

**Advance Praise for**  
***Unfinished: Believing is Only the Beginning***  
**By Richard Stearns**

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“If you are a faithful Christian who still feels there is something missing in life, *Unfinished* is the book for you. It is my prediction that this profound book is going to unleash a movement already growing within American Christianity that may change the world. I challenge anyone to read the first two pages and put this book down. *Unfinished* gets my highest recommendation.”

—Bob Buford  
Founder, Leadership Network  
Author, *Halftime* and *Finishing Well*

“Your story can be a part of the Great Story. Rich Stearns knows the story and lives the story. *Unfinished* may call you to the greatest chapter of your life.”

—John Ortberg  
Senior pastor, Menlo Park Presbyterian Church  
Author, *Who Is This Man?*

“The kingdom is both already and not yet, the work of Christ both finished and to be completed. Stearns reminds readers of every Christian’s responsibility to live on mission, in light of Jesus’ example and call. Richard shows us by his life, the ministry he leads, and the passion of this book that there is much to be done and we are to be a part of God’s grand plan.”

—Ed Stetzer  
President, LifeWay Research  
Author, *Subversive Kingdom*

“I bought ten thousand copies of Rich Stearns’ first book, *The Hole in Our Gospel*, because I wanted everyone in my church to read it. Rich’s new book, *Unfinished*, might just challenge everything you thought you understood about your Christian faith. *Unfinished* is a call to finish the job Christ gave his church to do. If every Christian read this book and took it seriously, the world would never be the same again.”

—Bill Hybels  
Senior pastor, Willow Creek Community Church  
Chairman, Willow Creek Association

“Rich Stearns is a Christian leader who understands the importance of putting faith into action. *Unfinished* is a book that challenges Christians to more fully join Jesus in building a new world that he called the kingdom of God. Each one of us has an important role in this mission, as we find our purpose in God’s purpose. I commend it to all who seek a deeper, world-changing discipleship. Rich reminds us that Christians are indeed supposed to change the world.”

—Jim Wallis  
President and CEO, Sojourners

“God has revealed what he has been doing and what he wants to do in the New Testament: he is living out his life through us. The Christian life is an outliving of the in-living Christ, and when we are obedient to this, he gives us purpose, meaning, and significance. Rich Stearns’s *Unfinished* is a book for the church now. There is a revolution, but we have adjusted the revolution to the world. At its best the church was doing what God called us to do, but this book is a road map for the church to return to the Truth. I suggest the whole church should read this book.”

—John Perkins  
Cofounder, John & Vera Mae Perkins Foundation  
Cofounder, Christian Community Development Association

“The greatest privilege for the follower of Jesus is to be summoned into the gospel work God is accomplishing in the world today. What *Unfinished* will do is summon you into this very kingdom work to join the many, many whose stories Rich has told so well. We are not called to heroics but simply to respond in ordinary ways to ordinary, needy people around us with the love God gives us for the ordinary. Suddenly, in doing the ordinary kingdom work, we discover we are part of a flash mob of other kingdom workers.”

—Scot McKnight  
Professor of New Testament, Northern Seminary

“Insightful and inspirational work from one of the most important evangelical voices of our time. Rich Stearns reminds us about God’s initiative in the world and [shows] that we are privileged to participate in God’s unfolding story in the world. With powerful stories and practical solutions, *Unfinished* directs us out of our passivity toward an active and authentic faith.”

—Soong-Chan Rah  
Author, *The Next Evangelicalism*  
Milton B. Engebretson Associate Professor of Church Growth and Evangelism, North Park Theological Seminary

“Every generation of Christians needs a wake-up call to remind us of how serious and strenuous are the demands of discipleship. May Rich Stearns’s *Unfinished* be that alarm for our time.”

—David Neff  
Editorial vice president, *Christianity Today*

“Practicing what he preaches, Rich Stearns challenges us to cast aside our apathy, fears, wrong priorities, or other hindrances and pursue our individual Kingdom assignments with passion and purpose. You cannot read this book and return to life as usual.”

—Deborah Smith Pegues  
International speaker  
Best-selling author, *30 Days to Taming Your Tongue*

“*Unfinished* is a book that you will want to finish! and to live! It is more than one man’s moving story and life view—compelling as these are, and it’s more than the needs of the world—as urgent as they are. It is a call to each of us to find our true purpose in aligning our lives with God’s great purpose. I believe—as has been true with Rich’s first book—many will find themselves challenged, changed, and called in a way that will make their lives count for time and eternity.”

—Leighton Ford  
President, Leighton Ford Ministries, Charlotte, North Carolina

“Okay, admit it: sometimes you wonder . . . don’t you? Is this it? The life you’re living. Is there more? From his journey in corporate and nonprofit leadership—in very good causes—Rich Stearns concludes there is, indeed, more. More purpose. More meaning. More life. In *Unfinished* you will discover how your life can be about more.”

—Elisa Morgan  
Author, speaker, and publisher, [www.fullfill.org](http://www.fullfill.org)  
President Emerita, MOPS International

“Rich Stearns has done it again! In this winsome, engaging, and challenging book, he calls us back to some of the key issues of what it means to be followers of Christ in a world full of distractions and false gods. This is a book for everyone, about finding the place of our calling in God’s global mission. It is a book about fulfillment, adventure, and a lifetime of transformation. It made me hungry for more of the life God has in store for us.”

—Dr. Stephen Hayner  
President, Columbia Theological Seminary