



## How Do Long-standing Christian Leaders Find Sustaining Hope?

Ministry leaders are facing burnout and discouragement at a higher rate than ever before. In the past year, two out of every five pastors have indicated considering quitting full-time ministry—that’s up 9 percent from January 2021.<sup>1</sup>

Recognizing the crisis of their fellow leaders and feeling it within themselves, HOPE International executives Peter Greer and Chris Horst sought to learn from those who have faithfully dedicated themselves to Christ and His calling for a lifetime.

Their new book, *The Gift of Disillusionment: Enduring Hope for Leaders After Idealism Fades*, features a dozen leaders in ten countries, each selected for their example of perseverance and faithfulness in ministry. It asks the question, “What makes the difference between leaders who confront complex problems with enduring hope and those who give up or give in to cynicism?”

**“This is a must-read for any Christian seeking to sustainably pursue God’s call in their life.”—Michael Lindsay, president, Taylor University; author, *Hinge Moments***

*The Gift of Disillusionment* is for spiritual leaders who

- hunger for unshakable hope in long-term service
- feel bombarded and defeated by bad news on every front
- experience discouragement at the failures of Christian leaders
- want to reinvigorate their passion for mission, ministry, and service

Hear from seasoned Christian leaders how they found disillusionment as a gift and became anchored in the enduring hope of Jesus Christ instead of giving in, giving up, or growing cynical.

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### *The Gift of Disillusionment: Enduring Hope for Leaders After Idealism Fades*

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## Sample Interview Questions

### *The Gift of Disillusionment: Enduring Hope for Leaders After Idealism Fades*

1. Why do you believe many leaders journey from idealism to disillusionment?
2. Why do you describe disillusionment as a gift?
3. Why did you choose to include so many global leaders in the book?
4. You base much of the book on the prophet Jeremiah, who isn't traditionally associated with hope. What does Jeremiah teach us about lasting and enduring hope?
5. You profile many leaders in the book. Tell us about one of them.
6. How did your perspective on each of the stages from idealism to enduring hope shift as you researched and wrote?
7. What personal experiences motivated you to write this book?
8. Why is this book needed, and what impact do you hope it will have?
9. What were some of the common themes that emerged consistently in your interviews with hope-filled leaders? Did anything about these leaders surprise you?
10. For many, this has been a season of disillusionment. What practices have you personally embraced or recommend to others who find themselves disillusioned or cynical?
11. Where can people connect with you and pick up their own copy of *The Gift of Disillusionment*?

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