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Brandon Hatmaker is a huge fan of the underdog. The tattooed preacher, author, and humanitarian who loves motorcycles and outcasts has devoted his life to exploring how deeper faith demolishes silos and reconciles people to God and one another. The founder of Austin New Church, Brandon has more than 20 years of church leadership experience. He launched The Legacy Collective, a giving community focused on partnering, pioneering, and funding sustainable solutions to systemic social issues around the world – in 2015, and currently serves as the organization’s CEO. Along with his wife, author and speaker Jen Hatmaker, and their five children, Brandon has also charmed the entire country on breakout HGTV series “My Big Family Renovation” and “Tiny House Arrest,” along with other appearances. His books include “Barefoot Church: Serving the Least in a Consumer Culture” and the highly anticipated **A MILE WIDE: TRADING A SHALLOW RELIGION FOR A DEEPER FAITH** (Nelson Books, ISBN: 978-0718078508; Sept 13, 2016; \$22.99). The Hatmakers live just outside of Austin, Texas. For more information, please visit brandonhatmaker.com

Why Brandon Hatmaker?



- With wisdom, humility, and humor, Brandon opens eyes to what can be achieved through a willingness to ask the right questions and do the right work.
- Brandon is not merely interested in talking: From steps to deepening personal faith to ways to better serve those who need it most, his big ideas are as implementable as they are inspirational.
- Brandon’s message of love resonates broadly. He argues that in the gospel, Jesus meets people where they are, no matter how broken or socially unacceptable the circumstances. Brandon urges the church to do the same – to go out into the world, learn the names and stories of the marginalized, and address immediate needs from hunger to deforestation to robbed dignity, as Christ did.
- With the knowledge of a preacher and the heart of an outsider, Brandon is uniquely positioned to address the church and non-believers alike with authority and authenticity.
- Brandon urges growth and change but never points a finger. His obvious love of God and people pulses throughout all he writes and does.

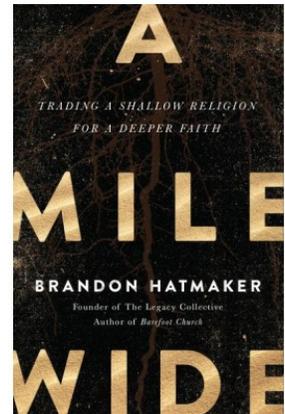
“Bottom line, it’s just amazing how doing exactly what Jesus told us to do would not only be considered good news among believers and skeptics alike, but would be the most transforming thing for our own lives. It’s almost as if Jesus knew what he was doing.”
Brandon Hatmaker, A Mile Wide

“How then should we live? Choose love. Every time.” *Brandon Hatmaker, A Mile Wide*

About the Book

A Mile Wide: Trading a Shallow Religion for a Deeper Faith

In his new book *A MILE WIDE: TRADING A SHALLOW RELIGION FOR A DEEPER FAITH*, Brandon Hatmaker explores what following Jesus can and truly should be. With love, humility, and wisdom, Brandon challenges readers to move past superficial understandings of Christianity onto a journey toward a deeper faith that will transform both individual believers and the world. From building stronger communities and engaging in effective mission work, to understanding how faith reshapes believers, embracing God's distinct brand of justice, fostering true discipleship, and more, *A MILE WIDE* combines actionable steps, meditative analyses, and timely cultural commentary, all rooted in close readings of the bible and Brandon's pragmatic, counter-cultural approach. Conversational and ideal for both group study and intimate personal reflection, *A MILE WIDE* presents a holistic understanding of a gospel that saves, transforms, and renews. Brandon reminds readers that salvation is not the end, but the beginning, and that the gospel that saves continues to transform both a believer's inner life and their social outreach, all in pursuit of restoring God's kingdom now.



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Why *A Mile Wide*?



- By asking smart questions and breaking complex concepts down into digestible nuggets, *A MILE WIDE* offers timely guidance that will reorient individual spiritual journeys, strengthen communities, and build relationships across groups and cultures.
- Thought-provoking discussion questions following each chapter will help readers apply the book's strategies, dissect big ideas, and cultivate rich conversations.
- *A MILE WIDE* doesn't shy away from tough topics. Brandon addresses the conflict many believers feel between grace and truth, social and biblical gospel, and more, offering helpful perspective.
- *A MILE WIDE*'s proposals will be provocative to some, but all of Brandon's suggestions are rooted firmly in Jesus's teachings and the work of the early church. As he makes points and offers solutions, Brandon addresses church goers, believers who have left the church, and skeptics, all with respect, empathy, and love.
- Almost every study conducted over the past two decades reveals that about two-thirds of Americans say they'd never go to church. *A MILE WIDE* is an enlightened, urgent call not just to improve the church, but to ensure its survival.

“Want to find Christ? You'll find him among the broken, the marginalized, the oppressed, and the abandoned.”
Brandon Hatmaker, *A Mile Wide*

“In order to live a fuller faith, we must go on one of the greatest journeys of a believer's life: a journey down. As the rest of the world challenges us to keep climbing the ladder, Jesus repeatedly challenges us to descend.”
Brandon Hatmaker, *A Mile Wide*