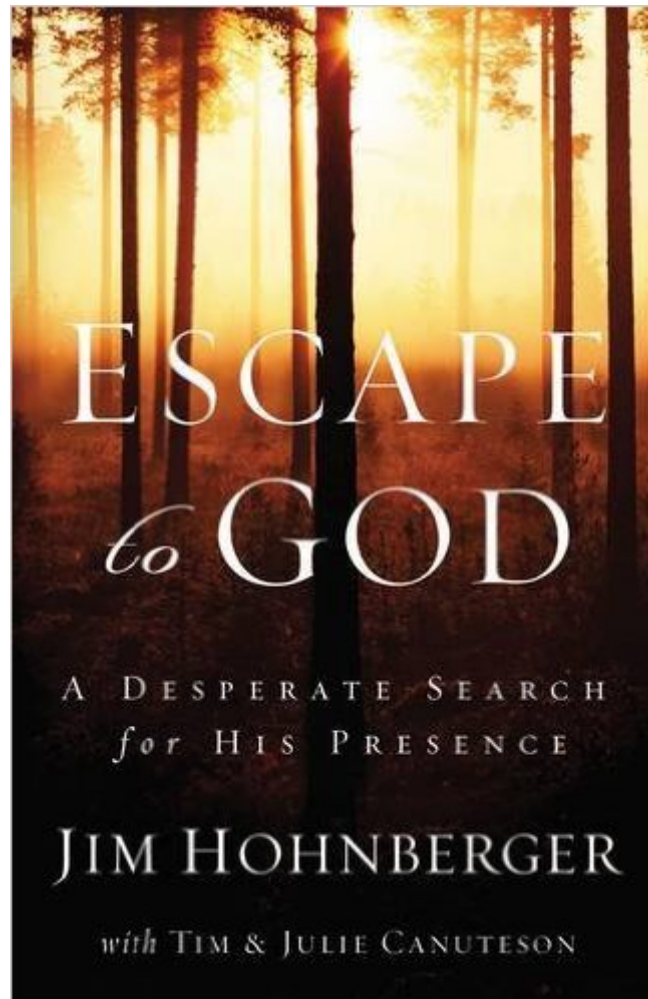


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Escape To God: A Desperate Search For His Presence



Synopsis

In search of authentic Christianity, author Jim Hohnberger and his family found the restorative power of God's love. As a result, the Hohnbergers have helped others remove life's draining distractions, and countless lives have been transformed. In *Escape to God*, readers will be challenged and inspired to put aside the card-punching religion of "Churchianity" and experience the indescribable peace and empowerment God intends for His people.

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Author and now survivalist (in the truest sense, as both skilled outdoorsman and authentic spiritual sojourner) Jim Hohnberger recognized his fast-paced lifestyle wasn't getting him where he wanted to go. With a wife and two sons he didn't have time for, Hohnberger's search for genuine life-altering faith in God sent him across the country more than two decades ago. In this text, Hohnberger details his early family life, his cursory entertainment with religion, and the various rabbit holes he ventured into before making this momentous decision to sell out and go west. The author cites that his life before the move to the wilderness in Montana left him stressed, hurried, and so pressed that peace didn't factor into his day-to-day equation. Giving a nod to organized churches as the catalyst to a personal faith in Christ that occurred later on, Hohnberger perceptively acknowledges that for years he lived with the assumption that he was a Christian by merit of an academic belief in certain theological concepts. He realized that this head knowledge left him with little understanding of the love of God. Nor was he a recipient of the power God endows his children with to live sacrificial

lives. Responding to the inner call, "...be still, and know that I am God," [Ps.46:10] the Hohnberger family closed a familiar chapter of their lives to enter an uncharted one. In a miraculous turn of events, the Hohnbergers purchased a 960-square foot log cabin on five acres of land that overlooked Glacier National Park in Montana. Once they paid any outstanding debts, Hohnberger was determined not to work for the next three years. This meant scrutinizing each expenditure and living on a mere \$500 per month. Doing without and learning to do became daily life musts for the entire family.

I just love this book, that is, the message of a very personal God. Sometimes I am so excited about a book that I recommend it to others, other times I even buy few extra just for sharing (give away), but this is the only one that I have been so excited about that I have bought many extra for sharing. What I like most about this message is a very personal guiding God and how to use Scripture, Conscience and Reason in your listening. I also like other messages as not to be so busy that you neglect your God, family and yourself doing good for others. See especially chapter 3 titled "A Life of Simplicity". Actually this is happening right now to myself resulting in losing my close walk with Jesus and my joy and peace too, because I have neglected Jesus being so busy "doing good" for church, friends and employer even resulting in losing my desire to read the Bible and prayer. Therefore I personally understand Jim's message about not being too busy "doing good". Now I need to escape into the wilderness (away from too busy life) to meet God again! I also like chapter 4 titled "A Bundle of Choices" about obedience, especially the conversation between Jim and a man named Al: Jim: "Al," I said, "do you believe that Jesus came to earth and as your Substitute paid the price for your sins?" Al: "Yes, I do." Jim: "Do you love the Lord with all of your heart and mind and soul?" Al: "Yes, I do." Jim: "Then," I said, "you have accepted Jesus as your Substitute. That is good, but it is not in and of itself complete. You must have Jesus as Lord of your life. Are you, at this moment, fully in submission to all your known choices? Are you at peace with God?" Al: "No, I'm not," Al answered quietly.

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