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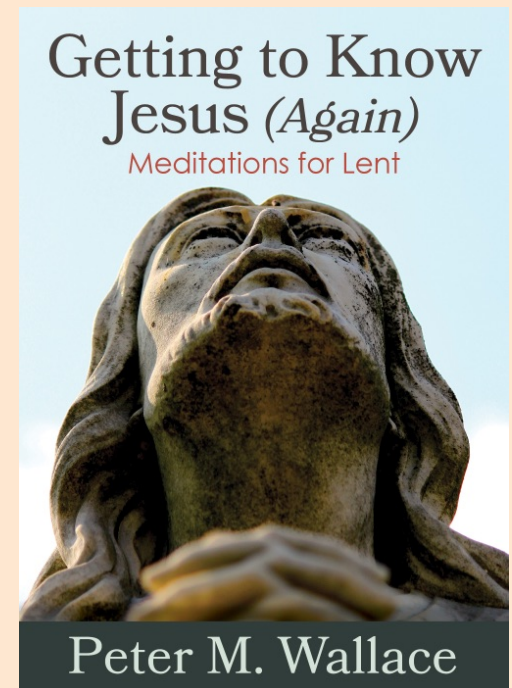
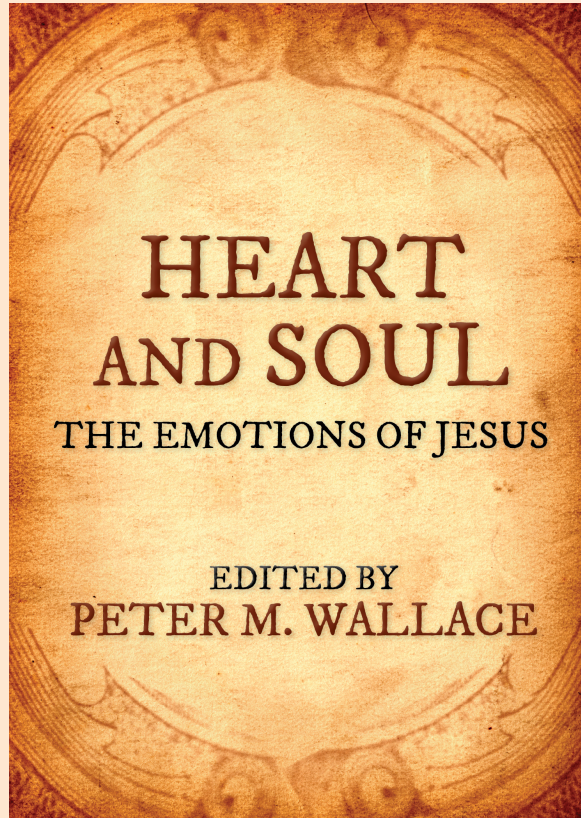
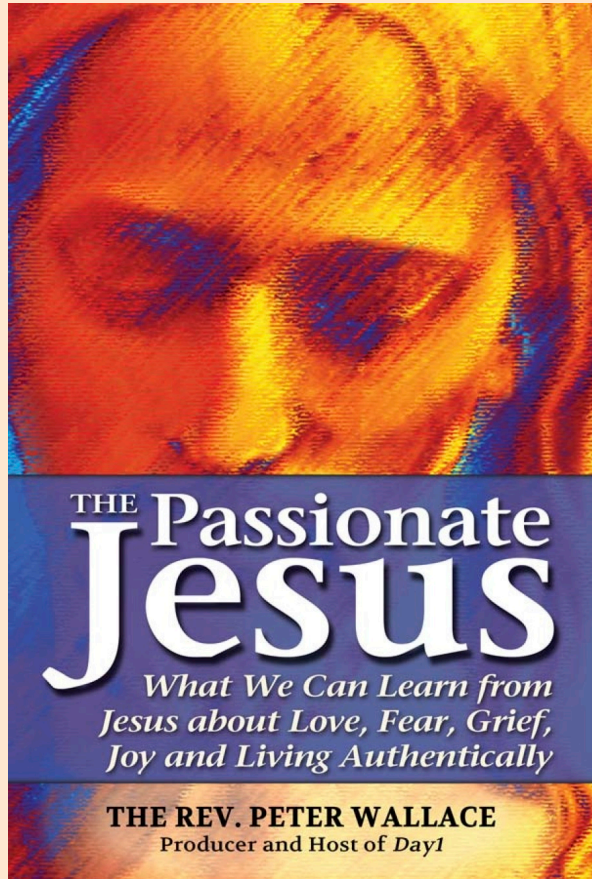
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Eric Elnes on This Approach:

With this fresh perspective through Jesus's emotions, **“You find Jesus becoming more three-dimensional, more real, and, frankly, more like someone you'd throw your heart and soul into following.”**

South Pacific!



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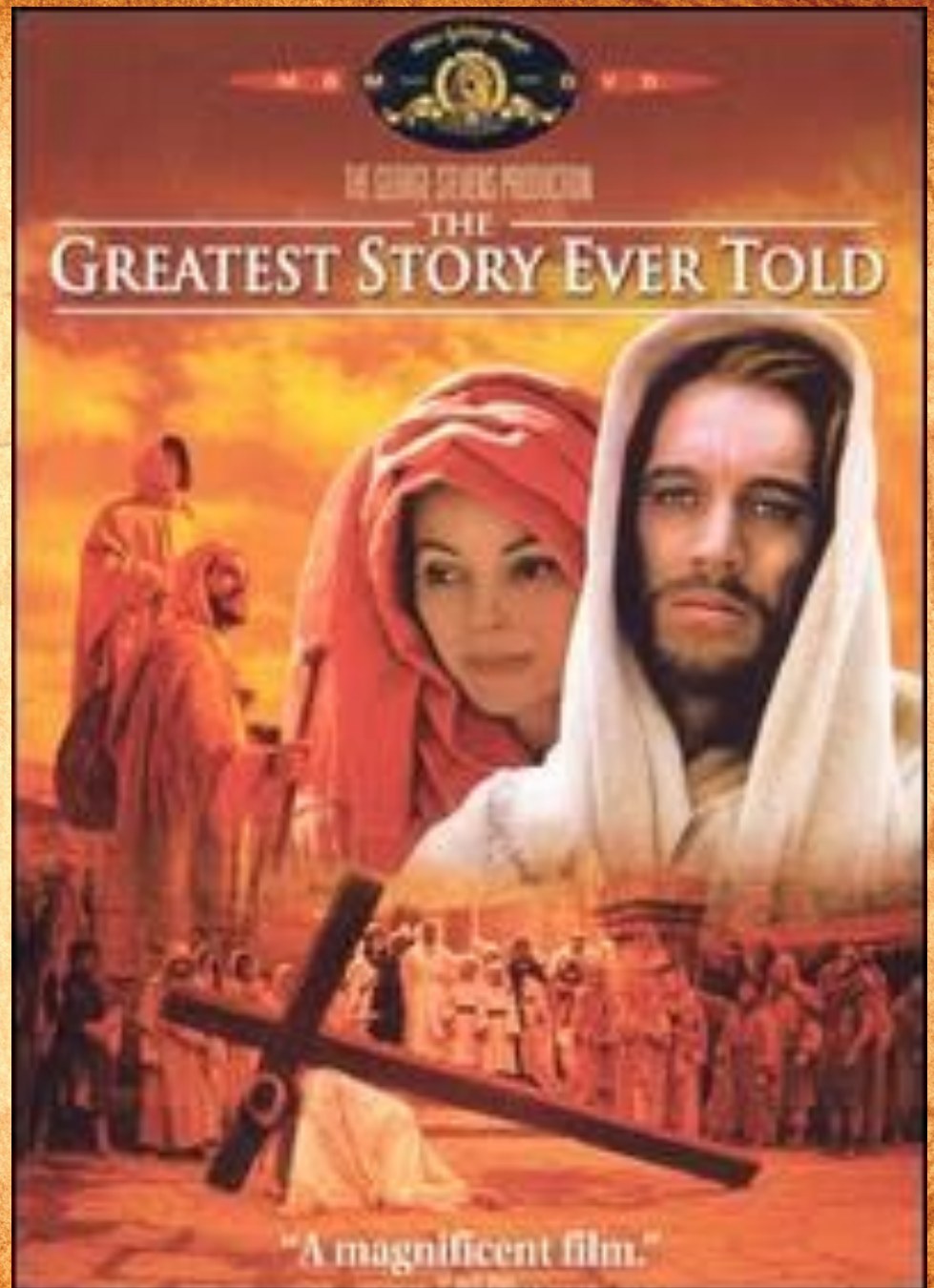
The Ten Commandments!



**“Oh Moses,
Moses,
you stubborn,
splendid,
adorable fool!”
(Exodus....?)**



The Greatest Story Ever Told!

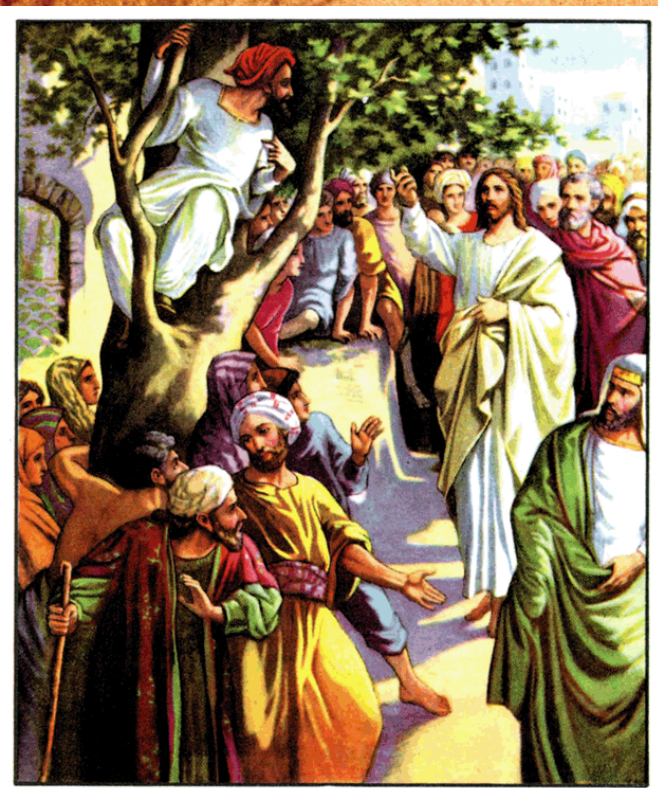


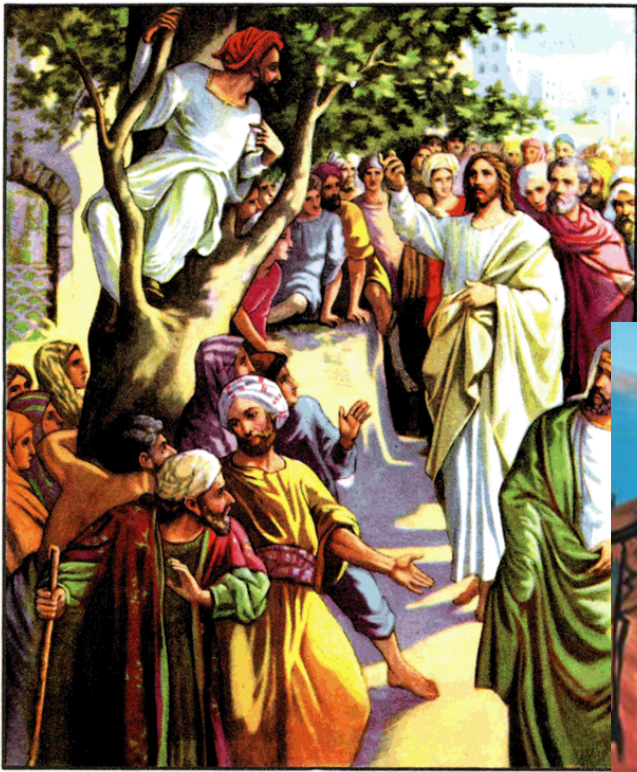


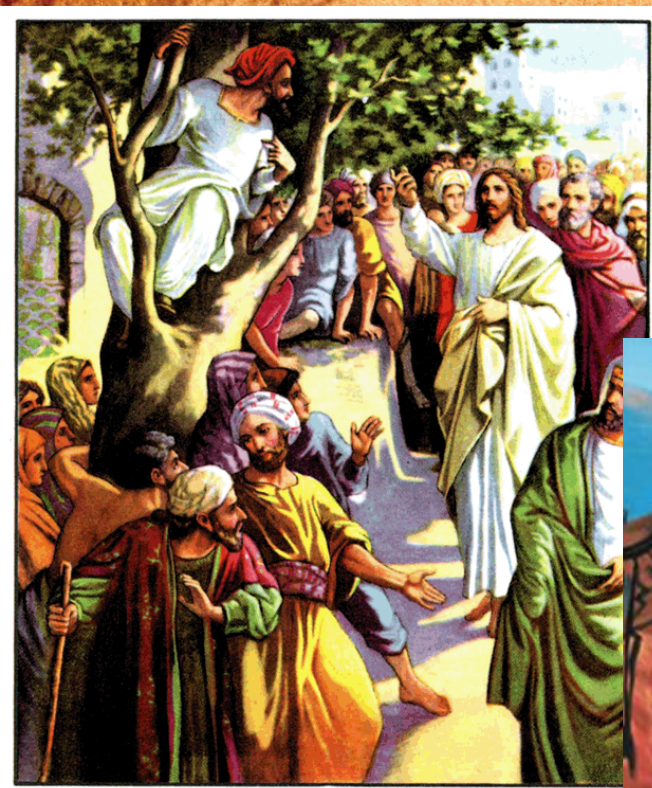
Max Von Sydow, “The Greatest Story Ever Told”



Jeffrey Hunter, “King of Kings”







**Was Jesus a Big
Drama King?**



**What time
should I
be there?**

“...deeply moved...”

John 11:33

**Why preach Jesus's
emotions?**

Barbara Brown Taylor:

“If, in the process of composing a sermon, a preacher discovers the **visceral connection between the word ‘God’ and the heart-pounding experience of authentic love**, then the sermon will be more than correct.

It will be true, not at the level of explanation but at the level of experience, where all our deepest truths are tested.”

—*The Preaching Life*

**1. Jesus offers LOVE in
freely shared, actively
expressed ways.**

**John 13:23-25: The beloved disciple
“reclining in the bosom of Jesus...”**



For Example...

LUKE 7:36-50:

**The woman who anoints Jesus's feet
with expensive ointment and tears.**

See also:

MATTHEW 26:6-13 and JOHN 12:1-8

***What do the emotions in this story tell
us about the people involved?***

Luke 7:36-50

³⁶One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. ³⁷**And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.**

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39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, **“If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.”** 40 Jesus spoke up and said to him, **“Simon, I have something to say to you.”** “Teacher,” he replied, “Speak.” 41 “A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. **Now which of them will love him more?”** 43 Simon answered, “I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt.” And Jesus said to him, “You have judged rightly.”

Luke 7:36-50

⁴⁴Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. **⁴⁷Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love.** But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.” ⁴⁸Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”



Lectionary Alerts!

3/8/20 Lent 2A: John 3:1-17

**Jesus teaches Nicodemus
about God's love**

TPJ p. 32-33

3/29/20 Lent 5A: John 11:1-45

Jesus's love for Lazarus

TPJ p. 23-25

4/9/20 Maundy Thursday: John 13

Jesus's teaching in upper room

TPJ p. 35-37

***What do the emotions in the text tell us
about the people and the meaning?***

**2. Jesus expresses
straightforward ANGER
— in the service of
God's justice.**

John 2:14-17

¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ **Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.**

¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, **“Zeal for your house will consume me.”**



Lectionary Alert!

3/1/20 Lent 1A: Matthew 4:1-11

**Jesus's temptation and anger
with Satan in wilderness**

TPJ p. 65

***What do the emotions in the text tell us
about the people and the meaning?***

**3. Jesus allows his FEAR
to empower his resolve
to surrender to God.**

Mark 14:32-42

32 They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” 33 He took with him Peter and James and John, and **began to be distressed and agitated.** 34 And he said to them, “**I am deeply grieved, even to death;** remain here, and keep awake.” 35 And going a little farther, he **threw himself on the ground and prayed** that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. 36 He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; **remove this cup from me;** yet, not what I want, but what you want.” ...

Lectionary Alerts!

2/23/20 Transfiguration: Matthew 17:1-9

**Notice the disciples' reaction and
Jesus's response**

TPJ p. 102-103

4/5/20 Passion Liturgy: Matthew 27:11-54

Jesus's fear of abandonment

TPJ p. 97

4/12/20 Easter: Matthew 28:1-10

Fear at the Empty Tomb

TPJ p. 103-104

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about the people and the meaning?***

**4. Jesus fully feels his
GRIEF so he can offer
true hope.**

John 11:1-44

33 When Jesus saw [Mary] weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, **he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.** 34 He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35 **Jesus began to weep.** 36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" 38 Then Jesus, **again greatly disturbed,** came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." ...



N.T.Wright:

“When we look at Jesus, not least when we look at Jesus in tears, we are seeing not just a flesh-and-blood human being but the Word made flesh (1.1-14). The Word, through whom the worlds were made, weeps like a baby at the grave of his friend.... Only when we put away our high-and-dry pictures of who God is and replace them with pictures in which the Word who is God can cry with the world’s crying will we discover what the word ‘God’ really means.”

Lectionary Alert!

2/2/20 Epiphany 4A: Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon on the Mount — “Mourn” TPJ p. 130-131

4/26/20 Easter 3A: Luke 24:13-49

Grief of the Emmaus Disciples TPJ p. 128-130

What do the emotions in the text tell us about the people and the meaning?

**5. The truly joyful Jesus
promises complete JOY
to those who follow him.**

For Example...

LUKE 10:1-11,16-20:

Jesus Appoints the 70 to Go Out and Minister in His Name

What do the emotions in this story tell us about the people involved?

Luke 10:17-24

17 The seventy **returned with joy**, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” 18 He said to them...Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but **rejoice that your names are written in heaven.**” 21 At that same hour **Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit...** 23 Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately, “**Blessed** are the eyes that see what you see! 24 For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.”

Lectionary Alert!

2/2/20 Epiphany 4A: Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon on the Mount – “Rejoice”

TPJ p. 151

What do the emotions in the text tell us about the people and the meaning?

**Jesus possessed an
integrated spirit as a
fully realized human
being...**

**Jesus possessed an
integrated spirit as a
fully realized human
being... and we can
follow his example.**

John 7:37-38

**37... “Let anyone who is thirsty
come to me, 38 and let the one who
believes in me drink. As the scripture
has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart
shall flow rivers of living water.’”**

Lectionary Alert!

2/2/20 Epiphany 4A:

Matthew 5:1-12 — Beatitudes - Authenticity

“Suffering is the necessary deep feeling of the human situation. If we don’t feel pain, suffering, human failure, and weakness, we stand antiseptically apart from it, and remain numb and small....**The irony is not that God should feel so fiercely; it’s that his creatures feel so feebly.**”...

Lectionary Alert!

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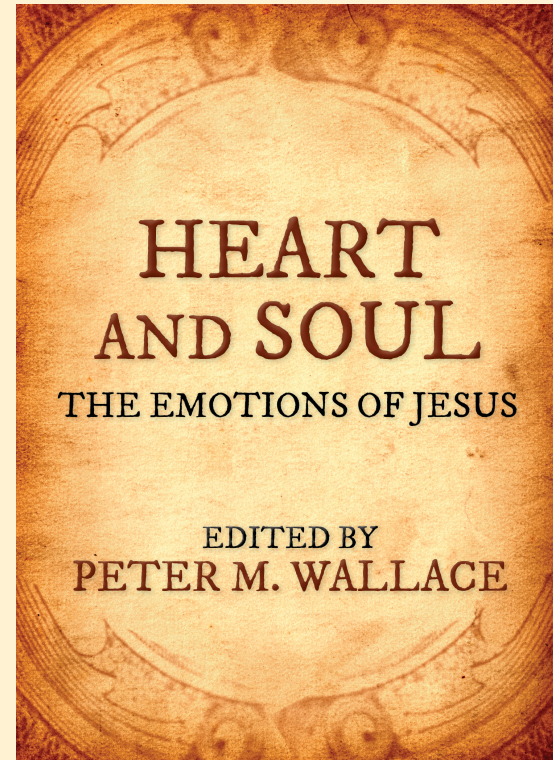
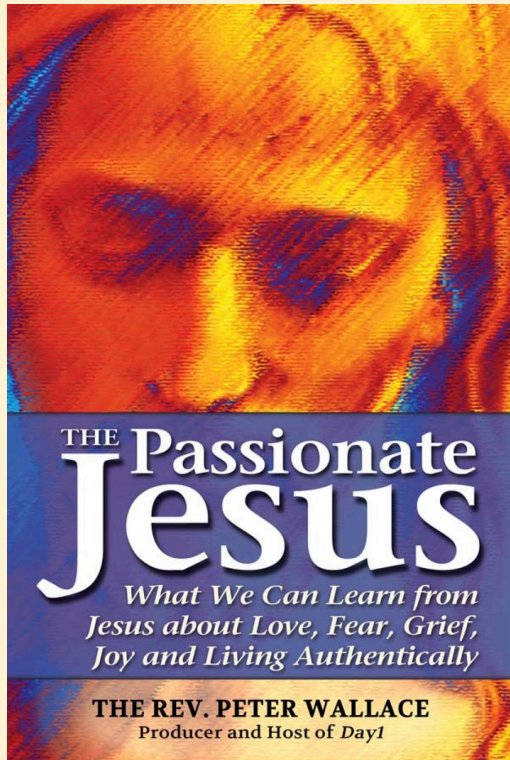
Matthew 5:1-12 — Beatitudes - Authenticity

...“We must all feel and know the immense pain of this global humanity. **Then we are no longer isolated, but a true member of the universal Body of Christ. Then we know God not only from the outside but from the inside.”**

—Richard Rohr

TPJ p. 159-160

Q&A



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