

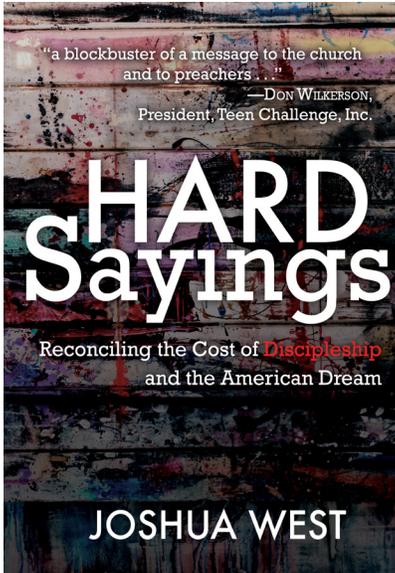


Hard Sayings news release

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PASTOR'S NEW NOVEL CONSIDERS WHETHER THE HARD SAYINGS OF JESUS AND THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP CAN TRULY BE RECONCILED WITH THE AMERICAN DREAM



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For immediate release: Author Joshua West says his heart breaks for a church that looks more and more like the world. West believes that one of the main reasons we are powerless and lacking influence is because we do not value the Scriptures and no longer preach the true gospel. In his new book, *Hard Sayings: Reconciling the Cost of Discipleship and the American Dream* (Ambassador International; May 26, 2020; \$15.99) West answers questions such as, is the version of Jesus we talk about and preach in our churches the same Jesus that is revealed to us in the Scriptures? Is there such a thing as discipleship without self-denial and sacrifice? And, what does it mean to pick up your cross and follow Jesus in the 21st century?

About the Book

“A blockbuster of a message to the church and to preachers . . .”
-Don Wilkerson, President, Teen Challenge, Inc.

- Can American Christianity really reconcile itself to the hard sayings of Jesus and the teaching of Scripture, or have we invented a version suitable for mass consumption that agrees with our Western ideas of fairness, our so-called rights, and the all-important American dream?
- In order to make God approachable, have we left out the parts of the New Testament we don't like?
- Is there a cost to being a disciple of Jesus?
- How do we reconcile the teachings of the Jesus we find in Scripture with the American Jesus we have created?

In *Hard Sayings: Reconciling the Cost of Discipleship and the American Dream*, pastor and international speaker Joshua West considers these questions and more, and he compares the parables, teachings, and person of Jesus Christ found in Scripture against the pop culture Jesus we have invented in the West.

Looking at the entertainment-driven, celebrity culture of the American church, West challenges the reader to reconcile what the Bible calls the cost of discipleship with the American dream.

About the Author

Joshua West is an Assembly of God Minister. He currently serves as the Pastor and Program Manager of Sunrise Adult and Teen Challenge in Cache, Oklahoma. He partners in life and ministry with his wife and best friend, Kiara. Their goal is to preach the gospel to all people and bring glory to the name of Jesus.

To connect with the author or request a review copy of *Hard Sayings* please contact publicity director Liz Burgdorf at media@emeraldhouse.com.

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Suggested Interview Questions for the Author:

1. What are you most encouraged by in the modern church?
2. What do you feel is the biggest problem with modern preaching?
3. How does pastoring Sunrise Adult and Teen Challenge influence or fit into your writing?
4. What's missing today in the American Church?
5. Why do you talk so much about the prosperity gospel?
6. Do you plan on pastoring a traditional church someday?
7. What are your thoughts on the seeker sensitive church?
8. How did you come to faith?
9. What is your hope for this book?
10. What is your hope for the future?



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