in our world: leaders are in triage. The complexities of our ever-connected, often-critical, less-forgiving world is that we are seeing unprecedented resignations in leaders. We’re in a leadership emergency. Nicholas Rowe and Sheila Wise Rowe, with the compassion, skill, and wisdom of first responders, offer this thoughtful and practical volume as a salve to heal the wounds and a defibrillator to revive the heart. Pick this first-aid kit up if you want to heal and be revived in your leadership.”*

—RASOOL BERRY,  
teaching pastor at the Bridge Church, Brooklyn, New York



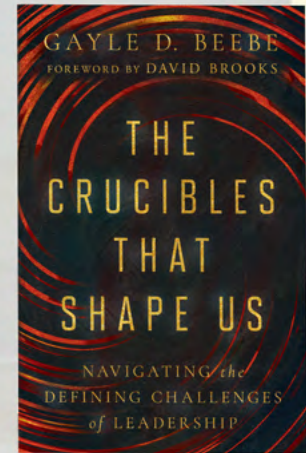
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## **THE CRUCIBLES THAT SHAPE US:**

*Navigating the Defining Challenges of Leadership*

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Gayle Beebe identifies seven crucibles—powerful catalysts for transformation—that, when embraced, shape us on this profound journey. Each chapter of this book delves into one of the crucibles, which Beebe intimately understands and has personally faced.

1. The Crucible of Missed Meaning
2. The Crucible of Enduring Challenge
3. The Crucible of Human Treachery
4. The Crucible of Awakened Moral Conscience
5. The Crucible of Social Conflict
6. The Crucible of Human Suffering
7. The Crucible of Personal Choice

*“The Crucibles That Shape Us combines extraordinarily wide multidisciplinary learning with intense leadership experience and profound interior reflection to guide any interested reader into a deeper and more fruitful life. The seven fiery trials Gayle Beebe describes, through which each of us shall inevitably pass, will surely either shape, scar, or sear us. There’s only one person I know who could have written this book, but there are multitudes of us who need to read it.”*

—**John Ortberg**, pastor and author of *Eternity Is Now in Session*



**[GAYLE D. BEEBE](#)** (MBA and PhD, Claremont Graduate University) is president of Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California. He is also the author of [The Shaping of an Effective Leader](#) and is the coauthor of [Longing for God with Richard J. Foster](#).



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