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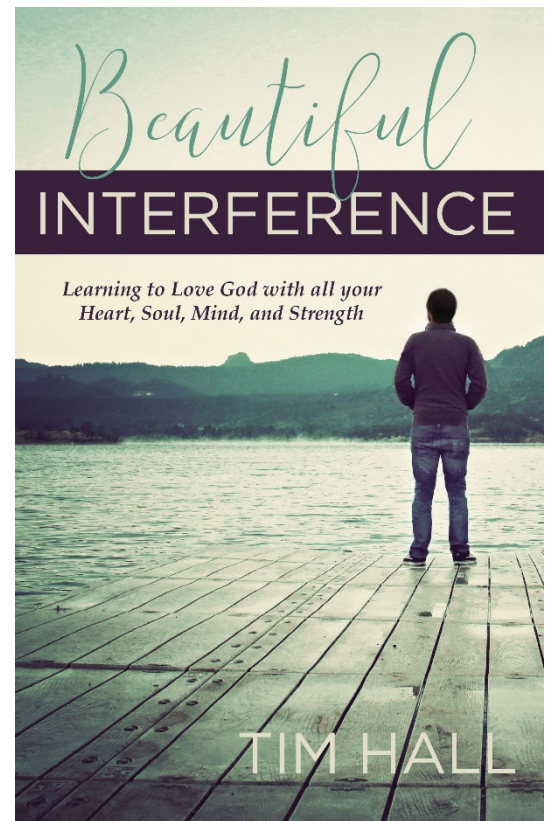
LEARNING TO LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
SOUL, MIND, AND STRENGTH

TIM HALL

The teachings of Jesus have the profound ability to be abundantly clear, and yet leave us with equally abundant questions. In Mark's account, we are told to love God with all our *heart, soul, mind, and strength*, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. As his creation, we are called to give him our everything. Being a disciple means emulating what our teacher does: being like him, acting like him, and living like him. Yet despite the clarity of the teachings of Jesus, we consistently question its practical application in the many layers of our lives, neglecting actual obedience to his teaching.

Beautiful Interference uses storytelling to bring clarity to what God is calling us as his disciples to do as we live a life aiming to look like Jesus Christ. Hilarious stories and challenging biblical truths walk readers through each of the four areas with which we are called to love God respectively—*heart, soul, mind, and strength*. Exploring how we are to love others as God loves us, this book is sure to benefit Christian readers from all age groups.

Join Tim as he shares his life-changing trek of personal stories from over 25 years in ministry along with biblical storytelling to better unpack what it means to love God and people with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.



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About the Author

TIM HALL



Tim Hall received his BA from Oklahoma State University in psychology and his MDiv from Abilene Christian University. He currently serves as the lead and preaching minister at CrossPoint Church in Grand Prairie, Texas. Tim has enjoyed over 25 years of ministry experience as a leader in churches ranging from youth, small groups, worship, and preaching, and has been involved in several long-term and short-term mission trips around the world.

Tim has been married to the love of his life, Robin, since 1991 and they have 2 adult children. Both Tim and Robin absolutely enjoy journeying with people to share the message of love that is Jesus the Christ.

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What Others Are Saying About **Beautiful Interference**

In *Beautiful Interference*, Tim weaves together powerful stories from the Bible with real-life stories from his own life in order to take us on a journey. You will be inspired, challenged, enlightened, and called to action. You'll need a few hours once you begin to read, because you won't want to put it down.

— **Josh Ross, lead minister at the Sycamore View Church of Christ in Memphis, TN, Author of *Re-Entry: How Pain, Roots, and Rhythm Guide us from Darkness to Light & Bringing Heaven to Earth***

Beautiful Interference is a powerful story of hope and love in a family that's been seeking God all along. So when their son comes out to them, Tim and Robin Hall know no other way but to love, continuing to nurture and support their son. Thank you, Tim, for a courageous story of love and inclusion.

— **Sally Gary, Director of CenterPeace, Author of *Loves God, Likes Girls***

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Suggested Interview Questions

For Tim Hall, author of
Beautiful Interference

Q: Explain the title of your book, “Beautiful Interference” and why you chose it.

A: In the New Testament in Mark 1, a man asked Jesus in a synagogue, “Why are you interfering with us?” Living the life Jesus has called us to live requires intention and a willingness to create time for Jesus to influence you in life decisions. Sometimes in western culture, we create calendars with no margin, no chance to follow Jesus in our everyday living. Sometimes we ask the question, “Why are you interfering with my life, Jesus?” But the truth is, when we allow Jesus to “interfere” with our lives, we discover the beauty and peace that only Jesus can provide for our lives.

Q: What was the most difficult part of the book writing process?

A: Just sitting down and beginning to write when nothing existed yet on paper. I had a hundred different stories and thoughts but getting them to show up on paper in a way that could be coherent and provoking was a challenge. Being patient and taking the time to ask myself the questions I thought the general Christian public might ask helped me work through typing that first sentence.

Q: What was the most difficult chapter for you to write?

A: Hands down, chapter three on forgiveness. I wrote this chapter while on a ranch in Colorado. As I began writing, I began crying. I realized how dispassionate I had been toward Jesus Christ in my young adulthood. I literally had to leave the table and walk about outside 3-4 different times to calm down and remember that Jesus

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had forgiven me even though I had been stiff-arming him during those young adult years. I was so ashamed and embarrassed. I still can't believe how much Jesus loves me even though I was such a prodigal son.

Q: What is your writing kryptonite?

A: Definitely the day-to-day busyness of life. To write, one has to be quite intentional and reserve the time needed every day. The daily calendar will consume all your time so the best way I dealt with that was to schedule writing time in the afternoon or evenings as if it were an appointment that needed to be kept. I wasn't always good about making the time each day but my phone calendar reminded me every day that it was time to write at 3:00pm.

Q: How do you balance writing with your career and family?

A: Much like the kryptonite question above, one has to be intentional. Moderation in writing is important as well. You can't write 24/7. Being a lead pastor at a local church requires a huge chunk of my time each week. Putting food on the table is important and your relationships are important. Creating the appropriate time to do ministry and moments to live life with your spouse/kids are so important. Maybe not so ironically, my career and family helped me create many of the stories in the book so in some ways, they helped me write.

Q: When did it dawn on you that you wanted to be a writer?

A: I remember in the 4th grade in Signal Mountain, TN, I had a great teacher named Mrs. Fausnot. She required us to write a story in creative writing one week. I wrote about a Viking named Kish and his adventure searching for his lost father. It was fun and invigorating, as I recall. I still have that story somewhere in a memento box in the attic. I also come from a line of country music players in Louisiana. My grandfather and grandmother wrote and played music. So, in the 1990s, I began to write and play country music in Oklahoma as well and enjoyed it. I still enjoy

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entertaining through song. I consider myself a storyteller and enjoy delivering the story of Jesus Christ through narrative preaching at the church where I currently work.

Q: Does writing energize or exhaust you? Why?

A: To be honest, it's a little of both. However, I'd have to lean toward energizing. I love to tell stories. Getting an audience to lean in to the story because of how interesting or personal it is warms my heart and soul. When an entire audience of 400 people laugh or cry, depending on the story, you know you have created a personal moment that has allowed them to be human and involved. I get very excited when I realize I've helped people go places in the heart and mind that would not have happened had it not been for my story.

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