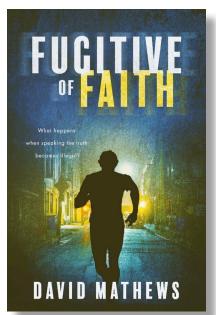
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## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SPEAKING THE TRUTH BECOMES ILLEGAL IN THE UNITED STATES? A PASTOR ON THE RUN FOR HIS FREEDOM FIGHTS FOR THE RIGHT TO PREACH THE TRUTH.



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**For immediate release:** From the creative pen of David Mathews comes a gritty, action-packed suspense novel, begging the impossible question: what if freedom of speech is lost in the United States? *Fugitive of Faith* (Ambassador International, July 27, 2021, \$16.99) upsets the comfortable stasis that so many American Christians find themselves in and creates a suspenseful universe in which the state tries to dictate what pastors can and cannot preach. *Fugitive of Faith* proclaims the tale of what happens when truth becomes illegal, and Bible-teaching Christians must run for their freedom or risk imprisonment.

#### About the Book

Pastor Pete Holloway is an ordinary Bible-believing pastor, Iraqi war vet, husband, and father in San Francisco, California. His world is upended when he is called to the local police precinct to answer to charges of disseminating hate speech per the Hate Speech Reparation and Elimination Act recently voted into law by the state of California. Pastor Pete soon realizes that he must make a choice: remain home and be arrested or abandon his family and church and begin the life of a fugitive, searching for freedom. He chooses the latter, and the man of God becomes the man on the run. Fugitive of Faith is far more than a dystopian "what if" novel. It is an insightful, necessary soul search of the ordinary American Christian. As Holloway searches out legal recourse to help him regain his freedom, he begins to realize the dark layers of his own sins. "Even if we think we can only do a little, we don't have the option of doing nothing." Fugitive of Faith reminds its readers how precious freedom is; how rare truth is; and that each human being, no matter how outwardly righteous, hides his own sin deep within his heart. This thrilling novel challenges the preconceptions many hold dear, while taking its readers on a wild foray through California's legal system. Christians around the world will be challenged and molded by this political thriller set in the infamous state of California.

#### About the Author

David Mathews was born in the small town of Friend, Nebraska, a community of 1100 people once listed in *Ripley's Believe It or Not* for having the world's smallest police station—a tiny tool shed previously used by highway construction crews. He grew up in small towns in Kansas and Indiana before settling in Indianapolis after college. David describes himself as a "big dreamer with an over-active imagination." Now living in Ohio, David and his wife, Donna, have six children between them, along with a son-in-law, daughter-in-law, three grandchildren, and two Boston terriers. He enjoys home remodeling, woodworking, bicycling, camping, and loves being a grandfather. David also never grows tired of watching *Andy Griffith* reruns.

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### Endorsements for Fugitive of Faith

"As the voice of Conservative Christian politics in Kansas, I am constantly in the bullseye of today's Godless cancel culture. Author, David Mathews, through his artistic gift, *Fugitive of Faith*, teaches me that I rest comfortably in God's hands. I know this brilliant book will be an incredible gift to you as well. Simply put, *Fugitive of Faith* is a glorious journey through the perils of our progressive society and an honor to read."

—STATE SENATOR MARK B. STEFFEN, M.D.

"Since all but a handful of states have hate crimes laws on the books, this fictional look at how a Bible-believing pastor might deal with being accused of violating the law and face both criminal charges and devastating real world effects is especially relevant. As recent events in Canada clearly illustrate, a day of reckoning for members of the clergy may not be as far away as some Christians believe it to be. This work will serve as a catalyst for soul searching and spark spirited discussion for Christians in all walks of life!"

—COURTNEY MONTGOMERY, Political blogger at The Cerebral Conservative

## Suggested Interview Questions for David Mathews

- 1. Where did the idea for Fugitive of Faith originate?
- 2. What was you motivation and purpose for writing this book?
- 3. Who is the book dedicated to, and why?
- 4. What is the main theme of the book?
- 5. How would you describe the plot and tone of the book?
- 6. Who are some individuals who have influenced and inspired your writing?
- 7. What does your writing process look like, and what advice might you offer other aspiring writers?
- 8. What are some quotes from the book that reflect the main theme?
- 9. What do you hope the readers take away from this book?
- 10. Why should people buy Fugitive of Faith?

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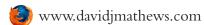
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