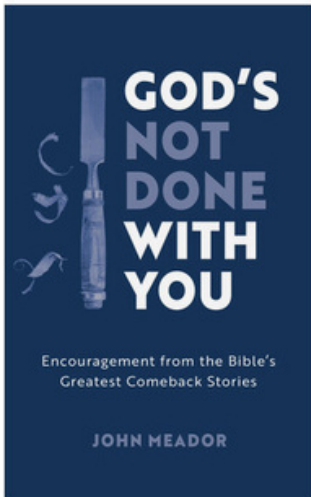




GOD'S NOT DONE WITH YOU Pastor John Meador Shares The Bible's Greatest Comeback Stories – Alongside His Own



Charlotte, North Carolina – Every human being experiences setbacks and disappointments in life, but some are harder to come back from than others. **Pastor John Meador** faced a life-changing challenge at just six years of age, when a severe childhood illness left him profoundly deaf. And though his hearing loss was irreversible, Meador today preaches weekly at Cross City Church (near Dallas-Fort Worth), a congregation of 3,000 people. In his first book, ***God's Not Done With You: Encouragement from the Bible's Greatest Comeback Stories*** (The Good Book Company, April 2023), Meador recounts his own life story alongside nine remarkable “comeback stories” from the Bible.

In ***God's Not Done With You***, Meador writes: “God has recorded the details of these lives so that we might know about them and learn from them. He’s shown us these stories because He wants you to see Him more clearly in your own life and your own challenges. In these stories, you are going to learn that God is not done with you.”

Meador invites readers to discover the myriad of ways God uses failure and setbacks in the lives of his people. Through Bible stories and examples from members of his church – as well as his own powerful story – Meador shows how God works in mysterious ways for those who seek Him. Each of the character studies is a close look at the sovereignty and redemption of God, including:

- *Moses – one of history’s greatest leaders, who nearly forfeited an entire future because of his anger. But God had a way of rescuing Moses and has a way of rescuing us.*
- *Joseph – his character was demonstrated with astounding clarity through dark circumstances, but those same circumstances also prepare him for an amazing future. God uses it all.*
- *Esther – her life’s message is unmistakable. God is there, even when we cannot see Him and even though we do not hear from Him. God is working everything according to the counsel of His will, and He does not miss a detail or waste a moment.*
- *Jonah – the storm, sea, and fish were difficult things to bear, because God’s responses to disobedience are hard. Yet they are also filled with grace, favor, and the goodness of God.*
- *Elijah – his battle with disappointment and depression, leading to a desire to die, is amazingly relevant. A troubling background isn’t required in order to experience a dark night of the soul. There is a way out.*
- *Abigail – her story is about being ready in the moment for unpredictable, critical decisions—and how we handle people who are angry and hell-bent on destruction.*
- *David – he committed the most infamous act of adultery in the history of the world, yet his public humiliation led to God’s ultimate glory.*
- *Peter – his life consisted of the highest highs and the lowest lows. He was a bold follower of Jesus and a prolific blunderer. He spoke up for Jesus and against Jesus. Jesus loved him and rebuked him.*
- *Hezekiah – for most, death is not forecast with a date and a time stamp, but for King Hezekiah it was.*

Press Release

Author John Meador's 35 years of Bible-teaching ministry and his experience of permanent hearing loss, allow him to write about tragedy with compassion and authenticity. "Your life may feel more like you've been hit by a massive tsunami rather than a rogue wave of hardship. Yet the Bible's real-life 'comeback' stories reveal how even the most tragic events can lead to more meaningful outcomes than we can possibly imagine."

The Good Book Company has designed a multi-pronged marketing campaign for the launch ***God's Not Done with You***, including a national publicity campaign, direct-to-consumer advertising and a social media strategy to raise awareness of Meador and his book.

About John Meador

John Meador has served as a lead pastor for 40 years, most recently at Cross City Church, in Euless, Texas (in the DFW area) since 2006. The church, with 3,000 active members, is intergenerational and multi-ethnic with ministries from birth to beyond retirement. He and His wife Kim have been married for 44 years and are the grateful parents of six grown children. John loves "real" sports—and enjoys working on and driving around in his old Ford truck. More at www.johnmeador.com.



Founded in 1991, **The Good Book Company** (TGBC) is an international Christian publisher. Their Bible studies, books, devotionals, videos, tracts, evangelistic courses, and training materials are used throughout the English-speaking world, and in translation in over 35 languages worldwide. Everyone at TGBC is passionate about the Lord Jesus, His word, His church, and His gospel of grace. They create and publish biblical, relevant, and accessible resources that will encourage Christians to keep going, keep growing, and keep sharing their faith.

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By John Meador

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Quotes from Pastor John Meador

In your worst hours, you are not alone. He is the God who is THERE with you. He is FOR you.

God gives promises to ordinary individuals and keeps them. It is those fulfilled promises that change outcomes.

God will teach us the art of how not to self-destruct while we're waiting on answers and solutions.

God will use your difficult circumstances to build trust in Him, forge strong character in you, and show others the power of God working within your situations.



Suggested Interview Questions for Pastor John Meador

- ▶ How did deafness affect your view of God growing up?
- ▶ How have you seen, in scripture, God's involvement in the lives of his people, even when they were not aware of it?
- ▶ How have you known God is with you during your worst hours? How does God speak during those times?
- ▶ How did anger debilitate Moses? How have you struggled with anger in your own life?
- ▶ What implications does the story of Abigail have for our difficult relationships in modern life?
- ▶ How can we not self-destruct during hard or uncertain times while we are waiting for answers and solutions?
- ▶ How have you seen God's faithfulness in the lives of ordinary individuals?
- ▶ How does the story of Elijah comfort those who struggle with depression?
- ▶ How does Peter's story offer encouragement to the struggling Christian today?

Endorsements



“***God's Not Done With You*** is both a biblical and a personal look at how God rescues, restores, and repurposes our lives in amazing ways. In an era when hope and encouragement are lacking, these stories will inspire you to greater faith in the God who has great plans for your life!”

- **ROBERT JEFFRESS**, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas



“What the world needs now is hope! In this book, John Meador shows us that it is never too late for a new beginning: that one setback doesn't make a failure. We get to bat again. Read it... and reap!”

- **O.S. HAWKINS**, Best-selling author of *The Promise Code*



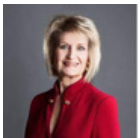
“What a great book! Reading it reminded me of my own story of setback, and the similar stories of many who I pastor. This book will be a wonderful encouragement and blessing for those for whom confusion or pain is loud, and who need to hear that God's not done with them.”

- **STEVE ROBINSON**, Senior Pastor, Cornerstone Liverpool, UK; Director, Acts 29 UK



“John Meador knows something about struggles and facing great odds. Robbed of his hearing as a young boy as a result of illness, he does not even hear himself speak, yet he has mastered the art of preaching without hearing even his own voice. His own struggle makes it natural for him to speak up for those who are facing various challenges in their lives. The pages before you will encourage you, thrill you, challenge you, and confront you with your own need for a second chance in life. God is not through with you yet!”

- **JIMMY DRAPER**, President Emeritus, LifeWay



“I'm already making my list of loved ones to send copies of this book to. The comeback stories from the Bible apply so aptly to crises they're facing: depression, disobedience, disillusionment, difficult people to deal with, debilitating health challenges... Here is a direct, inspiring message from an authentic voice.”

- **DIANNA BOOHER**, Author, *Communicate With Confidence* and *Communicate Like a Leader*



“The Bible is not only a book to believe but also to be lived. This is the reason why so much of God's word is written in the very human stories of real people. John Meador delivers the stories of men and women like you and me who step from the pages of Scripture to show us how to overcome and live in hope every day. We all enjoy comeback stories, and ***God's Not Done With You*** is a great read for those who want to keep going and never quit as we face life's challenges. If you want more grit and more grace in your life, this book is for you!”

- **JACK GRAHAM**, Pastor, Prestonwood Baptist Church, Plano, Texas