



'Tis Mercy All

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We live in a world where cancel culture, polarising politics and social media virtue signalling are the norm, and mercy is rare. But followers of Jesus are called to be different – to 'love mercy' in a world that hates it.

In her new book, 'Tis Mercy All – The Power of Mercy in a Polarised World', Natalie Williams takes us on a deep dive into the mercy of God, urging us to live lives of mercy that point people to Jesus.

Jesus called his disciples to be merciful, just like our Father (Luke 6:36), so our starting place needs to be developing a rich theology of God's merciful heart towards us.

'Tis Mercy All explores why that is harder for Christians than we might imagine. If we are honest, we wrestle with the idea of God's mercy because it's not fair, it seems at odds with some of his other attributes such



as holiness and justice, and we struggle to reconcile it with our suffering and wilderness seasons. Dealing with each of these objections in turn, Natalie works through the scriptures to persuade us that God really is more wonderfully merciful than we might dare to dream.

Only once we are convinced that God's dealings with his children really are 'mercy all', can we begin to align first our attitudes, and then our actions, with our Father's. As we are transformed by His mercy, we become mercy-bringers to a world that desperately needs it.

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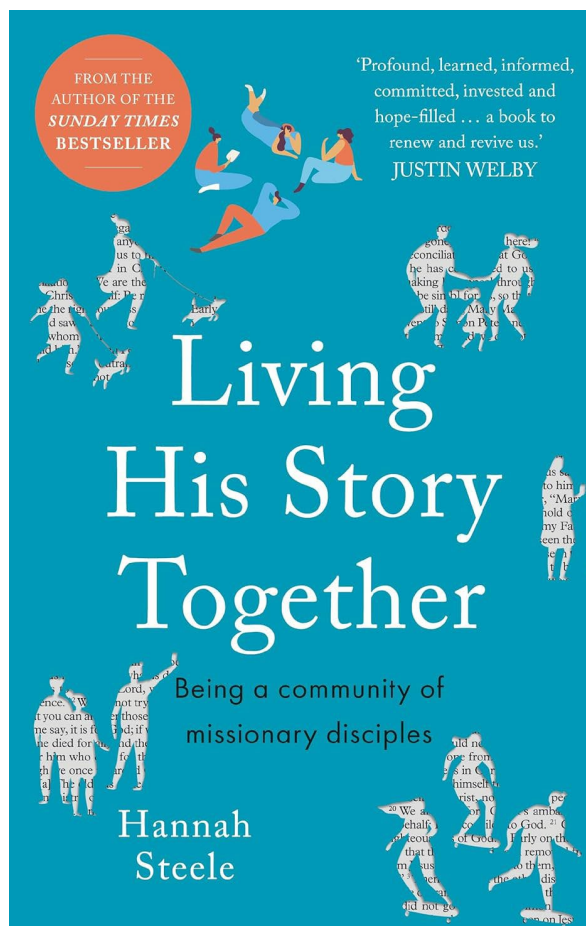
‘Living His Story Together: Being A Community of Missionary Disciples’

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It is often said that the Church in the West is at crisis point. Newspaper headlines tell us that institutional Christianity is in decline in the UK and that in our increasingly secular culture religious faith should be a matter of personal preference, rarely seen and certainly not heard.

However, to borrow from Mark Twain, reports of the death of the Church in the West may be greatly exaggerated. The church I am part of in Peckham has gone from near closure to bursting at the seams in two decades. Through my work at St Mellitus College, I have come to see that this story is not an anomaly, a freak story that bucks the trend of decline. Up and down the country, signs of renewal and revival are growing up in the most unlikely places: a gathering of mums after the school drop off in Essex that became an established worshipping community, a church plant in Oxfordshire on a new housing estate that became a pivotal connection point for the local community, a



well established church in Reading providing a place of home for refugees and asylum seekers.

I write about these stories and more in my latest book ‘Living His Story Together: Being a Community of Missionary Disciples’. The image of missionary disciples suggests movement and flexibility, an outwards orientation and a commitment to learning together. My intention has been to write a love letter to the church, not chastising us to pull up our socks and do better, but reminding us of the privilege to which we have been called. The fact that God has entrusted the living out of the gospel of Jesus to people like you and me is both humbling and challenging. Who knows what God might

do next? I, for one, am expectant.

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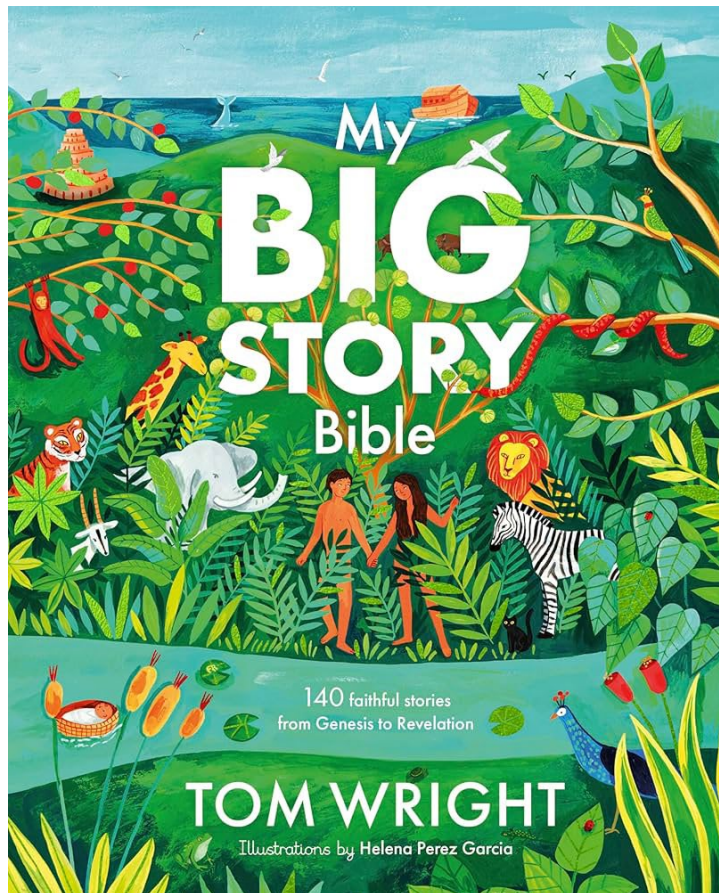


My Big Story Bible

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My Big Story Bible takes the adventure of reading a children's Bible to a new level with lively storytelling and vibrant illustrations. Written by the theologian Tom Wright, this book is perfect for readers aged 7-12 years. It offers a faithful and engaging retelling of major Bible stories from both the Old and New Testaments and invites children to discover the surprising connections between stories and how they form the BIG STORY of God's plan to make everything right and unite heaven and earth when Jesus returns. Beautifully illustrated by Helena Perez Garcia, this children's Bible unlocks creativity and imagination, helping young readers to vividly visualize the historical events of the Bible.



My Big Story Bible highlights familiar characters and events and includes often-overlooked passages from the Psalms, Proverbs, the Prophets, and Paul's letters. These elements help explain the overarching story that God wants all people to hear. Whether reading alone or aloud, children and adults alike will enjoy spotting the visual and narrative connections that weave together God's enduring story, a story that invites readers to participate.

My Big Story Bible is available worldwide from Amazon and all major bookstores.

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