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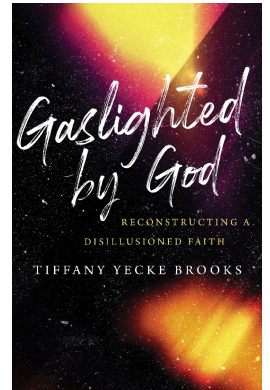
SUNDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

GASLIGHTED BY GOD

Reconstructing a Disillusioned Faith

Sundays, 9:30 - 10:20 a.m., in the Parlor

The cost of the book is \$18.00.



What happens when the God we've been taught to believe in seems powerless to help us in the struggles of life? What do we do when the God we personally encounter no longer resembles the God we've been shown in narrow interpretations of the Bible?

Many of those reared in the world of fundamentalist Christianity have been manipulated into accepting a false reality that runs counter to lived experience. The result is confusion, isolation, fear, shame, and trauma, often carried throughout one's entire life. This book is for the victims of this spiritual abuse—anyone looking to reclaim their faith from legalism, nationalism, sexism, anxiety, intolerance, and other mechanisms of control utilized by God's self-appointed gatekeepers. It's for anyone who has learned that the real God is infinitely complex, that authentic faith is perfectly compatible with doubt, and that our suffering is not something we've earned.

Gaslighted by God is not a book of easy answers—it's a companion for those mourning the loss of a belief system who need their pain recognized and legitimized. Tiffany Yecke Brooks shows—through stories from her own life, conversations with Christians from a variety of backgrounds, historical anecdotes, and messy episodes from Scripture—that there can be faith after disillusionment. But it will be a different faith—bruised, battered, nuanced, and real, rather than one wrapped in tissue-thin platitudes and three-point sermons. It will be a faith empowered to see beyond who God "should" be to who God is.

- April 7** - Introduction
Shell-Shocked Faith: Reconciling Scripture and Experience
- April 14** - Asking: The God Who Demands Too Much
Apathy: The God Who Doesn't Seem to Care
- April 21** - Atrophy: The God Who Can't Seem to Act
Anger: The God of Punishment
- April 28** - Ambiguity: The God of the Inscrutable
Abandonment: The God Who No Longer Feels Present

SERMON DISCUSSION

Thursday, April 18

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor

Join us as we discuss recent Sunday sermons, copies of which will be provided in advance.
Please make reservations in the narthex.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

March 31- April 6

Week of Easter

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | S | John 20:1-18 | Seeing the risen Christ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | M | Genesis 1:1-2:4a | The creation of the world |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | T | Psalms 104:1-24 | The works of God |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | W | Mark 16:1-8 | Mark's account of the resurrection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | T | Song of Solomon 3:1-11 | The song of the lover |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | F | 1 Corinthians 15:35-58 | The resurrected body |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | S | Psalms 136 | God's steadfast love |

April 7 - April 13

Week of Easter 2

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | S | John 20:19-31 | Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | M | Daniel 3:1-30 | God saves the three men from the fire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | T | Daniel 6:1-28 | God saves Daniel from the lions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | W | Mark 12:18-27 | Jesus teaches about the resurrection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | T | Isaiah 26:1-15 | Song of victory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | F | 1 John 2:3-17 | A new commandment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | S | Psalms 135 | Praise to God |

April 14 - April 20

Week of Easter 3

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | S | Luke 24:36b-48 | Eating with the risen Christ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | M | Jeremiah 30:1-11a | God will save the people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | T | Daniel 10:2-19 | Daniel's vision strengthens him |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | W | Mark 16:9-18 | Jesus appears to the disciples |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | T | Hosea 5:15-6:6 | Salvation on the third day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | F | 1 John 3:7-15 | Love one another |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | S | Psalms 150 | Praise to God |

April 21 - April 27

Week of Easter 4

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | S | John 10:11-18 | Christ, the shepherd |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | M | Genesis 48:8-19 | God has been my shepherd |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | T | 1 Chronicles 11:1-9 | The shepherd David made king |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | W | Mark 14:26-31 | Christ, the shepherd |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | T | Micah 7:8-20 | God will shepherd the people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | F | 1 Peter 5:1-5 | Christ, the great shepherd |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | S | Psalms 95 | We are the sheep of God's hand |

April 28 - May 4

Week of Easter 5

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | S | John 15:1-8 | Christ, the vine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | M | Isaiah 5:1-7 | The unfaithful vineyard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | T | Isaiah 32:9-20 | A fruitful field |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | W | John 14:18-31 | Keeping God's word |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | T | Isaiah 65:17-25 | God's people like a tree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | F | Galatians 5:16-26 | The fruits of the Spirit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | S | Psalms 80 | Israel, the vine |

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