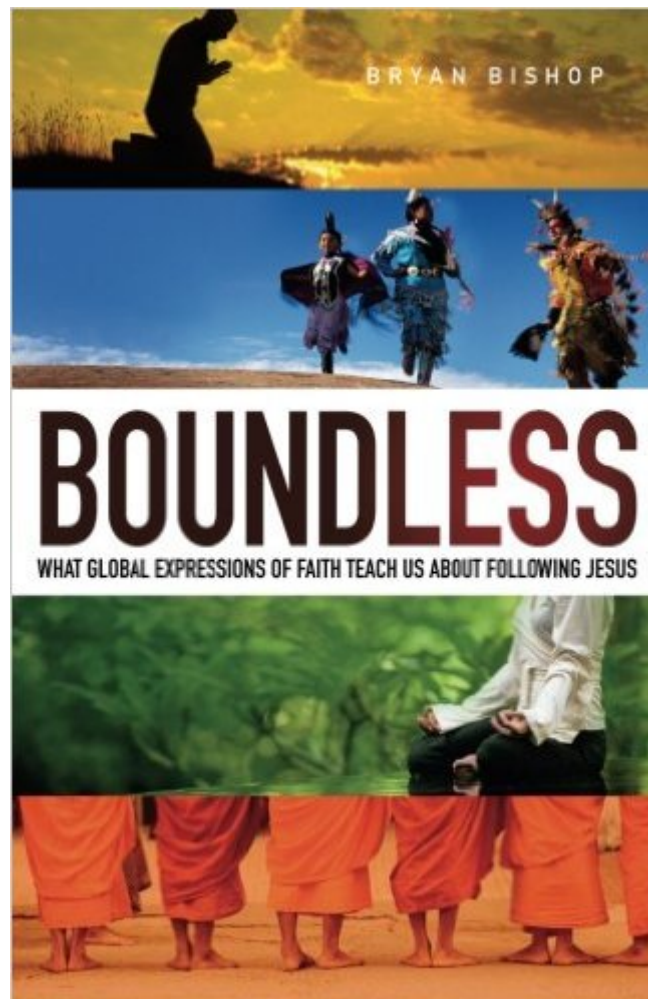


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Boundless: What Global Expressions Of Faith Teach Us About Following Jesus



Synopsis

In his many travels as a researcher for Youth With A Mission, Bryan Bishop discovered a startling phenomenon: hidden movements of Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists who are experiencing and following Jesus outside the boundaries of traditional Western Christianity. And they have plenty to teach Christians in the West who feel spiritually stagnant or disillusioned. Through colorful firsthand accounts, Bishop unveils fresh expressions of faith that can revitalize our own. Those who have left or are feeling the pull to leave the church, along with those who chafe against Christianity's European-American cultural box, will welcome this expansive view of what it looks like to follow Christ.

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Bryan Bishop's 2015 book, *Boundless*, chronicles the journeys of Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and Native Americans who come into a relationship with Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, but choose to stay within the context of their world religion and not take on the name "Christian". The reasons in all these cases is the believers' choice to separate themselves from the Western face of Christianity predominant in their culture and the negative implications of the name "Christian". As Bishop says: "For many Muslim, Hindu, and Buddhist people, to become "Christian" means to leave behind their own cultural identity and to join that [perceived] immoral Western way of life. It means joining a foreign culture just as much as it means becoming a believer in the teachings of the Bible. If people from these community-oriented cultures no longer

have to take on the label "Christian" to become "one who belongs to Christ," that change alone could remove an enormous barrier [to their conversion] (p.17). What is fascinating about Bishop's book is his sense that "We are in the midst of a bursting out of creativity in faith in Christ. It's happening in places most of us haven't seen. What's happening holds the promise for new dimensions of faith in Christ as we see that faith lived out in diverse ways in other cultures" (p.19) | When people have tried to obey the Bible within their own culture, without having to join the "Christian" culture, they have begun to follow Christ in new ways. Faith is breaking out of its colonial box" (p.30). Bishop describes many of these converts' conversions and current spiritual practices to help readers see the legitimacy of their relationship with Jesus.

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