



# STEVE GRAY

AUTHOR, PASTOR

Steve Gray is a seasoned pastor and sought-after speaker. His spiritual guidance and leadership have touched thousands. He has authored multiple books and is a three-time Emmy award winner. Steven has a degree in both instrumental and vocal music and education. As a songwriter and recording artist of multiple CDs, his music has enriched many lives with hope and compassion. His dedication to education is evident with a lifetime teaching certificate in Missouri and a Doctorate in Theology. Steven’s commitment to family is evident through 48 years of marriage and his pride in being a parent to two daughters and a grandparent to four cherished grandchildren.

## CREDENTIALS

- Leader of the historic Smithton Outpouring and 2009 Kansas City Revival.
- Founding and senior pastor of [Revive Church KC](#).
- Veteran musician, songwriter, recording artist and published author.
- Steve’s books include:
  - [When the Kingdom Comes: Lessons from the Smithton Outpouring](#)
  - [My Absurd Religion](#)
  - [Hope Heals: The Beginning of a Dream](#)  
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## AVAILABILITY

- Widely available Mondays - Fridays
- Available to travel or via phone, Zoom
- Central time (Kansas City, MO)

## EXPERTISE

- Trauma and abuse therapy
- Healing and recovery frameworks:
- Faith and psychology integration
- Leadership in counseling and education:
- Story-centered therapeutic practices
- Marriage

## ONLINE (CLICK TO VISIT)



More Faith More Life, a weekly podcast hosted by Steve Gray, helps listeners break from the status quo to transform their faith and their lives. [Click here to listen.](#)

## MEDIA

Hear from Steve in the clips from his podcast and media appearances below.



## WHY REVIVAL? THOUGHTS FROM STEVE:

“Revival, much like an unstoppable river, has gripped the imagination of countless generations. We desperately need God’s presence—for God to come and fill our churches and transform our lives with His power, presence, and glory. So why isn’t revival breaking out in churches everywhere? We must connect to the spirit of truth! Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Truth is a person: Jesus. We’re missing out on truth because we’re not focused on Jesus, what He says, and who He really is. There’s really no set formula for revival. You just have to let God be God. But, we must also be open to how He works if we want to truly *get* revival. We cannot allow our pride and offense to prevent us from going where God leads. And we must let go of our preconceived notions of how revival should come, and humble ourselves before God, then He can transform our lives and churches beyond our wildest imaginations!”

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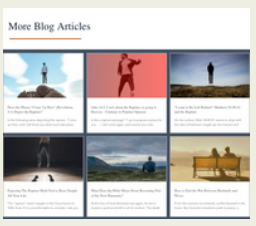
# JD KING

AUTHOR, PASTOR

King grew up in a revivalistic household in Northwest Arkansas. His grandfather was an Assemblies of God pastor and a participant in the Salvation-Healing Revival—sitting under Jack Coe, A.A. Allen, and Oral Roberts. After attending Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri in the mid-1990s, King moved to the cornfields of West Central Missouri to be a supporting leader in the Smithton Outpouring. In addition to pastoring, King served as the International Director of the Revival Network of Ministries and the Academic Dean at the Revival Training Center. He also developed curriculums, consulted ministry leaders, and traveled as speaker. A prolific writer, King has contributed articles to Christian publications and his blog posts gained a significant following—with over 1.5 million page views. King has written several books and in 2017 founded Christos Publishing, a company dedicated to producing superbly researched books informed by a Spirit-led worldview. King is known for his dedication and passion for the gospel. In addition to other duties, he serves as a pastor at Revive Church in Kansas City. King prays, leads Bible studies, spearheads evangelism efforts and provides practical guidance to those desiring to grow in their faith. J. D. and his wife, Bobbie, have been married twenty-seven years and reside in Lees Summit, Missouri with their kids. He enjoys spending time with his family.

## CREDENTIALS

- Three decades of ministry in the Pentecostal-Charismatic movement.
- Steve has written several books, including:
  - [Shift: Leading in Transition](#)
  - [The Beast of Revelation: Unraveling the Mystery](#)
  - [Regeneration: A Complete History of Healing in the Christian Church](#)
  - [Why You've Been Duped into Believing the World is Getting Worse](#)
  - [On the Verge of Eternity: Andrew Murray's Healing Ministry](#)
  - [Thunder in the Whirlwind: A Collection of Revival Quotations](#)
  - [Healing in History Series \(Multiple Volumes\)](#)
- Pastor at Revive Church in Kansas City



Read J.D.'s reflections on history, leadership, revival, Biblical teaching, and more on his blog

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## EXPERTISE

- Marriage counseling and relationship therapy / Helping couples address distress and cultivate meaningful connection through proven therapeutic methods and insights.
- Reconnection and emotional intimacy in marriage
- Marital distress and change
- Combining theological principles with clinical psychology to address the relational and spiritual dimensions of marriage.

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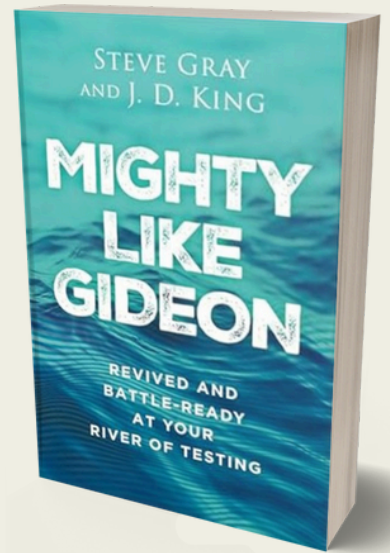
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# ABOUT THE BOOK



- Chosen Books (Baker Publishing Group)
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- ISBN: 978-0800772987
- Hardcover, \$39.99 USD
- Paperback, \$18.99 USD
- 240 pages
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Diving deep into the gripping account of Gideon in Judges 6–8, Steve Gray and J. D. King reveal the fundamental truth that we all have a spiritual thirst—and how and where we choose to quench that thirst determines our destiny. Leading readers to the shores of timeless biblical truth, Gray and King invite readers to jump headfirst into the rejuvenating waters of spiritual encounter, transformation and activation, equipping them to:

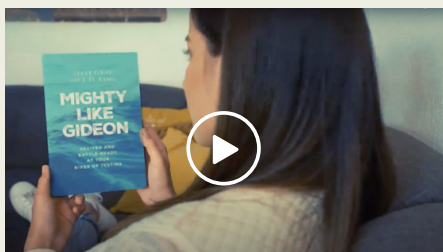
- Rekindle their relationship and connection with God
- Discover their God-given calling
- Align with his divine purposes
- Regain their spiritual footing
- Nurture their unique spiritual gifts
- Rise above any circumstance to step into their destiny

## WHY IS IT RELEVANT?

- We live in a culture that glorifies strength, but at the river, God told Gideon to reduce his fighting force. Examining this story more closely helps us follow God, especially when God's wisdom defies the wisdom of the world.
- Many Christians feel spiritually weak and ineffective. This book delves into the fundamental truth that we are all called to walk in the goodness and glory of God. When we find ourselves disconnected from Jesus, a sense of fulfillment and purpose eludes us. Centered on the idea of Revival, a long-standing approach of authors Gray and King, this book is part of a perpetual call to return to God, serve him, and be transformed.
- Facing grief and adversity, it's natural to wonder 'Where is God?' This book illuminates the profound truth that even in the darkest moments of life, when faced with adversity, suffering, and uncertainty, God's grace and power are our beacons of hope.

## READERS WILL...

- Be refreshed, revitalized, transformed, and guided on a profound journey of understanding and empowerment.
- Embrace revival by aligning with God's purpose.
- Grow in relationship with God through trust, faith, and cultivating their spiritual gifts.
- Begin to quench a deep spiritual thirst by connecting with God.



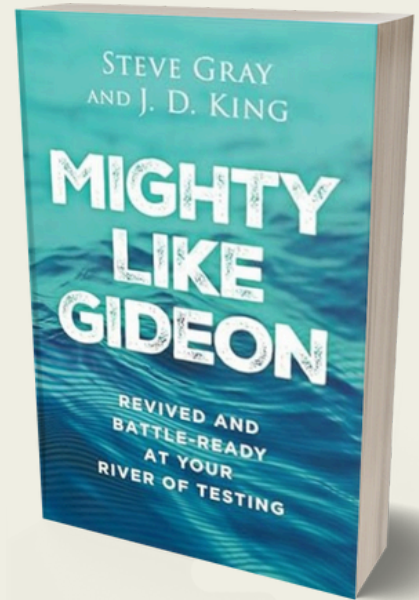
[Click the video to watch the Book Trailer for Mighty like Gideon.](#)

## SUGGESTED QUESTIONS

- The Smithton Outpouring drew over 250,000 people to a tiny rural town in Missouri. What was it like to be at the center of such an unexpected move of God, and how did it shape the message of this book?
- You use Gideon's story as a framework for spiritual transformation. Why Gideon, and what makes his journey particularly relevant for today's believers?
- In the book, you talk about "what you thirst for determines your destiny." Can you unpack that concept and explain how it plays out in people's spiritual lives?
- You've both been involved in ministry for decades. What's the biggest difference you see between those who experience lasting transformation and those who struggle to maintain spiritual momentum?
- The book discusses the role of testing in spiritual growth, much like Gideon's test at the river. How can readers distinguish between divine testing and mere obstacles?
- Having witnessed a significant revival firsthand, what advice would you give to someone who feels spiritually dry or disconnected right now?
- You write about moving from "spiritual timidity to holy boldness." What's one practical step readers can take today to begin that journey? The Smithton Revival happened in 1996, yet you're writing this book now. Why is this message particularly timely for 2025?
- How does your intergenerational partnership—representing different perspectives and experiences—enhance the book's message about spiritual transformation?

***“Masterfully weaving lessons from the tale of Gideon and revivals past, Steve Gray and J. D. King offer a clarion call to the modern church for returning to God’s ancient paths.”***

***—Josh Adkins, co-founder of Sent Ones, author of “Heaven Here”***



Unexpected things transpire when God shows up. The status quo is upended. Heavenly breakthroughs are unleashed that catch the eye and arrest the attention. I have witnessed these holy disruptions countless times.

I remember once when the Spirit came down on a group of people in rural Missouri. As they were seeking the Lord, the fire of the Holy Spirit swept over them, and they flew back three feet. It was a clear work of the Lord; no one touched them. I know this claim sounds bizarre, but I witnessed it with my own eyes.

Another time in a prayer gathering, I saw worshipers fall like dominoes— row by row— from the front to the back. As people were collapsing, some were crying and shrieking, while others were shaking. One of the individuals on the floor had been contemplating suicide, but God delivered her from the spirit of death. Others testified how God rescued them from depression, bitterness, and fear. One man said, “I don’t think I would have believed you if you told me this is what happens. In fact, it might have even frightened me, but now I don’t want to leave.”

Unusual experiences transpire as people encounter the glory of God. On one occasion, a couple receiving prayer began behaving as if they were intoxicated. It was like the time in Acts when Peter said, “These men are not drunk as you suppose” (Acts 2:15 ISV). I’ve witnessed seekers so inundated by the Lord’s presence that their speech was slurred and their legs were wobbly. Some had to be carried out to their cars because they were so overwhelmed.

One night, a couple was overcome by the Holy Spirit and had to be helped out of the building. On their way back to the hotel, some police officers pulled them over. They made both the man and the woman take a breathalyzer test and walk a straight line. The authorities didn’t believe that this couple was experiencing the effects of a God encounter. Yet with no evidence of alcoholic intoxication, they had to release them.

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As you can imagine, not everyone appreciated what was going on in these gatherings. A journalist from the *Word&Way*, a Missouri Southern Baptist periodical, visited the meetings and published a report titled “Slain in Smithton.” Although mostly sympathetic, the article did question people collapsing under the weight of God’s glory. The journalist quoted Dwain Carter, a Baptist pastor who visited the outpouring services. This minister said, “The worship, the music, and the sermon were excellent.” He was uncomfortable, however, with individuals falling back while receiving prayer, and insisted, “The Bible says when you encounter God, you fall on your face.”

Throughout history, people encountering the glory have crumbled to the ground in a myriad of different ways. As the Spirit moved, some fell on their faces. Others collapsed backward. I’ve even read accounts where people fell to their sides. The distinctions that this Baptist minister highlighted are virtually nonexistent in the annals of history. As the Holy Spirit draws near, there will often be a shaking “so that what cannot be shaken will remain” (Hebrews 12:27 NIV). I’ve watched the Lord do this kind of thing in restaurants, parking lots, and living rooms. God shows up in all sorts of places. I’ve seen people impacted at a movie theater and at a swimming pool. The glory of the Lord can come into all sorts of spheres. One time, I had to help someone get his car out of a ditch. He was so overwhelmed by the glory that he veered off the road.

I know this sounds extreme, but the Lord is still shaking whatever is shakable. We hold too tightly to the frivolous things. In a move of God, certain signs can attract outsiders and simultaneously reveal the callousness of insiders. Inexplicable wonders can force people to grapple with difficult questions. As the saying goes, sometimes God offends the mind to reveal the heart.

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