

## **Foreword**

I once heard the story told by an American missionary, working deep in the Amazon jungle. He was surprised one day to discover two young American tourists on their way through the jungle. The young travelers asked for some directions on their journey. The patient missionary did the best job possible to explain to these young tourists that in the jungle, one does not need directions or a map, what one really needs is a guide. A guide is one who knows the way and great dangers of the journey. The guide also knows the special delights and beauties along the pathway.

The book that you hold in your hands was written by two men who are experienced guides -- who know the way, the dangers, and the delights of Christian life -- and who share openly the mystery of this Christian journey.

Everybody has a story, and Mike and Tom, in their openness and transparency, boldly tell the story of what they have seen God do, as they have walked along the Christian pathway. Their unique experience of encounter with God and the story of His transformation, as they have discovered the way, will be a powerful challenge to every reader. Just as unique as every thumbprint, so the Christian adventure will be your unique story. No one else will ever have exactly the same story that you do. God is good; God is faithful, and He is still writing your story.

Don't miss the tremendous joy on this journey. God, Himself, is the center and source of all true joy. People love to talk about the things that they love. Those on this Christian journey have discovered that their joy in God is an experience that simply must be told to others along the way. "I am certain that God who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." Philippians 1:6 NLT

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