



TO THE XTREME

THE EDDIE MURISON STORY
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Dedication

For...

- the friends who invested so much in my life and to whom I would not be where I am today.
- my late mother Muriel whom I miss, but will one day meet again in heaven.
- those who love the unlovable, are committed to the uncommitted, respond to the unresponsive and who give to the faithless, give hope to the hopeless and give time to the lonely

And most of all...

- to my beautiful wife Leslie, who has been far more than a wife to me. You are





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my best friend. Thank you for being my strength and pushing me on. Thank you for the lovely children you gave me.

- To Fiona, Heather and Stuart – You are all a blessing from God to me and I thank him each day for you.





Introduction

‘I’ve got a job for you to do. I want to do a follow-up’ said Eddie confidently ‘and I thought you might like to write it for me’. I want to go beyond the big story of how I became a Christian and tell people that it isn’t easy. I need to tell people some of the lessons I’ve learned. I want to make sure that people know it’s not ‘happy ever after...’

‘Tell me about it’ I said.

Now several years on, *Bruised Not Broken* (Eddie’s ‘big story’) is out of print and *To the Xtreme*, whilst incorporating a shortened version of his ‘big story’, brings readers up-to-date and tells the very down-to-earth story that followed.

Eddie, his wife Leslie and I met in Perth whilst Eddie was working for Prison Fellowship Scotland. As I got to know them better it became



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increasingly clear how different our backgrounds were. Whilst I had a sheltered, stable, almost idyllic country upbringing Eddie's was the total opposite — rejected as a child, a rebellious and angry youth who turned into a violent and dangerous criminal. We surely had little in common?

But I recognised the road he was on. It is the same road that all Christians find themselves travelling. We all start out in the city of Self Destruct and we all walk the road towards the Celestial City together — travellers from every part of life, rich and poor, slave and free, black and white. Our experiences on the road are all different but this story illustrates that many of the lessons are the same.

Eddie's early life was very 'ugly' but this story is about how his life has been made beautiful. Eddie needed to change. But first and foremost he needed a Saviour. And when he found forgiveness through the Lord Jesus Christ not only did it profoundly change him but God gave him a new will to change... and he worked hard to change...

'What I am is a message of hope for you guys and the evidence that your lives can change too' says Eddie. It is our prayer that many will find that sure and certain hope.

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