

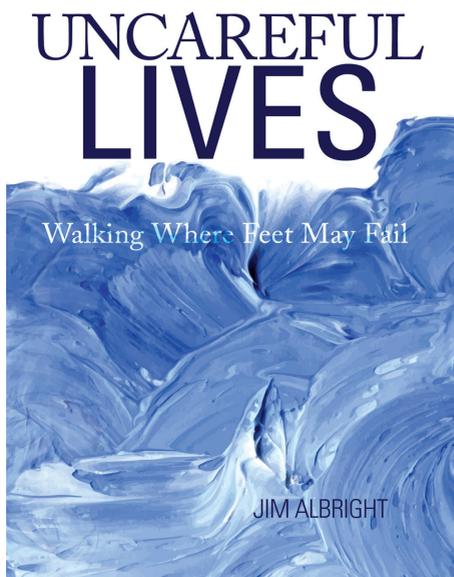


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PASTOR ENCOURAGES CHRISTIANS TO LIVE BOLD, DARING, COURAGEOUS LIVES OF FAITH NEW BOOK CHALLENGES CHRISTIANS TO LIVE UNCAREFUL LIVES



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For immediate release: Whether you realize it or not, you've been called to be a go-with-Jesus disciple. Your life has an intricate and extraordinary plan, and the only thing standing in the way is you. Jim Albright's *Uncareful Lives: Walking Where Feet May Fail* (Ambassador International; July 2015; \$12.99, paperback) is a rallying cry for Christians to boldly step out in their faith to live "uncarefully" for the Lord. In *Uncareful Lives*, author Jim Albright exhorts Christians to step out of their comfort zones in obedience to Jesus Christ. After spending two decades in corporate business as a CPA, Albright answered God's call to preach. "Sadly, unlike what we see on the pages of Scripture, many who call themselves Christians today forgo nothing, venture nothing, risk nothing, and sacrifice nothing," writes Albright.

Uncareful Lives is a contemporary walkthrough of some of the fundamentals of the Christian faith. Albright begins with a description of who God is and works from this truth to encourage readers to live boldly in their faith. He uses the story of Peter walking on water to meet Jesus as a metaphor for our own need to meet Jesus despite the ever-present obstacles. Riddled with Scripture and quotes from some of Christianity's most influential writers, Albright's book can be a first step out onto the water of a radical life of truly walking with Christ.

Albright warns that the uncareful life is not necessarily a comfortable life or an easy one, though it is by far the most thrilling. He cautions the Christian who follows God's call that we may have to make hard, costly, and risky decisions, but, because our God is God, we can trust His sovereignty in the uncareful-ness. "I wrote this book with the specific intent of lovingly destroying your present way of life if you call yourself a Christian but have not truly given yourself away to Jesus Christ." *Uncareful Lives* emphatically reminds readers to perform "exploits of faith" for the glory of God.

About the Author: At the age of 42, Jim left a 20-year business career to answer God's call to preach. Since early 2004, he and his wife, Karen, have lived in Milan, Italy, where Jim is the pastor of the International Church of Milan, a non-denominational, Bible-believing, and Bible-teaching church ministering to internationals from every corner of the globe.

To connect with the author or request a review copy of *Uncareful Lives*, please contact publicist Alison Storm at media@emeraldhouse.com.

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Suggested Interview Questions for the Author:

1. What inspired you to write *Uncareful Lives*?
2. What was the hardest part about leaving your CPA job for the uncareful life of ministry?
3. What has been the most rewarding experience of your ministry?
4. Did your wife adapt well to the uncareful life God had called you to?
5. What would you say to encourage those who may be at the “deciding” moment who are still unsure about stepping out onto the waters like Peter did?
6. You mention several writers of the Christian faith in *Uncareful Lives*; who is your favorite/who is most encouraging to you?
7. Not everyone is called into international missions or into full-time ministry. How can people live an uncareful life in their day-to-day activities?
8. What is a beginner’s “exploit” to help get someone started toward greater exploits?
9. What kinds of challenges have you faced in Italy that are unique to being an international minister?
10. What do you hope people will take from *Uncareful Lives*?

Endorsements:

WARNING: READING THIS BOOK CAN be hazardous to your health. And your wealth. And your plans. And more. As Alex and Brett Harris urged teenaged Christians to “do hard things”, so Jim Albright exhorts all believers in Christ to live “uncareful lives”. He does this by walking through the lives of the heroic believers portrayed in Hebrews 11, noting that their names are not indelibly etched into this chapter because they always followed the common admonition to “be careful,” but because they did just the opposite. They were not reckless, rather they were simply willing to take God at His Word. Read this book, and you may find that, like those exemplars of faith, you begin to live a more “uncareful life” for the glory of God too.

—Donald S. Whitney

Professor of Biblical Spirituality, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and author of *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*

UNCAREFUL LIVES IS ESSENTIALLY JIM ALBRIGHT’S challenge to Christians everywhere to believe God by faith alone. Simply put, isn’t this exactly the biblical definition of what it means to be a Christian in the first place? In a day and age where “easy-believeism” and “cheap grace” seem to dominate the general religious landscape, this book cuts through these various and insidiously false forms of “faith,” and thus attempts to teach us rightly about the lives we ought to be living as truly regenerate children of our Heavenly Father. As the author well reminds us, we do have the license—not to sin by engaging in reckless disobedience—but to be finally freed by God Himself to do His holy will. This freedom to live as we really ought is gained only when we place our confidence squarely and exclusively in Jesus Christ, turning from our sin and living solely by faith in the Son of God. I have known the author of this book for many years now, and I believe this is what he is attempting to do himself—living life through faith alone in Jesus, and both he and I graciously invite you to do the same. May this book assist you to do just that!

—Lance Quinn

Founding and senior pastor of Thousand Oaks Bible Church in California and former staff pastor and personal assistant to John MacArthur at Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, California

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Additional Endorsements:

JIM ALBRIGHT, AN ACTIVE PASTOR in Milan, Italy, is an exhorter. He is in good company. The author of Hebrews was also an exhorter. “Bear with my word of exhortation,” he said at the end of his now-famous book. Like that author, Jim Albright presses for faith in God. He doesn’t at all mean that static counterfeit faith which is so often seen, but the kind of faith that characterizes those described in the faith chapter, Hebrews 11—Abraham, Noah, Moses and others. Who can say what God will do for Himself if you learn to live like that? Read it and believe!

—Jim Elliff

President of Christian Communicators Worldwide and a founding pastor of Christ Fellowship of Kansas City

WRITTEN IN A PREACHING STYLE, *Uncareful Lives* is a stirring exposition and application of that great roll call of faith found in Hebrews 11. Jim Albright challenges us readers to take our minds off our limitations and look to an all-wise, sovereign God who can accomplish His every purpose in our lives. The book seriously challenged me. At 77 years of age and looking back over my life, I realized that too often I had failed to trust God, looking at circumstances rather than God’s almighty power over everything in His entire universe. Jim demonstrates in his own life how God has marvelously taken care of him in what some would consider even dangerous steps; thus he has personally lived out what he is preaching. While not asking one to do foolhardy things, *Uncareful Lives* is a serious biblical challenge to step out of the boat, keeping our eyes on the Lord, and to walk on the waters that God, in His wisdom and sovereignty, has control over. You will be informed, corrected, challenged, stirred, and called over and over to trust Him whom you know to be trustworthy! It is a hard-hitting book that pulls no punches!

—Curtis C. Thomas

Served forty-four years in the ministry and retired in 1998 as one of the pastors of The Bible Church of Little Rock (Arkansas) and also the author of several books including *Romans: An Interpretive Outline and Practical Wisdom for Pastors*

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