

I have known Jim Powell since his seminary days and can testify that he is a wise, godly, courageous, and gospel-driven man. His experience in faithful, fruitful tentmaking ministry has much to teach us all. May the Lord use this book to inspire and equip many other local pastors—at home and abroad—to be *Boldly Bi-Vocational*.

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Having spent several seasons in bi-vocational ministry myself, I deeply resonate with Jim's reflections and biblical insights on his pastoral journey. Without romanticizing his experience, he highlights the strategic gospel opportunities that bi-vocational ministry offers both pastors and churches. In the rapidly secularizing West, this vision for ministry will only grow in relevance and importance.

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Jim Powell has made an excellent contribution to the field of pastoral ministry. In a day when more and more churches have less and less people, providing the funding for a "full-time" pastor may be impossible. *Boldly Bi-Vocational* provides these churches with exciting new strategies for bridging the financial gap with tent-making options. This is a must read for churches, pastors, and church-planters!

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Boldly Bi-Vocational is a gift to the church. In these pages, Jim Powell presents a biblically grounded and practically-applied vision for pastoral ministry. This book should be required reading

for all seminary students and church leaders. Jim's words have deeply encouraged me to continue to use my gifts to pursue a singular calling to make the Gospel known wherever God has placed me. It is my prayer that many others will respond to this call to experience the "wonder and adventure" of the bi-vocational life!

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Boldly Bi-Vocational is a clarion call for pastors serving their communities. Jim Powell's plea to assess the opportunities and costs that await those who see their engagement in the marketplace as part of their pastoral call is imperative. Everyone considering ministry or who is ordained should wrestle through this work to gain greater clarity on what it means to serve Christ in their community.

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As Christians, we each seek to honor Christ as we walk and serve in the different callings where God has placed us. In *Boldly Bi-Vocational*, Jim shares practical insights on a ministry model which can be a gift specifically for pastors. In a sense, a gift of freedom to think differently about the gospel ministry. One can be effective in the call of pastoring God's sheep while also living more in the world around them that does not know the church or the light of the gospel. Not letting *Boldly Bi-Vocational* challenge your view of ministry may be a missed opportunity to experience new passion and energy, and overall effectiveness, in the work of bringing light to a people who walk in darkness.

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together in this undivided life.*

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